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## **ECOSOC INTEGRATION SEGMENT**

### **Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**

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#### **DRAFT Programme**

- ❖ *Bringing together key messages from ECOSOC subsidiary bodies & the UN system on the main theme*
- ❖ *Developing action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the HLPF*

#### **Chair of Segment:**

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations

#### **10:00 – 10:45 Opening**

- ❑ H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

#### **Dialogue on the work of the UN system Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB)**

#### **10:45 – 13:00 Pursuing a people-centered 2030 Agenda on a healthy planet**

The 2030 Agenda is a universal and transformative agenda for sustainable development, underpinned by rights, and with people and the planet at the centre. The commitment to leave no one behind requires pursuing a people-centered 2030 Agenda. This principle of leaving no one behind needs full attention in the voluntary national reviews. The 2019 Special Edition of the SDG Progress Report highlights the slow progress in the context of leaving no one behind.

#### **Questions**

- What needs to be done to address the trade-offs involved in pursuing a people-centered 2030 Agenda on a healthy planet?
- What are some policy recommendations to accelerate progress in empowering people, ensuring inclusiveness and equality and achieving SDGs?
- How can the coordination and effectiveness of the UN system and ECOSOC subsidiary bodies be improved in this area?

### **Speakers**

- ❑ Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) **(Moderator)**
- ❑ H.E. Ambassador Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal and Chair of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) at its 57th session
- ❑ Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Vice-Chairperson of the UN Committee for Development Policy (CDP)
- ❑ Ms. Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

### **Lead discussants**

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Juan Sandoval Mendiola, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

## **15:00\* – 16:30 Prosperous and peaceful societies in the SDG era**

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the world is witnessing a slowing economic growth, indebtedness, accelerated technological change, climate change, environmental degradation and protracted crises with important implications for the implementation of the SDGs. Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination are exacerbating existing inequalities. People are at greater risk of being pushed further behind by some of these forces as well as discrimination, with implications for peaceful societies.

### **Questions:**

- What are the most pressing challenges to ensuring prosperous and peaceful societies and what must be done to overcome them?
- What can the UN system, including the ECOSOC system, do?
- How can the coordination and effectiveness of the UN system and ECOSOC subsidiary bodies be improved in this area?

### **Speakers**

- ❑ Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) **(moderator)**
- ❑ H.E. Ambassador Alena Kupchyna, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the International Organizations in Vienna and Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
- ❑ H.E. Ambassador Mher Margaryan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- ❑ Mr. Moussa Oumarou, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations & Partnerships, ILO

### **Lead discussant**

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Guillermo Roque Fernández de Soto Valderrama, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations

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\* This dialogue will begin immediately after the consideration of draft resolution E/2019/L.21 (Operational Activities Segment (OAS) draft resolution) and the appointment by the President of ECOSOC of members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

## **16:30 – 17:45 Partnering for people, planet and prosperity**

As the UN reports, around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history. It is clear that incremental environmental policies will not be sufficient to meet the targets in 2020. Integrated policies are essential to overcome the silo approaches in the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and address the trade-offs. This will also require a strengthened global partnership to renew the focus on actions that can help the most vulnerable around the world.

### **Questions**

- How can we address the gaps and challenges in developing integrated policies?
- What kinds of transformative policies and actions are required to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda to meet the SDGs by 2030, considering the challenges faced by climate-affected developing countries?
- How can the coordination and effectiveness of the UN system and ECOSOC subsidiary bodies be improved in this area?

### **Speakers**

- ❑ Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) (***moderator***)
- ❑ Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), and Chancellor of the Nelson Mandela University [*via Video-link*]
- ❑ Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President, World Bank Group
- ❑ Mr. Satya S. Tripathi, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

### **Lead discussants**

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Mr. E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Ms. Kira Christianne Danganan Azucena, Charge D 'Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations

## **17:45 – 18:00 Closing**

- ❑ Closing remarks by Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN-DESA
- ❑ Closing remarks by His Excellency Valentin Rybakov, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations