

A SIDE EVENT FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2017

THE SDGS IN ACTION

ERADICATING POVERTY AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY IN A CHANGING WORLD

Objective

The event, **The SDGs In Action: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Inclusive Prosperity in a Changing World**, will focus on how countries at various stages of development, including those faced with complex situations such as violent conflict and fragility, are accelerating efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will illustrate the UN Development System's support to Member States, including tools and solutions, to address the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the imperative to leave no one behind and risk-informed planning. The role of the UN in peacebuilding and prevention; connecting efforts for peace and security, sustainable development and human rights will also be highlighted in reference to the Sustaining Peace resolution.

A number of Member States from different regions will be profiled. Participants are encouraged to reflect upon their experience in SDG implementation, challenges and lessons learned, including and in relation to the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. The event will launch the UNDG Acceleration toolkit, an online platform culminating the collective efforts by UNDG with tools to drive SDG implementation.

Background

The theme of the 2017 HLPF: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" challenges the UN and Member States to hold true to the 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first. This is a particular challenge for countries affected by conflict and humanitarian crises. We need to get better at reaching marginalized, excluded, vulnerable, hard-to-reach and conflict-affected people in addition to taking a renewed focus on prevention, sustaining peace and peacebuilding through a comprehensive approach. The scale and nature of development and peace challenges require close strategic and operational partnerships among national Governments, the UN and other key stakeholders.

During the first year of the SDG era, UN Country Teams received requests to support countries in general awareness-raising, alignment with national plans and data collection, monitoring, and reporting for the 2030 Agenda. Now in the second year of implementing the 2030 Agenda, there has been an evolution in country focus and related demand for UN support. As countries continue to advance in their implementation of the SDGs, there is increasing attention on the prioritization and sequencing of interventions required to meet SDG targets. This is intrinsically related to the integrated and indivisible nature of the 2030 Agenda. UNDG has been responding to this demand through a common approach for Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) and with the launch of its acceleration toolkit which currently hosts 150 tools.

Co-organizers

- UN Development Group (UNDG), under the aegis of the Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace Results Group, co-chaired by UNDP and PBSO
- Member State at highest level of representation

Time, Date and Venue

- *18:15-19:30, Monday 17th July*, ECOSOC Chamber in the UN Conference Building

List of speakers

- Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
- Achim Steiner, UN Development Group Chair
- H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria
- H.E. Hélder Lopes, Vice Minister of Finance, Timor-Leste
- Head of Delegation from Sweden
- Civil Society Representative
- Further high level representative to be announced