



Monday, 10 July 2017

Opening & Session 1

Where are we in year two of implementation of the 2030 Agenda?

Monday, 10 July 2017, 9:00-10:30, Conference Room 4

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, is presently in its early years of implementation. There are many positive signs - such as the widespread adoption into countries' own development plans and strategies, and the setting up of coordinating structures and mechanisms for implementation. At the same time, certain other indicators - for example lowered projections for economic growth, or long running patterns of inequality among many different dimensions - can be cause for concern. The current year's review at the HLPF, around the theme of "*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*", is a timely occasion to take stock of the overall objectives of the Agenda, and to assess current status and trends, as well as emerging issues that have the potential to significantly affect achievement over the years to come. Speakers at this session will bring their unique perspectives to bear on these issues, and indicate what they see as priorities needing urgent consideration.

Proposed guiding questions:

- Where are we in terms of achieving the overall objectives of the 2030 Agenda?
- What, in your understanding, are the most important trends that could affect our ability to achieve these inter-connected objectives?

Opening Remarks

- ***H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava***, *Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, President of Economic and Social Council*

Introduction of Secretary-General's SDG Progress Report

- ***Mr. Wu Hongbo***, *Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations*

Remarks by the Major Groups and stakeholders

- ***Ms. Vivania Ditukana Tatawaqa***, *Diverse Voices and Action for Equality from Fiji and representative of the Women's Major Group*

Keynote speakers

- ***Mr. Robert Johnson***, *President of the Institute for New Economic Thinking*
- ***Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr***, *Vice-Chair of the Committee for Development Policy, and Professor of International Affairs, The New School*
- ***Ms. Cynthia Rosenzweig***, *Senior Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), US (invited)*



Session 2

Implementation at the regional and sub-regional levels

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A multi-level architecture is required to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development: with the national level as the lynchpin of the framework for action on, and review of, the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, through regional peer learning, and to the global level with exchange of lessons learned, gaps identified and momentum reinvigorated for further action. In this context, the regional level serves as an important nexus where feedback loops from bottom to top, and vice versa. This session will feature key regional and sub-regional players, including the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions, who will exchange regional experiences to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The session will also focus on the role of regions to foster coherence between local and global levels and engage in an interactive discussion with Member States, representatives of regional and sub-regional governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the main trends and assessment of progress emerging at the regional level?
- What are the main regional drivers of change in connection with the theme of the forum "eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- What are the lessons in relation to means of implementation from a cross-cutting regional perspective

Chair:

- ***H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council***

Panellists:

- ***Ms. Shamshad Aktar, Executive Secretary of ESCAP***
- ***Ms. Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC***
- ***Mr. Mohamed Ali Alhakim, Executive Secretary of ESCWA***
- ***Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of ECE (invited)***
- ***Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of ECA (invited)***

Q&A

Sub-regional dimension:

- ***H.E. Mr. Oleg Pankratov, Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, on behalf of the Eurasian Economic Union***
- ***Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission Thailand on behalf of ASEAN -SDG working Group (tbc)***



Session 3

Thematic review

Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world:

Addressing multi-dimensions of poverty and inequalities

Monday, 10 July 2017, 15:00-18:00, Conference Room 4

The 2030 Agenda recognized that “eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.” The multi-dimensional nature of poverty requires us to go beyond economic growth to address the root-causes and the factors that perpetuate these conditions; it requires us to end hunger and food/nutrition insecurity; it requires access to basic, quality services such as health care, education, water and sanitation, sustainable energy; it requires a clean environment where everyone can have good health and prosperity; it requires social protection, empowerment, and opportunities for decent work; it requires inclusiveness and special attention to marginalized and vulnerable groups, the furthest behind, and to eliminate the discriminations against them; it requires sensitivity to the widening disparities and inequalities within and among countries and both in urban and rural areas. This session addresses the theme through the lens of its multi-dimensional nature. A panel of experts with diverse backgrounds will facilitate discussions aiming at deepening understanding and appreciation of the various dimensions and their inter-connections, in the process of which practical recommendations will be made. A short Q&A session will follow.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How do policymakers design a multi-dimensional approach to address poverty and inequalities? Who are the key stakeholders to engage? What are the necessary institutional changes required?
- How well are we measuring multi-dimensional poverty and inequalities? What are the criteria for good measurement? What are the challenges and opportunities?
- What readily available tools would you like to recommend to policymakers to help them better address the multi-dimensions of poverty and inequalities?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, Vice-President of Economic and Social Council

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Vikas Swarup**, High Commissioner of India to Canada, Author of Q&A (adapted to film as *Slumdog Millionaire*)

Panellists:

- **Prof. Sabina Alkire**, Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford
- **H.E. Mr. Nemesio Roys Garzon**, Minister of Social Prosperity, Colombia
- **Mr. Anthony Lake**, Executive Director of UNICEF



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Lead discussants:

- **Dr. Laura Stachel**, Executive Director and Co-Founder of WeCareSolar
- **Dr. Emem Omokaro**, Executive Director, Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF); LEADS Scholar, Ageing Studies Development, National Universities Commission; Secretary General, African Society for Ageing Research and Development (ASARD)

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Session 4

Review of implementation: SDG 1

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This session is the first of the sessions to look in-depth into one of the SDGs but at the same time not losing sight of inter-linkages among the rest of the SDGs. The session will examine interlinkages and implication for policy-making and implementation to realize this goal bearing in mind in particular that to eradicate poverty, its causes and manifestations must be fully understood and addressed. Poverty eradication can only be achieved when interconnected factors are addressed together. Such factors include inclusive growth, livelihoods and decent work, social protection, access to basic infrastructure and services, food security, nutrition, health, education, empowerment of women and girls, environmental sustainability, governance and more equitable access to opportunities and distribution of income and wealth. Poverty eradication demands cross-cutting, coherent initiatives that make people less vulnerable, reduce the risks of setbacks, break patterns of discrimination, and enable all women and men to fully participate and benefit from economic growth. Concerted effort is needed to tackle the most prevalent and reoccurring constraints to eradicating poverty and these will be examined by a panel of experts that will facilitate an interactive discussion among all participants at the meeting and provide recommendations to policy-makers based on latest information and data, as well as experiences and lessons learned that have worked in a number of countries.

Proposed guiding questions:

- Extreme poverty, as well as poverty measured by national definitions, has fallen in many countries over the last decade. Will these approaches continue to be successful in achieving SDG 1, or do things need to change? If so, how?
- There is hardly any SDG which is not connected to the objective of eradicating poverty for all time and for all people. Which of the other SDGs, in your opinion, would be the most effective in accelerating progress towards SDG 1?
- What are your top three recommendations for helping reach SDG 1?

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council



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Moderator:

- **Ms. Caroline Sanchez-Parama**, World Bank

Panellists:

- **Prof. Martin Ravallion**, Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University
- **Mr. Yang Zhi**, Mayor of Jingzhou, China
- **Mr. Yaw Ansu**, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation Ghana
- **Prof. Janet Gornick**, Professor, Political Science and Director, Stone Center on Socio Economic Inequality, CUNY

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Deborah Greenfield**, Deputy Director-General for Policy, International Labour Organization
- **Mr. Wellington Chibebe**, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

Session 5

Review of implementation: SDG 2

Tuesday, 11 July 2017, 11:00-13:00, Conference Room 4

This session will bring together a diverse group of experts and stakeholders in an interactive dialogue on progress in ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and promoting food systems and agricultural practices that are sustainable, resilient and inclusive. Linking sustainable agriculture to poverty eradication and gender equality—including equal access to land and water, markets, technology and social protection—is crucial to enhancing the livelihoods smallholder farmers, and to restoring, safeguarding, developing and promoting sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources. The scale and complexity of the food security crises caused by conflict and natural disasters have increased dramatically in recent years and represent a significant threat to sustainable development. The discussion is expected to assess progress, identify challenges at the national and international levels, and produce integrated policy solutions.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How can the humanitarian system improve its response to the current crisis of conflict-induced famines?
- What institutional mechanisms or arrangements that combine ministries, programmes, sectors, or stakeholders to integrate SDG 2 with other SDGs appear to be most promising?
- At the country level, what policies and practices addressing SDG 2 along with other SDGs have proven to be the most successful?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**, President of Economic and Social Council



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Moderator

- **Ms. Gerda Verburg**, Coordinator, Scaling-Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

Panellist:

- **Ms. Esther Penunia**, Secretary General, Asian Farmers' Association
- **Ms. Elizabeth Mpofu**, General Coordinator, La Via Campesina, Zimbabwe

Lead Discussant:

- **Ms. Meena Bilgi**, WOCAN (Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources Management), Core Associate
- **Dr. Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla**, Head of IFPRI's Latin American and Caribbean Program
- **Mr. Patrick Caron**, Chair of the High Level Panel of Experts of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

Session 6

Thematic review

Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world:

Multi-stakeholder perspectives

Tuesday, 11 July 2017, 15:00-18:00, Conference Room 4

Major groups and other stakeholder (MGoS) are crucial to the successful implementation, follow-up, and review of the 2030 Agenda. In preparation for the 2017 HLPF, MGoS contributed to review processes at all levels, including at the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development (RFSDs) and through national review mechanisms.

In line with paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda (A/RES/70/1) and paragraphs 14 and 15 of General Assembly Resolution 67/290 (A/RES/67/290), this session offers MGoS an opportunity to “report on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda” and speak to the topics of the HLPF.

The session will be organised in collaboration with the HLPF Coordination Mechanism of MGoS and it will focus on the recommendations of MGoS around the implementation, follow-up, and review of the 2030 Agenda, with a particular emphasis on the theme of the 2017 HLPF and the specific goals being reviewed. It will also survey the contributions of MGoS themselves to the overall successful implementation of the agenda, especially at the national level and during ongoing national review processes.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How has the engagement of MGoS shaped the processes to review the 2030 Agenda and helped fill implementation gaps?



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- What are some concrete actions taken by major groups and other stakeholders around the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs?
- How can implementation efforts by MGoS be included in the overall reporting on progress made on the 2030 Agenda?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Juergen Schulz**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

- **Ms. Luisa Emilia Reyes Zuñiga**, Co-Chair of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders HLPF Coordination Mechanism

Keynote Speech:

- **H.E. Amina J. Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary-General (Invited)

Segment I (15:13 – 16:28) - Major groups and other stakeholders: challenges and pathways to eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world

Moderator:

- **Ms. Maruxa Cardama**, Cities Alliance

Speakers (3-5 min):

- **Mr. Wellington Chibebe**, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation, Workers and Trade Unions Major Group
- **Ms. Sehnaz Kiyamaz**, President, Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, Women's Major Group
- Member States Respondent
- **Ms. Louise Kantrow**, Permanent Representative to the UN, International Chamber of Commerce, Business and Industry Major Group
- **Mr. Luis Miguel Etchevehere**, President, Sociedad Rural Argentina, Farmers Major Group
- **Ms. Verity McGivern**, HelpAge International, Stakeholder Group on Ageing
- Member States Respondent
- **Mr. Jose Maria Viera**, International Disability Alliance, Persons with Disabilities
- **Mr. Roberto Bissio**, Social Watch, Financing for Development Civil Society Group
- **Ms. Katarina Popovic**, Secretary General, International Council for Adult Education, Education and Academia Stakeholder Group
- Member States Respondent

Interactive discussion (25 mins)

Segment II (16:33 - 17:45) - Leaving no one behind: Ensuring an enabling environment for effective MGoS implementation and monitoring of the SDGs



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Moderator:

- **Ms. Maruxa Cardama**, *Cities Alliance*

Speakers (3-5 min):

- **Mr. Saul Zenteno Bueno**, *President, Fundación Manatí para el Fomento de la Ciudadanía, UN Major Group for Children and Youth*
- **Ms. Rosalea Hamilton**, *Founder and President, Institute for Law and Economics; Vice President of Community Service & Development and Professor, University of Technology, Jamaica; NGO Major Group*
- **Mr. James O'Brien**, *Volunteer Groups*
- *Member States Respondent*
- **Mr. Jan Van Zanen**, *Mayor of Utrecht, and President of VNG, the Association of Dutch Municipalities, Local Authorities Major Group*
- **Ms. Nisha Das**, *World Vision, on behalf of Together 2030*
- **Mr. Saul Vicente**, *Indigenous Peoples Major Group*
- *Member States Respondent*

Interactive discussion (25 mins)

17:45 - 18:00 - Wrap up and closing

- *Representative of MGoS (tbc)*



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Session 7

Review of implementation: SDG 3

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 9:00-11:00, Conference Room 4

Health is a precondition, indicator and outcome of sustainable development, and this session will explore the inter-sectoral solutions that will advance the implementation of SDG 3 and the 2030 Agenda as a whole. Like all the SDGs, Goal 3 is interwoven throughout the Agenda, with its targets directly linking to targets in other goals including 2.2 (end all forms of malnutrition) 4.1 (free, equitable and good-quality secondary education), 4.2 (good-quality early childhood development), 4.7 (knowledge and skills for sustainable development), 5.2 (eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres), 5.3 (eliminate all harmful practices, including female genital mutilation), 5.6 (universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights), 6.1 (access to drinking water), 6.2 (access to sanitation), 7.1 (access to modern energy services), 9.5 (enhance scientific research /increase number of R&D workers), 11.6 (air quality and municipal waste), 13.1 (resilience to natural disasters), and 16.1 (reduce violence and related death rates), among others. These interlinkages confirm that progress in health outcomes will only be achieved with progress in other related sectors, including fiscal and finance policy (e.g. taxing schemes to discourage unhealthy behaviors), nutrition, water and sanitation, air quality, road safety, education, gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, migration and peace and security. The session will provide a platform for a panel of experts from a range of sectors to present perspectives on challenges, opportunities and emerging issues relevant to SDG 3 implementation

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the bottlenecks to implementing SDG 3?
- What are key emerging issues with relevance to implementing SDG 3?
- How can links between SDG 3 and other SDGs help to advance implementation of SDG 3 and the Agenda in general?
- What lessons and best practices exist from MDG implementation which could be applied for SDG3 and the Agenda as a whole?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir**, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

Moderator:

- **Dr. Anarfi Asamoah-Baah**, Deputy-Director General, WHO

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Laura E. Flores**, Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations, Member of



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UNFPA Executive Board

- **Mr. Michael Myers**, *Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation*

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Roseline Kihumba**, *International and Regional Policies Coordinator, HelpAge International*
- **Ms. Marie Heurslev**, *Vice President for External Affairs, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)*

Session 8

Review of implementation: SDG 5

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 11:00-13:00, Conference Room 4

This session will look at the implementation of goal 5 as well as interlinkages with the rest of the goals – examining a gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Despite extensive efforts made by governments to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, they continue to be subjected to discrimination, violence and harmful practices and denied the full realization of their human rights. The gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda presents an enormous opportunity to achieve gender equality, end poverty and hunger, combat inequalities within and among countries, build peaceful, just and inclusive societies, protect and promote human rights, and ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. Through an interactive discussion facilitated by a moderator, the session will identify strategies and measures to effectively implement SDG 5, including through exploring good practices, lessons learnt, challenges and effective solutions.

Proposed guiding questions:

- Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, what progress has been made in ending discrimination against women and girls in laws, policies and practices and what are good practice examples by governments and other stakeholders to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls?
- What are key recommendations to ensure the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda and how can accountability for gender-responsive implementation of the SDGs be enhanced?
- What are successful multi-stakeholder partnerships at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels for accelerated gender-responsive implementation of the SDGs? What made the partnerships successful?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardova**, *Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council*



Moderator:

- **Mr. Craig Mokhiber**, Director and Deputy for the ASG for Human Rights, OHCHR, New York

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Salma Nims**, Secretary General of Commission for Women, Jordan
- **Ms. Jane Sanyu Mpagi**, Director of Gender and Community Development, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, Uganda

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Nalini Singh**, Executive Director, Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM), representative of Women's Major Group
- **Mr. Roberto Bissio**, Executive Director, Instituto del Tercer Mundo and Coordinator of Social Watch, Uruguay

Session 9

Thematic review

Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world:

Taking forward the SAMOA Pathway

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 15:00-16:30, Conference Room 4

This session responds to operative paragraph 14 and 16 of UNGA Resolutions 70/202 and 71/225 respectively, noting that the HLPF shall devote adequate time at its 2017 meeting and at its future meetings to continue to address the sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States. Session 9 will start with a keynote speaker addressing 2030 Agenda and SAMOA Pathway in general. Rest of the discussions will focus on Goals 1, 2 and 3. In addition to a general assessment of the state of implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, this session, featuring a panel of experts on challenges facing SIDS, will hear and discuss updates on progress made in addressing non-communicable diseases in SIDS. The burden and threat of communicable and non-communicable diseases remains a serious global concern and constitute one of the major challenges for SIDS in the twenty-first century. Equally vital is the continued need to support the right of everyone, including SIDS to have access to safe, sufficient and nutritious food, the eradication of hunger and the provision of livelihoods for all at all ages. This session will also hear and discuss an update on progress made in the development of the Global Action Programme on food and nutrition security in SIDS.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How do we ensure that the three dimensions of sustainable development are synergized in our national development processes? (National development plan; institutional framework for SDGs/SAMOA; national budgeting, etc.) And what are the critical challenges to implementing an



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integrated development process and how can they be tackled?

- How can the GAP be mainstreamed and resources best be mobilized for implementation of the GAP, What challenges or risks are envisaged with effective implementation of the GAP
- How can we best strengthen health systems to address NCDs focusing in particular on primary health care and universal health coverage and how can SIDS best improve coverage, access and quality of care for NCD management?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet**, *Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council*

Moderator:

- **Dr. James L. Fletcher**, *Managing Director, SOLORICON Ltd., St. Lucia*

Panellist:

- **H.E. Shahine Robinson**, *Minister of Labour and Social Security, Jamaica*
- **H.E. Dr. Tuitama Leao Talalelei Tuitama**, *Minister of Health, Samoa*
- **Ms. Maria Helena Semedo**, *Deputy-Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization*

Lead discussant:

- **Dr. Paula Vivili**, *Director, Public Health Division, the Pacific Community (SPC)*
- **H.E. Ms. Penelope Beckles**, *Permanent Representative of Trinidad & Tobago to the United Nations*

Session 10

Thematic review

***Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world:
How it affects countries in special situations: LDCs and LLDC. It will also
discuss special challenges of MICs***

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 16:30-18:00, Conference Room 4

The 2030 Agenda calls for leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first. Its success will therefore ultimately be measured against the progress made by those who are currently the most disadvantaged, a disproportionately large number of whom live in countries in special situations, or in pockets of deprivation in middle income countries, making the efforts being made to address the needs of the most vulnerable populations within these countries of vital importance to all. Through a moderated panel discussion and interaction from the floor, this session will address the challenges and opportunities faced by least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), middle-income countries (MICs), and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations in aligning their existing national priorities and plans to the SDGs, and in achieving progress



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toward the goals under review.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What actions and policies have proven successful in increasing resilience and addressing the impacts of climate change, natural disasters, conflict, and displacement on countries in special situations?
- How are governments working to address the underlying social and economic root causes of distress migration that potentially lead to conflict?
- What technologies, innovations, and data collection tools have been effective so far for countries in special situations in monitoring and follow-up of the SDGs?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet**, *Vice-president of Economic and Social Council*

Moderator:

- **Dr. Swarnim Wagle**, *National Planning Commission, Nepal*

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Amira Gornass**, *Chairperson, Committee on World Food Security*
- **Ms. Farah Kabir**, *Country Director Action Aid, Bangladesh*

Lead discussants:

- **H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen**, *Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations*
- **H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas**, *Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations (invited)*
- **H.E. Ms. Christine Kalamwina**, *Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations (invited)*



Thursday, 13 July 2017

Session 11

Review of implementation: SDG 9

Thursday, 13 July 2017, 9:00-11:00, Conference Room 4

SDG 9 calls for building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation. It is elaborated by nine targets in these three broad areas. An objective of the session is to discuss - in an integrated way - progress towards SDG9 and high-impact actions for the coming years. Thus it will need to also explore policy coherence among the development, infrastructure, industrialization, science, technology and innovation domains. In particular, successful integrated national policy approaches will be presented during this session, with experts tapping into the wealth of information from related capacity building projects. Identification of gaps and a better understanding of what has worked will provide much needed insight for decision-makers in the SDG9 domains.

Proposed guiding questions:

- In your view, what are the top three high-impact actions for the coming years, in terms of infrastructure, innovation and industrialization?
- How can policy coherence be achieved? What lessons can be learnt from national STI policies, plans and roadmaps? What are current gaps and high priority actions?
- What has been your experience with adopting advanced technologies and infrastructures in your country? What were the key challenges that you faced in doing so and how could international collaboration help?
- What are the most significant impacts of emerging technologies - such as automation technology, robotics and artificial intelligence - on industrialization prospects and sustainable development, now and in the future?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**, *President of Economic and Social Council*

Moderator:

- **H.E. Miguel Ruiz Cabañas**, *Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights*,
Panellists:
- **Hon. Ms. Maria Kiwanuka**, *Special Advisor to the President, Uganda*
- **Mr. Kebour Ghenna**, *President, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce, Ethiopia*
- **Mr. Magnus Arildsson**, *Head of Internet of Things Product Management, Ericsson, Sweden*

Lead discussant:

- **Dr. Patrick Ho**, *Deputy Chairman of China Energy Fund Committee; former Secretary for Home Affairs of Hong Kong, China*
- **Mr. Arne Holte**, *Former President of the World Blind Union, Norway*



Session 12

Review of implementation: SDG 14

Thursday, 13 July 2017, 11:00-13:00, Conference Room 4

The high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development was convened at UN Headquarters in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017. The intergovernmentally agreed outcome “Call for Action” enumerates actions that need to be undertaken by Governments and other stakeholders, while the voluntary commitments from the Conference spur solutions in order to address the adverse impacts on oceans, which act cumulatively and impair the crucial ability of the oceans to provide ecosystem services, contribute to poverty eradication and food security and act as climate regulator and an engine for economic growth and sustainable development. This session will look at the outcomes of the Ocean Conference and the interlinkages of SDG14 and its targets to other goals and targets in order to provide further political guidance and encourage action in implementation of the SDG14 and follow-up to the Ocean Conference.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are contributing factors to successfully implement SDG14 and address main threats affecting the oceans?
- How can we ensure local community involvement, alternative livelihood development and the use of traditional knowledge, and benefit from the contributions of stakeholders when developing and implementing ocean solutions?
- Given the interlinkages of SDG14 with many of the other SDGs, what are your recommendations with respect to integrating SDG14 in more comprehensive sustainable development projects, strategies and plans?
- How can we follow up the outcomes including the voluntary commitments of the Ocean Conference at various levels, from local to global?

Chair:

- ***H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava***, *President of Economic and Social Council*

Keynote speakers:

- ***H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson***, *President of the General Assembly*
- *Representative from Fiji, Co-President of the Ocean Conference*
- *Representative from Sweden, Co-President of the Ocean Conference*
- ***Mr. Wu Hongbo***, *Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the Ocean Conference*
- ***Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares***, *Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel*

Moderator:

- ***Ms. Kate Brown***, *Executive Director, Global Island Partnership, New Zealand*



Panellists:

- **Mr. Jake Rice**, Chief Scientist-Emeritus, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
- **Ms. Marjo Vierros**, Director, Coastal Policy and Humanities Research and Senior Associate, Global Ocean Forum

Lead discussants:

- **H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau**, Ambassador for Climate Change and Small Island Developing State Issues, Government of Seychelles
- **Ms. Beth Tui Shortland**, Director, Pacific Indigenous and Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction at Te Kāpehu Whetū, Aotearoa, New Zealand

Session 13

Review of implementation SDGs and thematic review

SDG 17: Investing in and financing for SDGs

Thursday, 13 July 2017, 15:00-16:30, Conference Room 4

SDG 17 calls for strengthening the “means of implementation” and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. This cross-cutting goal is elaborated by 19 targets in the areas of finance, technology, capacity-building, trade, and systemic issues. The present session will focus on the investment and financing elements of SDG 17. It will build on the inter-governmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development in 2017 (A/RES/70/1, §86). It will discuss - in an integrated way - progress towards the goal and high-impact actions for the coming years. It will also explore questions of policy and institutional coherence among multiple stakeholders and across the means of implementation. Successful, innovative financing approaches and ways to measure SDG progress will be presented, with experts from a range of sectors exploring different perspectives on existing initiatives, challenges, opportunities and emerging issues.

Proposed guiding questions

- What is your vision for investing in and financing for the SDGs in 2030 and beyond? Which policies, approaches and institutional solutions have worked best in your country? What are the greatest opportunities and challenges that we face today? What should be the role of international cooperation in this regard?
- What are your top three recommendations for high-impact actions by the United Nations system, governments, businesses, scientists, civil society and others, in the areas of investing in and financing for the SDGs?
- What steps are required to facilitate the implementation of the Financing for Development outcomes, especially the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the outcome of the 2017 ECOSOC FfD Forum?



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Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir**, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

Keynote speaker:

- **H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila**, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve**, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations (invited)

Moderator:

- **Mr. Manuel F. Montes**, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, the South Centre

Panellists:

- **Mr. Peter Adriaens**, CEO of Equarius Risk Analytics LLC, co-founder and CEO of KeyStone Compact Group Ltd., Director and Head Judge of Global CleanTech Cluster Association (GCCA), USA
- **H.E. Ms. Kajsa Olofsgård**, Ambassador for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Chee Yoke Ling**, Director of Programmes, Third World Network, Malaysia



Session 14

Review of implementation SDGs and thematic review

SDG 17: Advancing science, technology and innovation for SDGs

Thursday, 13 July 2017, 16:30-18:00, Conference Room 4

An objective of the session is to explore policies and actions for advancing the science, technology and innovation for achieving the SDGs, as envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which, inter alia, also launched a UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM). The TFM now facilitates multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnerships through the sharing of information, experiences, best practices and policy advice among Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, UN entities and other stakeholders. The session will engage all three components of the TFM and elicit inputs from its experts. Co-Chairs will present the mandated Summary of the "Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs". The TFM 10-Member Group of high-level representatives will further engage the Forum's recommendations. Selected young innovators will present breakthrough solutions.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What is your vision for harnessing science, technology and innovation, in order to achieve sustained and ever improved well-being, as envisioned in the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda? What are the most important challenges and opportunities in this respect?
- What are your top three recommendations for action?

Chair:

- ***H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council***

Moderator:

- ***H.E. Mr. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research, Sri Lanka***

Panellists:

- ***H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; and Co-Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs***
- ***Dr. Vaughan Turekian, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, USA; and Co-Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (invited)***
- ***Dr. Heide Hackmann, Executive Director, ICSU; and Co-chair of the 10-Member Group of high-level representatives in support of the TFM***

Lead discussants:

- ***Ms. Elenita Daño, Asia Director, Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration, the Philippines***
- ***Mr. Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)***



Friday, 14 July 2017

Session 15

Leveraging interlinkages for effective implementation of SDGs

Friday, 14 July 2017, 9:00-13:00, Conference Room 4

The integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs requires an in-depth discussion of the inter-connection between the various goals and targets. There is a large body of analytical research and evidence from many different sources, supporting integrated policy making, implementation and monitoring. Furthermore, the interlinked nature of the SDGs is also seen in the scope of the supporting statistical evidence needed to highlight how and where sustainable development is achieved. Such approaches can have transformative impacts, if they can adequately exploit synergies and minimize trade-offs. Recognizing this potential, many countries have already set up cross-ministerial coordination mechanisms for the SDGs, as presented in their Voluntary National Reviews. This will be the discussion in the first panel. In the second panel, the importance of statistics and data to support the 2030 Agenda and the much-needed statistical capacity development to strengthen national statistical systems will be highlighted by key experts from different data communities.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What needs to be done to ensure interlinkages among all SDGs are addressed when making policy decisions at all levels?
- What are the best policy instruments to identify synergies and minimize trade-offs?
- How all branches of Government, stakeholders and international community can be best engaged in ensuring interlinkages among all SDGs to advance 2030 Agenda implementation?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardova**, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

Panel 1 (9:00-12:00)

Moderator:

- **Ms. Minh-Thu Pham**, Director of Policy, United Nations Foundation

Panellists:

- **Ms. Ebba Dohlman**, Senior Adviser Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, OECD
- **Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Chair, Southern Voices and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
- **Mr. Michel Sidibé**, Executive Director of UNAIDS

Lead discussants:

- **H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber**, Special Envoy for Sustainable Development, Switzerland
- **Ms. Irene Khan**, Director General, International Development Law Organization



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Panel 2 (12:00-13:00)

Moderator:

- **Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Director and founder of Southern Voice

Panellists:

- **Mr. John Pullinger**, Chief Statistician of the UK (invited)
- **Ms. Judith Randel**, Co-founder and Executive Director, Development Initiatives (invited)
- **Ms. Albina Chuwa**, Director General Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics (invited)

Session 16

Science-policy interface and emerging issues

Friday, 14 July 2017, 15:00-17:30, Conference Room 4

An objective and scientific understanding of the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development, their inter-linkages, and new and emerging issues is crucial to all aspects of Agenda 2030. Such an understanding should inform policies and assessments; at the same time, gaps and shortfalls in achievement can motivate science to find solutions.

This session responds to the calls for strengthening the science-policy interface, as well as for the identification of new and emerging issues. Accordingly, it will enable discussions around science advice can better be integrated into the policy-making process at all levels. It will also cover what action is called for to align research with the SDGs.

There will also be an opportunity for the co-chairs of the independent group of scientists drafting the Global Sustainable Development Report to provide inputs to the Forum, as envisioned in E/HLS/2016/1.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How can the scientific community and policymakers work together to facilitate science advice for the implementation of the SDGs?
- What action is needed for the scientific community to identify and address critical knowledge and research gaps relating to the SDGs?

Chair:

- TBC

Moderator:

- **Mr. Bill Colglazier**, Editor-in-Chief, Science & Diplomacy, and Senior Scholar, Center for Science Diplomacy, American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Former science Adviser to the US Secretary of State



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Panellists:

- **Mr. Peter Messerli**, Director, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern
- **Ms. Endah Murniningtyas**, Former Deputy Minister for National Resources and Environment at the Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency of Indonesia
- **Mr. Wang Ruijun**, Director-General, National Center for Science and Technology Evaluation, Ministry of Science and Technology, China; and Chair of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Tolu Oni**, Associate-Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Mr. Stuart Taberner**, Director of International and Interdisciplinary Research, Research Councils United Kingdom

Wrap up session

Friday, 14 July 2017, 17:30-18:00, Conference Room 4

This session will provide a broad overview of the sessions that happened throughout the week and observations by the President of ECOSOC and the USG of DESA

Remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**, President of Economic and Social Council
- **Mr. Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations



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Ministerial Meeting



Monday, 17 July 2017

Opening

Monday, 17 July 2017, 9:00-10:15, Conference Room 4

Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava**, President of Economic and Social Council
- **H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson**, President of the General Assembly
- **Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Keynote speech about the state of the world

- **Mr. Jeffrey Sachs**, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

Main messages from first HLPF week: our starting point

- *Vice President of ECOSOC*

**Reporting by Ministerial Chairs on
the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development**

Monday, 17 July 2017, 10:15-11:00, Conference Room 4

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava**, President of Economic and Social Council

Presentations by the Ministerial Chairs of the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development:

- **H.E. Dr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary**, Minister of Planning and Development, Pakistan
- **H.E. Dr. Lahcen Daoudi**, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of General Affairs and Governance, Morocco
- **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ruiz Cabañas**, Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Mexico
- **Mr. Gervais T. Meatchi**, Director of Planning and Development, Togo

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- **Ms. Laurence Monnoyer-Smith**, Commissioner-General for Sustainable Development and Inter-Ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Seas, France

Voluntary National Reviews 1

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Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council

(Panel-style presentations)*

Brazil

Luxembourg

Nepal

Q&A

Voluntary National Reviews 2

Monday, 17 July 2017, 12:30 - 14:00, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Indonesia

Q&A

Japan

Q&A

Monaco

Q&A

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Voluntary National Reviews 3

Monday, 17 July 2017, 15:30 - 17:30, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Panel-style presentations)*

Bangladesh

Costa Rica

Kenya

Netherlands

Q&A

Voluntary National Reviews 4

Monday, 17 July 2017, 17:30 - 18:30, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)***conomic and Social Council*

Chile

Q&A

Malaysia

Q&A

General debate (in parallel)

Monday, 17 July 2017, 15:00-18:00, Trusteeship Council

Chair:

- **H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardova, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council**
- **Introduction of the Secretary-General's report on the theme of the ECOSOC 2017 session**
- **Introduction of the Committee on Development Policy (CDP) report**

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Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 9:00-10:30, Conference Room 4

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(Panel-style presentations)*

**Belgium
Benin
Peru
Q&A**

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Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 10:30-12:00, Conference Room 4

Chari: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council

ir:

(Panel-style presentations)*

**Guatemala
Italy
Zimbabwe
Q&A**

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Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 12:00-14:00, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardova, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Argentina

Q&A

Czech Republic

Q&A

Jordan

Q&A

Thailand

Q&A

Voluntary National Reviews 8

Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 15:30-17:00, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Juergen Schulz, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Belarus

Q&A

Portugal

Q&A

Uruguay

Q&A

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Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 17:00-18:30, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Juergen Schulz, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Panel-style presentations)*

Nigeria

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Panama
Sweden
Q&A

General debate (in parallel)

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Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council**

Wednesday, 19 July 2017

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Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 9:00-11:00, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Ethiopia
Q&A
Honduras
Q&A
India
Q&A
Maldives
Q&A

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Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 11:00-12:40, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Afghanistan

Q&A

Azerbaijan

Q&A

Belize

Q&A

Denmark

Q&A

Voluntary National Reviews 12

Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 12:45-14:00, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Panel-style presentations)*

Cyprus

Iran

Togo

Q&A

Voluntary National Reviews 13

Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 15:00-17:15, Conference Room 4

Chair: H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council

(Individual presentations)**

Botswana

Q&A

El Salvador

Q&A

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<p>Qatar Q&A</p> <p>Slovenia Q&A</p> <p>Tajikistan Q&A</p>

General debate (in parallel)

Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 15:00-17:30, Trusteeship Council

Chair:

- **H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardova, Vice-president of Economic and Social Council**

Closing and adoption of the Ministerial declaration and report of HLPF

Wednesday, 19 July 2017, 17:30-18:30, Trusteeship Council

Chair:

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Thursday, 20 July 2017

High-level policy dialogue with International Financial and Trade Institutions

10:00-13:00, ECOSOC Chamber

The GA mandated ECOSOC high-level policy dialogue to address the current global economic and trade trends and the advancement of the sustainable development agenda. Executive Heads of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group, the World Trade Organization (WTO), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) will present their respective institutional perspectives on the state of global trade and economic growth and medium-term projections. The discussion will also focus attention on the intersection of these trends with a rise in popular questioning of the benefits of globalization, economic integration and multilateral engagement and potential implications for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava**, *President of Economic and Social Council*

Conclusion of general debate (in parallel)

10:00-13:00, Trusteeship Council

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Juergen Schulz**, *Vice-president of Economic and Social Council*

Thematic discussion on the main theme of the Council

15:00-17:30, ECOSOC Chamber

The thematic discussion will conduct a closer examination of multidimensional poverty in the context of the 2030 Agenda, and the prevailing approaches for poverty reduction. It will explore how countries are using or could use the SDG Indicator Framework and national poverty reduction strategies for assessing progress in reducing multi-dimensional poverty. It will also share distinctive national approaches and experiences aimed at reducing multidimensional poverty and contributing to SDG implementation. The discussion will feature presentations by policy makers from select member States, as well as cutting edge research and analysis on the issue and its links to sustainable development.

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Juergen Schulz**, *Vice-president of Economic and Social Council*



Closing of the ECOSOC high-level segment

17:30-18:00, ECOSOC Chamber

- **Adoption of Ministerial Declaration**

Chair:

- ***H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, President of Economic and Social Council***