

## UN @ 70 – A New Commitment to Action

### Organizational arrangements for the High-level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, 21 April 2016

<http://www.un.org/pga/70/events/sdgs/>

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#### Participation

The High-level Thematic Debate (HLTD) will be attended by a high number of Heads of State and Government and Ministers. Leaders from business, philanthropy, academia and civil society will also participate.

#### Programme of the High-level Meeting

The HLTD will be composed of an Opening segment, a Plenary meeting and two Interactive Discussions, as well as a high-level lunch and a reception. Additionally, policy room events and a digital media zone will run alongside the meeting. More explanatory details are provided below.

The Plenary Meeting, the two Interactive Discussions and speeches during the lunch and reception will be transmitted via **live webcast**.

#### Plenary Meeting

The Opening of the HLTD will take place in the **General Assembly Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 am on 21 April, 2016** and will consist of statements by the President of the General Assembly (PGA), the Deputy Secretary-General and guest speakers invited by the President of the General Assembly. The Opening session will also feature a musical element and short films. A more detailed outline of the Programme for the Opening and other segments of the HLTD is available on the PGA's website: <http://www.un.org/pga/70/events/sdgs/>.

The formal plenary meeting, with statements delivered by governments and UN Observers will begin, also in the General Assembly Hall, at 10:00 am and will continue through to 2:30 pm. The Plenary meeting will break for 30 minutes at 2:30 pm and then resume at 3:00 pm in the **Trusteeship Council** and continue until 9.00 pm.

#### Interactive Discussion

The Interactive Discussion will consist of two segments, one on Financing Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and one on Technology and Data for SDGs, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Both segments will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber.

Access to the floor of the ECOSOC chamber will be limited to speakers. All others will have access through the balcony.

The Interactive Discussion on Financing Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development will be a three-hour session consisting of two interactive moderated exchanges with high-level participants, and questions and comments fielded from the floor. The session will discuss how to incentivize

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investment in climate-resilient and sustainable development projects; how to unlock the transformative potential of people and the private sector; and how to support governments in meeting the challenge of poverty.

The Interactive Discussions on Technology and Data for SDGs will also be a three-hour session and will include two interactive moderated discussions with high-level participants. This segment aims to stimulate exchanges and galvanize action among all stakeholders to harness the full potential of technology and high quality and timely data for the implementation of SDGs by showcasing good practices and addressing key challenges.

An overflow room in conference room 1 is available for the Interactive Discussions on Technology and Data.

### Lunch

The High Level Lunch on Partnerships for the SDGs will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Delegates Dining Room on the 4th floor. Participation in the luncheon session will be at the Head of State/Government level and C-suite and head of organisation level. All principals will be unaccompanied. It will be **by invitation only. Please bring a printed copy of your invitation to access the High-Level luncheon session.**

To access the Delegates Dining Room, please take the escalator from the third floor. Dietary restrictions or allergies must be indicated by completing and submitting the attached form entitled *Luncheon Participation Information*. The form should be sent to the OPGA, attention Ms. Belinda Merceron, by fax # 212-963-3115 or by email ([Merceron@un.org](mailto:Merceron@un.org)) no later than 15 April 2016 to be accommodated.

### Reception

The Climate Action in the Context of Sustainable Development Reception will take place **from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm, in The East Lounge**. As participation will be by **invitation only**, invitees are requested to **bring printed paper invitation in order to facilitate access**.

### Passes

All participants will need a pass to enter the United Nations. All passes need to be picked up at office of the United Nations Foundation (UNF):

Address:  
United Nations Foundation  
801 Second Ave  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Suite 900 - New York, NY 10017

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Badges can be picked up Wednesday, **April 20** from **12:00 -19:00** and **Thursday, April 21**, from **07:30 to 14:00**.

Please note **First Avenue** will be closed and the security periphery will extend to **Second Avenue** and badges will be needed to gain access.

Please arrive one hour in advance of your meeting so as to clear security and find your room inside the United Nations.

Participants can gain access to the United Nations through the entrance on 46th street and Second Avenue. The Office of the President of the General Assembly will have staff at this location to help participants to access the UN (once they have collected their passes at UNF).

Badges to the United Nations are limited access so please be aware that you will only be allowed entrance into the building one hour before the time allotted on your badge.

### Related Events and Policy Room Discussions

Policy dialogues will take place in parallel with the High-level Thematic Debate and will be held in **Conference Rooms E, F, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; and rooms 5, and 7 from 10:00 am –2:30 pm**. Context and contact details for co-coordinators are available on the website of the President of the General Assembly, <http://www.un.org/pga/70/events/sdgs/>, under the heading ‘*Related Events*’.

### Communication opportunities

Please note that all participants are invited and encouraged to visit the **Digital Media Zone located in the Ex-Press Bar on the 3rd floor of the General Assembly Conference Building**. For more information about the Digital Media Zone please visit: <http://dmz.news/>.

This area is a dedicated social media newsroom for digital media specialists and invited journalists who will be reporting on the proceedings in the main conference rooms and eager to film and interview participants.

This group, which includes digital media organisations, UN media and some youth reporters, has a combined reach of millions of people.

All participants are welcome to visit the Digital Media Zone, with or without an appointment. However, to schedule appointments for CEOs and heads of organisations contact the PGA's Communications team in advance: Communications Director and Spokesperson, Dan Thomas at [Daniel.Thomas@un.org](mailto:Daniel.Thomas@un.org) or +1 917 225 1913 and Digital Media Specialist, Katharina Kandt at [kandt@un.org](mailto:kandt@un.org) or +1 917 244 3890.