

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL 2016 INTEGRATION SEGMENT

“Implementing the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development through
policy innovation and integration”

ECOSOC Chamber
2 – 4 May 2016

PROGRAMME

DAY I (Monday, 2 May)

10:00 – 13:00

Opening of the Integration Segment

Opening remarks by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Mr. Sven Jürgenson (Estonia)

Address by the Secretary-General

Keynote Address

His Excellency Mr. Taavi Rõivas, Prime Minister of Estonia

Perspectives from the private sector

H.E. Ms. Abze Djigma, Founder and CEO of AbzeSolar S.A.

Panel discussion

My Perfect Country – programme produced by the BBC World Service in collaboration with the Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London

The speakers will explore cases of targeted, integrated policy-making with positive results on sustainable development and especially inclusive social development. The University College of London (UCL) Institute for Global Prosperity, in partnership with the BBC World Service, has produced a documentary series entitled “My Perfect Country”, looking at specific situations of integrated and innovative policies for inclusive development. Presentations will be drawn from countries featured in this series, to provide case-study examples and analyses as successful initiatives.

Moderators

Ms. Fi Glover, Award-winning Broadcaster, Journalist and Writer, BBC World Service

Ms. Henrietta Moore, Professor and Director of the Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London

Panellists

Mr. Hannes Astok, former Member of Parliament, Director for Development and Strategy, Head of Local e-Government Domain, e-Governance Academy, Estonia

Ms. Monica Araya, Founder and Executive Director, Nivela, Costa Rica

Mr. Gerald Abila, Founder and Director, Barefoot Law, Uganda

Mr. K.C. Mishra, Co-founder, Svadha, Sanitation Social Business, India

Interactive discussion

Key questions to guide the discussion are:

- What practical and innovative examples can be considered to achieve improved well-being for all citizens in society?
- What lessons can be learned, or replicated, as the main elements of success in integrated national development planning based on these practical experiences?
- What are some of the key characteristics and common factors between different country cases?
- How can policies be designed in an innovative and integrated manner for realizing sustainable development objectives, while taking into account the specificities of each country?

15:00 – 16:30

Towards a paradigm shift in development

This session will present an overview of the 2030 Agenda, which is transformative in its universality, complexity and integrated approach to sustainable development that considers all dimensions - economic, social and environmental. Participants will discuss the implications of this new framework in terms of decision-making and policy-making, breaking silos and forging innovative partnerships. The session will also consider the impact of current trends and emerging challenges, in the attempt to understand how the different factors at play may unfold and be accounted for during the implementation phase of the new Agenda.

Moderator

Mr. Michael Shank, Head of Communications for the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at New York University School of Professional Studies' Center for Global Affairs

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Rubén Ignacio Zamora Riva, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations

Dr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Mr. Uwe Deichmann, Chief Economist and Co-Director of World Development Report 2016, World Bank

Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, Executive Director for Policy, United Nations Foundation

Ms. Mary Ellen Iskenderian, President and CEO of Women's World Banking, United States of America

Interactive discussion

Guiding questions for this session are:

- How could Governments transition to integrated decision-making and policies to successfully address the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development?
- How can innovative approaches – informed by technology, traditional knowledge and/or culture – contribute to new models and systems for policymaking?
- How is technological change impacting economies, societies and the environment, and what could this impact be in the medium to long term?
- What are the effects of the 2030 Agenda on policymaking and on business and other practices? How can implementation proceed with the required levels of diversity and flexibility?

16:30-18:00

General Debate

Member States are invited to present focused statements on the theme of the 2016 ECOSOC Integration Segment, with its overarching link to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Member States may also to reflect on the future role of the Integration Segment in supporting implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

10:00 – 13:00

Institutional frameworks and policy planning

This session will discuss institutional and governance frameworks needed for the effective integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development for the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It will also consider how the development of national strategic frameworks and policy planning could be informed by policy innovation and integration and present available tools and instruments to facilitate this; it will aim at identifying concrete ways forward through replication and scaling up.

Moderator

H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Cardona, Sectorial Minister for Social Development and Inclusion of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Dang Huy Dong, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam

Mr. Rolf Alter, Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD Secretariat

Ms. Åsa Persson, Senior Research Fellow and leader of the global research theme 'Transforming Governance', Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden

Mr. Jenik Radon, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, United States of America

Interactive discussion

Guiding questions for this session are:

- How can current institutional arrangements adapt in order to promote integrated policy and decision-making? What can be possible incentives?
- How can institutional arrangements effectively incorporate existing and new knowledge and translate it into policy solutions to reduce poverty and advance sustainable development?
- What are the challenges to policy innovation (such as complexity, uncertainty, risks, etc) and policy integration and how to address them?

- How can the benefits and trade-offs be assessed ex-ante to inform policy choices, and ex-post to inform implementation? What concrete tools can be used to that effect?

15:00 – 18:00

Making it work: shared vision and innovative thinking in action

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development addresses pressing global challenges in a holistic and integrated manner. With business-as-usual no longer a valid option, the necessity to adapt solutions to different needs, priorities and circumstances becomes central to successful policy-making and implementation at all levels. The Agenda also envisages a framework where shared responsibilities seek shared actions through inclusive and transparent processes, leading to the active engagement and ownership of a broad spectrum of groups in society. In doing so, it opens the door to a broad pool of talent and skills that expand frontiers in terms of innovative approaches and solutions through the use of a much larger scope of knowledge, market access, and technological availability, among others. Innovative partnerships and initiatives are spreading globally among different stakeholders, with the promise of a future that is both sustainable and attainable, in the spirit of the 2030 Agenda.

Keynote Address

Ms. Rachel Kyte, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Sustainable Energy for All and Chief Executive Officer of SE4All

Moderator

Ms. Sharon S. Dawes, Professor Emerita, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, University of Albany, United States of America

Panellists

H.E. Mr. David Miller, President and CEO of the World Wildlife Fund Canada, former Mayor of Toronto, and member of the Network of Political Leaders United to Support Shared Societies (NETPLUS) of the Club de Madrid

Mr. WU Xun, Professor and Associate Director, Institute for Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science, People's Republic of China

Ms. Ana Vaz, Research Officer at the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative

Mr. Julián Ugarte Fuentes, Executive Director for Latin America, Socialab

Interactive discussion

Guiding questions for this session are:

- How can application of technologies open up opportunities for bringing about transformative solutions and support policy integration? What are the challenges?
- What are winning coalitions or inclusive partnerships for building long-term capacity? What are replicable examples?
- How can research contribute to new models of development in support of the sustainable development goals and in measuring development progress?

DAY 3 (Wednesday, 4 May)

10:00 – 12:45

Policy innovation and integration – views from the multilateral system

In this session, participants will discuss how the multilateral system can effectively support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, focusing on concrete support at the country level. Specifically, the Heads of UN system agencies and other organizations will discuss how policy innovation and integration at the national level can be bolstered by initiatives through international platforms, and how they intend to forge broader partnerships as envisaged in the Agenda. The principle of integration, which is at the core of the 2030 Agenda, has implications for the UN system and all development partners, and all have to find improved solutions to respond to the challenges and opportunities the Agenda presents at all levels.

Moderator

Mr. Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Panellists

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)

Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Interactive discussion

Guiding questions for this session are:

- How could the UN system develop a more harmonized approach and promote integrated policy making to support the implementation of Agenda 2030, working with all partners?
- How are the United Nations system and other partners improving support for initiatives in policy innovation and integration at the national level, to respond to Agenda 2030?
- Which are the best options at all levels to promote and support policy innovation and integration in the most complex areas, such as climate change, humanitarian assistance and governance?
- Are there any best practices to be shared in policy innovation and integration from national, regional and international platforms/initiatives at this stage?

12:45 - 13:00

Closing of the Integration Segment

Address by Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Wu Hongbo

Closing remarks by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Mr. Sven Jürgenson (Estonia)
