



2018 ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting

2018 HLPF: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

The contribution of functional commissions

Monday, 2 July 2018, approx. 3.45 pm

(immediately after the consideration of item 19 (d))

UN Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

The high-level political forum for sustainable development (HLPF) has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. Functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, from their respective areas of expertise, contribute to the thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues. Their inputs strengthen the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them.

In 2018, the overall theme of the HLPF is “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. As part of its thematic review, the HLPF will discuss in detail the following set of SDGs and their interlinkages:

- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

The forthcoming HLPF creates the context for functional commissions to present how they contribute, through their most recent work, to the review of one or several of the SDGs selected by the HLPF for 2018. It also enables functional commissions to highlight how they address cross-cutting issues, such as partnerships and gender mainstreaming, to strengthen the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Functional commissions will also be able to demonstrate how they are stepping up their collaboration, interaction and information exchange for more integrated results.



The interactive round table, with participation of several Chairs/Vice Chairs of functional commissions, will give visibility to the work of functional commissions. Following their exchange, a moderated discussion will provide opportunities for Member States and other stakeholders to engage on the role and contributions of functional commissions to achieving the SDGs.

PROGRAMME AND FORMAT

Moderated by H. E. Ambassador Rhonda KING (St Vincent and the Grenadines), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the following Chairs/Vice-Chairs will participate in the round table:

- H.E. Ambassador Alicia BUENROSTRO MASSIEU (Mexico)
Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- H. E. Ambassador Muhammad Shahrul Ikram YAAKOB (Malaysia)
Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
- H.E. Ambassador Koki Muli GRIGNON (Kenya)
Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women
- H.E. Ambassador Lotfi BOUCHAARA (Morocco)
Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- H. E. Mr. Peter MAJOR (Hungary)
Vice-Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- H. E. Mr. Julio A. SANTAELLA (Mexico) (*via video link*)
Vice-Chair of the Statistical Commission

Concluding remarks: Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

The roundtable will take place on 2 July 2018 in the afternoon, immediately following the consideration of Item 19 (d) “Social and human rights questions: Narcotic drugs”, at United Nations Headquarters, as part of the 2018 ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting.