Programme

Opening plenary

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Official welcome:
- H.E. Ambassador Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Session 1: Policy convergence for sustainable development

10:25 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

Moderator:
- Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Keynote speech:
- Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (via video link)

Panellists:
- H.E. Mr. Michael Anderson, Prime Minister’s Special Envoy for UN Development Goals, United Kingdom
- H.E. Ms. Sus Ulbæk, Ambassador Global Challenges and Green Growth, Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), Denmark (via video link)
- Mr. Ian Noble, Lead Scientist, Global Adaptation Institute, Washington D.C.
- Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Chairperson, United Nations Committee for Development Policy

Discussant:
- Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Discussion questions:
- What are the potential short-term policy choices and longer-term gains inherent in an approach that balances and integrates the three dimensions of sustainable development?
- What are necessary elements for achieving policy coherence for the balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development?
Session 2: Scaling up for sustainable development

03:00 p.m. – 05:20 p.m.

Moderator:
➢ H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote speech:
➢ Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General, UNIDO (via video link)

Panellists:
➢ H.E. Dr. Florence A. Chenoweth, Minister of Agriculture, Liberia
➢ Ms. Hunter Lovins, President, Natural Capitalism
➢ Mr. Gary Lawrence, Corporate Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, AECOM
➢ Mr. Philip Dobie, Senior Fellow, World Agroforestry Centre

Discussant:
➢ Mr. Felix Dodds, Former Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Discussion questions:
• How do science, technology and innovation (STI) intersect with sustainable development and be better used to promote triple-win solutions?
• What kind of institutional framework and governance arrangements are needed for the successful integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development at the regional and country levels?
• What specific steps are needed for ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies to effectively promote a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development?

Closing plenary

05:20 p.m. – 05:30 p.m

Closing remarks:
➢ Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
➢ H.E. Ambassador Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council