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## **ODI Nexus: Inclusive, Sustainable Economic Transformation**

*Event at UNHQ in partnership with the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)*

12 October 2022, 1.15pm – 2.45pm

Conference Room 9, UN Headquarters, New York and livestreamed here

### **Concept Note**

How can low- and lower-middle income countries transform their economies in an inclusive way and within planetary boundaries? How can policy makers reach a balance between economic, social and environmental objectives? Achieving this balance is a core principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a key step towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.

Promoting economic transformation in an inclusive and environmentally sustainable manner has proven challenging in practice, however. The unified planning and institutional setup required to make progress in the three dimensions of sustainable development simultaneously are often lacking. In addition, some avenues of economic transformation that allowed households to escape poverty sustainably, including migration and growth of the rural non-farm economy, have been held back by the Covid-19 crisis.

ODI, with support from the Swedish International Cooperation Agency (Sida), is starting a four-year programme to examine lessons from countries that have succeeded in integrating the three dimensions and explore ways to strengthen “nexus” thinking and policy making. Emerging findings indicate that there is great variety across countries in achieving inclusion, sustainability and economic transformation goals simultaneously—giving grounds for optimism about the possibility of unified progress as well as grounds for concern about the depths of the challenge.

This event will explore these issues from different perspectives: from the UN and its leadership on the SDGs, from countries which have had some success in addressing the challenges and those who are struggling with inertia and locked-in structures and processes. It will ask: **how can we make Nexus thinking and policymaking more likely?**

### **Speakers:**

- H.E. Mr. Suriya Chindawongse, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations;
- Mr. Andrew Shepherd, Director of the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network, ODI;
- Ms. Shahra Razavi, Director of the Social Protection Department, ILO;
- Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development, UN DESA

### **Moderator/Chair:**

- Ms. Wenyan Yang, Chief of the Global Dialogue on Social Development Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, UN DESA