



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

SDG Mainstreaming and Means of Implementation: A Retrospective and Prospective View
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DAY 1

25 October Tuesday

OPENING Combined Plenary Session

Welcome Address

JONG SOO YOON
Head of Office, UNOSD

JONG SOO YOON is the Head of the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development, administered by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). He was the former Vice-Minister of Environment and an environmental expert in sustainable development. With over 20 years at the Ministry of Environment, he has focused on the establishment and delivery of policies through various projects in planning and budget, personnel management and other major tasks. He has also contributed at the international platform on environment as an Environmental Counselor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.

Welcome Address

SUNG SOO JUN
Vice Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City

SUNG SOO JUN is the Vice Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City. He was the Director General for Service Labor Relations at the Ministry of Public Administration and Security, before moving to serve as the spokesman of the Ministry of Security and Public Administration. He then served as the Consul General of the ROK in Thailand for two years, before becoming the Vice Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City from August, 2015. He graduated with the Bachelor's degree in Public Law from Seoul National University and subsequently got his Master's in the Science of Public Administration.

Welcome Address

JAE-HONG LIM
Head, UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)

JAE-HONG LIM took office at United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) under Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on October 2013. A career diplomat with 35 years of service with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea, in his long and distinguished foreign service, he held various positions including as Director of Human Rights and Social Affairs Division in United Nations System Bureau, as Minister-Counselor of Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, as Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as well as to the Kingdom of Thailand.



Welcome Address

GRAŻYNA PULAWSKA
Project Manager of Asia European Foundation (ASEF)

GRAZYNA PULAWSKA is currently a Project Manager in the Asia-Europe Environment Forum programme, a part of the Asia Europe Foundation. She previously worked for the Ministry of Economy in Poland, in the field of regional development. She has also been active in the NGO sector, such as the Service Civil International network in Belgium and the Development Wheel, a Bangladesh-based NGO specialising in supporting local entrepreneurship and fair trade. She received her Master's degree in International Relations through a joint programme between the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Warsaw School of Economics.



Introduction

DARREN SWANSON
Director of Novel Futures and Associate
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

DARREN SWANSON is Director of the consultancy Novel Futures.com and an Associate of the International Institute for Sustainable Development. He currently assists the UN Development Group in creating products under the UN MAPS Approach for Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support of the 2030 Agenda. With a Master's degree in Public Administration for International Development from Harvard Kennedy School and a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in Canada, Darren brings a unique science-policy perspective to his over twenty years of experience assisting organizations and governments in their collective pursuit of sustainability, accountability and adaptability



Overview Presentation

IRENA ZUBCEVIC
Chief, Small island developing States, Oceans and Climate Branch,
Division for Sustainable Development (DSD) - UNDESA

Irena Zubcevic worked in the Croatian foreign service from 1993 to 2008 when she started working in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a senior Sustainable Development officer. She was part of the team that supported the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio in 2012 and its follow-up processes as well as negotiations of the post-2015 development agenda that resulted in the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development in September 2015. She was acting chief of a branch that provides support to the high-level political forum on sustainable development which has a central role in implementation of the 2030 Agenda and sustainable development goals and currently she works, as chief of Branch, on issues including small island developing states, oceans, climate, cities and transport. She has over 20 years of experience in the area of sustainable development and has written papers in this area, the recent one in the Global Sustainable Development Report 2016 on inclusive institutions.



Think Piece

FRIEDRICH SOLTAU
Sustainable Development Officer – DSD, UNDESA

Friedrich Soltau is currently a Senior Sustainable Development Officer in the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs. For the past 13 years he has worked on a range of issues at the intersection of climate change, energy, new and emerging issues, and sustainable development. He was a member of the core team that supported the UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Most recently, Friedrich supported the inaugural voluntary national reviews at the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) Town. He received his law degree from the University of Cape Town, and he also holds a Masters in Law from the Humboldt University, Berlin, and a doctorate in law from Pace University Law School, New York.

SESSION I: Adapting SDGs to National Contexts

Opening Speaker

ELLA ANTONIO

President of Brain Trust Inc.



ELLA ANTONIO is the President of Brain Trust: Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc., a Philippine-based think tank that conducts research studies and capacity building projects for government, private sector and international development institutions. She has also served as President of Earth Council Asia-Pacific, Inc.; Vice President of EARTH Institute Asia, Inc.; and Founding Trustee of pagbabago @ pilipinas. She completed her Bachelor's in Metallurgical Engineering, and advanced studies in development economics and industrial engineering management. She received scholarship-trainings in fields including development economics, financial analysis and programming, financial management, industrial planning, and disaster management, and did so in reputable institutions including the International Monetary Fund, East West Center, International Development Center of Japan, University of Economic Science (Germany), Asian Institute of Management and the University of the Philippines.

Panel Presentation

WIEZSMAN PAT

Sustainable Development Unit, Government of Belize



Mr. Weisman Pat's Public service career started in 1982. Has served as an Administrative Officer in various Government Ministries, worked as an Executive Director of the Mundo Maya Organization (a tourism regional organization), and as a Senior Project Officer in the Ministry of Economic Development and currently is the Director for the Sustainable Development Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development. Holds a Master's Degree in Sustainable Development, Bachelor's Degree in Economics and has also done numerous short-term training courses. His area of work ranges from developing Belize's focal point for the SDGs and is also the member of the core team that has drafted the Belize Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) that are presently developing the M&E framework and that will support the implementation of the GSDS.

Panel Presentation

KALYANI UPADHYAYA

Lead Strategic Policy And Planning Officer – Prime Minister's Office, Mauritius



Ms. Kalyani Upadhyaya is from the Republic of Mauritius. She has an educational background in economics and has worked at the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development as well as the Ministry of Finance. She is experienced in planning, budgeting, financial management and policy formulation. Presently she is working at the Strategic Policy and Planning Department, Prime Minister's Office, which is spear heading the country's national vision – The "Vision 2030 Blueprint" which is an ambition to move Mauritius into the league of high income countries. The vision is aligned with the sustainable development goals.

Panel Presentation

JAMES KOROMA

Principal Planning Officer

Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning, Sierra Leon

Mr. James Koroma has an MSc in Development Studies from Njala and BSc Honors in Economic and Social Sciences Fourah Bay College, Universities of Sierra Leone. He HAS also pursued Advanced Studies at the Universities of Success and East Anglia in the UK, Naropa Denver Colorado USA, School of Leadership, University of the North South Africa and the school of Applied Microfinance in Mombasa Kenya. He has been the Principal Planning Officer, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the ILO, African Development Bank, World Food Programme, United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Childers' Fund.

Panel Presentation

ARMAN BAISSUANOV

Deputy Director – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kazakhstan



Mr. ARMAN BAISSUANOV spent 17 years in the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan working on multilateral cooperation issues. His current brief encompasses cooperation with the UN, sustainable development, and climate change. His career highlights include contribution to the creation of a food security structure within the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, establishment of the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone, and creation of the Conference for Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). He obtained a Master's degree in War Studies from King's College London.

SESSION II: Multi-stakeholder Approaches and Partnerships

Opening Speaker

FAROOQ ULLAH

Executive Director – Stakeholder Forum



Farooq is the Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum (SF); an international NGO advancing in Sustainable development through good governance and participatory decision-making at all levels. He is the Co-Chair of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD) initiative and The Co-Chair of the Sustainable Finance Advocates Network (SFAN). He also holds several Non-executive positions. He is the Chair of Future Earth's Engagement Committee, a Specialist Advisor to UK Parliament's Environmental Audit Committee (EAC), an Associate of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), an Associated Partner of the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN) and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA). Farooq holds a B.Com in Management Science from the University of Alberta (UofA) and an MSc in Public Policy from the London School of Economics (LSE).

Panel Presentation

OLA GÖRANSSON

SD Officer & Partnerships Coordinator – DSD, UNDESA

To be determined.

Panel Presentation

TAEHYUN KIM

Research Fellow

Environmental Assessment Group, Korea Environment Institute



Dr. TAEHYUN KIM is a research fellow at the Korea Environmental Information Center in Korea Environment Institute, South Korea. His research interests include sustainable and resilient urban planning and design through spatial analysis. He holds a doctoral degree (dissertation title: Analysis of the Effects of Intra-urban Spatial Structures on Carbon Footprint of Residents) from the department of urban planning and engineering at the Yonsei University in 2010. He formerly worked at the National Institute for Disaster Prevention (NIDP), Korea Institute of Public Administration and the Regional Economics and Spatial Modeling (REASM) laboratory of the University of Arizona, Tucson, USA

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DAY 2

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SESSION III: SDG Inter-linkages and Policy Coherence

Part A: Institutional Linkages

Opening Speaker

LOUIS MEULEMAN

Leuven University, Wageningen University and University of Massachusetts

Dr. LOUIS MEULEMAN is advisor, manager and trainer on (sustainability) governance and metagovernance, public administration reform and sustainability transitions. With an MsC in environmental biology and a Phd in public administration he is visiting professor at the University of Leuven (Belgium), senior fellow at the University of Massachusetts Boston (USA) and research associate at Wageningen University & Research (Netherlands). His experience as public manager at subnational, national and European level covers more than 25 years. Louis is a Dutch national, living in Brussels, Belgium. He works at the European Commission but attends this meeting in personal capacity.

Panel Presentation

SHEILA LWAMAFA

Economist

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

To be determined.

Panel Presentation

BUNNAK POCH

Under Secretary of State

Ministry of Planning, Cambodia

To be determined.

Panel Presentation

KEPING YAO

Governance and Public Administration Expert

UN Project Office on Governance, UNDESA

Mr. Yao has been working in UNPOG since 2013 and his current areas of work include assessment on capacity needs of countries in special situation for SDG implementation, e-government, citizen engagement, government innovation, and open data for disaster risk reduction. Before joining UNPOG, Mr. Yao had worked in UNDESA's Statistics Division and DPADM for 11 years. Prior to his service at UN, Mr. Yao had worked in China's central bank as an economist on monetary affairs from 1993 to 2002. He holds a PhD Degree on Economics.

Part B: Tools



Opening Speaker

THÉRÈSE YARDE
Project Coordinator

Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), Guyana

Dr. THÉRÈSE YARDE is the Coordinator of the Caribbean Hub of the European Union-UNEP Programme for Capacity-Building Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries. She oversees capacity development activities in 17 Caribbean countries, with the ultimate aim of supporting the development and implementation of strategies for sustainable development.



Panel Presentation

MATTHEO PEDERCINI

Director of Modelling and Capacity Development, Millennium Institute

Matteo Pedercini is Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Millennium Institute (MI). Matteo has been working with governmental and international institutions to develop national, regional, and global models for the analysis of sustainable development strategies. He teaches at the University of Bergen and other MI's partner universities and has been leading training programs for development professionals in many countries. Matteo holds a PhD in System Dynamics and has been publishing in various fields, including integrated planning, epidemiology, agriculture, income distribution, migration, simulation and gaming techniques, and others



Panel Presentation

ZABI RAHAT

Organizational Development Coordinator - Act Knowledge

Ahmad Zabi Rahat is the Center for Theory of Change & Act Knowledge's Organizational Development Coordinator. He has a Master's degree in Conflict Transformation and a Graduate Certification in Non-profit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship. His role and expertise encompasses research, evaluation and the implementation of the Theory of Change process (ToC) across a range of areas including programs focused on youth development, education, international development and environmental sustainability. Zabi is also one of the main contributors to the development and design of TOCO Premium, an online design and mapping software for Theory of Change.

Opening Speaker

MARIANNE BEISHEIM

Senior Researcher and Project Leader

German Institute for International and Security Affairs



Dr. Marianne Beisheim is senior researcher at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) – German Institute for International and Security Affairs. Her research focuses on sustainable development governance. Currently, she analyses the follow-up and review of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the work of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. Since 2006, she directs a DFG-funded research project on multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development. Marianne Beisheim is a member of the UN-Political Advisory Board of the Federal Foreign Office, the Research Council of the United Nations Association Germany, the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (SEF), and the UNITAR Advisory Council „Capacity Development for the 2030 Agenda“. From 2003 till 2010 she was Assistant Professor at the Freie Universität Berlin. Previous to this, she has worked as a Research Associate for the German Parliament and the University of Bremen.

Panel Presentation

FRIEDRICH SOLTAU

SD Officer – DSD, UNDESA

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ADOLFO AYUSO AUDRY

Director General – Office of the President,
Mexico



Mr. Adolfo Ayuso Audry has received an MA In War Studies from the King's College, London and Bachelor's in International Relations from the El Colegio de México. He is presently the Deputy Director General in the Office of the Presidency. He has also served as the Director for European Union Affairs and Humanitarian Aid at the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) and the Head of Legal and Consular Affairs at the Mexican Embassy in Berlin, Germany. He was the Cultural Attaché in Mexico's General Consulate in Dallas, Texas and has also been an Advisor to the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, and has been in charge of Economic Affairs at the Mexican Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

Panel Presentation

NGUYEN LE THUY

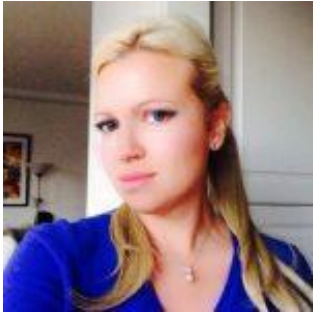
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Deputy Director General

Department for Science, Education, Environment and Natural Resources

Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam

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KATERINA TEKSOZ is a senior economist with over ten years of international experience in quantitative research and policy analysis. Her background combines advisory and project management work in multilateral institutions, academia and the private sector with employers as diverse as Columbia University, the International Monetary Fund, Morgan Stanley and the European Commission. Before joining SDSN, Katerina was consultant to the UNDP and is one of the authors of the 2015 Human Development Report. Her research interests span macroeconomic and policy issues in the context of developing countries and emerging markets. She has applied knowledge in statistical tools for the analysis of large-scale time series and panel datasets. Katerina holds a PhD in Economics with honours from University of Munich in Germany.

SDGs and Leaving No One Behind - Part 2

Facilitator

GRAŻYNA PULAWSKA
Project Manager of Asia European Foundation (ASEF)

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27 October Thursday

SESSION V: Envisioning 2030

Think Piece

GÜNTHER BACHMANN
Secretary General – German Council for Sustainable Development



GÜNTHER BACHMANN is the Secretary General of the German Council for Sustainable Development, a multi-stakeholder body advising the Federal Government of Germany. He was appointed in 2001 by the Federal Chancellery and is in charge of the agenda of the Council, the drafting of Council’s advises, negotiating statements, and engaging stakeholders. Dr Bachmann is co-chairing the Sustainable Development Transition Forum as the European network of Councils for Sustainable Development within the EEAC. He was appointed as the Honorary Professor by the University Lüneburg, and has published papers on sustainable development issues, environmental and energy policies.

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Discussion

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