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### 2018 ECOSOC Special Meeting

**“Towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies through participation of all”**

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

ECOSOC Chamber

Programme

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*The 2018 ECOSOC Special Meeting seek to build on positive practices and innovative policy approaches to catalyze collective action towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies, including by seeking new pathways for the participation of all. It builds on its preparatory initiatives, including the preparatory meeting in Prague and breakfast meetings with stakeholders.*

#### **10:00 am – 10:40 am Session 1: Opening**

##### **Opening remarks by:**

- H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC
- H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Mr. Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic
- Mr. Sergio Londoño Zurek, General Director of the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia, APC-Colombia

#### **10:40 am – 11:50 am Session 2. Global trends and emerging issues: Building sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies in a changing world**

*Emerging global trends, including rising inequality, migration and climate change, are creating an increasingly complex context for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and related agreements. The session will explore the critical role of stakeholder participation, good governance and strong, inclusive institutions in addressing such trends and achieving the 2030 Agenda in this evolving context.*

**Moderator:**

- Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, UN DESA

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda
- Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Ms. Janet C. Gornick, Professor of Political Science and Sociology, CUNY and Director, Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, USA

*Interactive Discussion*

**11:50 am – 1:00 pm Session 3. Innovative policy approaches and technologies to foster participation of all**

*Innovative approaches to foster participation of all relevant stakeholders are being pioneered and implemented across the globe. The session will showcase positive practices and innovative policies that promote sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies at regional, national and local levels.*

**Moderator:**

- Mr. Michael Shank, Communications Director, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance

**Panelists:**

- Ms. Hedia Belhadj, Groupe Tawhida Ben Cheikh, Women's Health Research and Action, Tunisia
- Mr. Francesco Tena, Project Manager, Participatory Budgeting Project, USA
- Mr. Aroon P. Manoharan, Professor and Program Director, Global Comparative Public Administration MPA Program, University of Massachusetts Boston, USA
- Mr. Petr Marek, ERCTech, Czech Republic

*Interactive Discussion*

**3:00 pm – 5:45 pm    Session 4. Strengthening cooperation for sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies**

*Success in implementing the 2030 Agenda hinges on strong multi-stakeholder partnerships and cooperation among all relevant actors to build sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies. The session will engage high-level representatives of governments as well as from civil society and the private sector to advance concrete recommendations on pathways for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through the participation of all.*

**Moderator:**

- Mr. David Steven, Senior Fellow and Associate Director at New York University's Center on International Cooperation

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary-General of the Inter- Parliamentary Union
- Mr. Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Head of OHCHR Office in New York
- Ms. Nathalie Molina Niño, CEO, BRAVA Investments, and 2018 New York City & State's Corporate Social Responsibility Diversity Honoree for exceptional leadership in educating women entrepreneurs
- Mr. Tomáš Rákos, Head of Business Development & Special Projects, D21, Czech Republic
- Mr. Vitalice Meja, Reality of Aid Africa Network, Kenya

*Interactive Discussion*

**5:45 pm – 6:00 pm    Session 5. Closing**

**Closing remarks by:**

- H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA