



SDG ACTION EVENT INNOVATION

17 May 2017, ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

10:00–11:00

SESSION 1: FROM LINEAR TO EXPONENTIAL INNOVATION

How can we harness the exponential innovation renaissance and adapt to the pace of change when our institutions, policies, and mind-sets tend to be linear?

10:00–10:10

H.E. MR. PETER THOMSON
President of the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly

10:10–10:20

H.E. MS. AMINA MOHAMMED
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:20–10:40

Perspective shift: linear to exponential innovation

DR. PETER DIAMANDIS
Chairman of XPrize Foundation and Singularity University

10:40–11:00

Breakthrough innovation and making impact on the SDGs

DR. ASTRO TELLER
Chief Executive Officer of Google X

11:00–12:00

SESSION 2: A NEW ERA OF CONNECTED PROBLEM-SOLVERS

How can connectivity help unleash the innovativeness of the global population to solve pressing challenges in pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals?

FORMAT: Panel discussion moderated by MR. MARCUS SHINGLES,
Chief Executive Officer of XPrize Foundation.

PANELLISTS:

H.E. MR. JEAN PHILBERT NSENGIMANA
Minister of Youth and Information and Communication Technology of Rwanda

MR. ROBERT PEPPER
Vice President Global Connectivity and Tech of Facebook

MS. ANOUSHEH ANSARI
Co-founder and Chairwoman of Prodea Systems

MR. GEORGE SIBOTSHIWE
Chief Advisor to the Chairman ECONET & Chief Technology Officer & Co-founder Sendr

12:00–13:00

SESSION 3: ACTION ON INNOVATION AND BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY

What are the examples of innovative approaches and where are the gaps?

FORMAT: Panel discussion moderated by MR. DAVID WALLERSTEIN,
Chief Exploration Officer of Tencent.

PANELLISTS:

MR. FENG MU
Chief Executive Officer of BGI Group (Global Genomic Services)

MR. WILL MARSHALL
Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Planet Labs

MR. UMA VALETI
Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Memphis Meats





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LUNCH BREAK

15:00–17:00

SESSION 4: INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

How can the UN and Governments manage risks and seize opportunities to be enablers to technological innovation and ensure the public good?

FORMAT: Interactive session moderated by H.E. MR. MACHARIA KAMAU, Co-Chair of the UN Science, Technology and Innovation Forum.

Strictly three-minute interventions or questions from Government Ministers, Member States, the private sector, the UN System, and other stakeholders.

RESPONDENTS:

MR. ROB NAIL

Chief Executive Officer, Singularity University

MR. DAVID ROBERTS

Chairman of 1Qbit and Chief Executive Officer exponential leadership

MR. MARK GOODMAN

Global Security Adviser and Futurist

MR. MARTIN STUCHTEY

Founder and Managing Partner at SystemIQ



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SESSION 5: CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

How can the UN bring a bold innovative leadership approach to SDG implementation, and serve as a global catalyst for exponential innovation?

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How organizations are adapting to change and innovating.

MR. SALIM ISMAIL

Technology strategist and author of “Exponential Organizations”

17:15–17:22

Wrap up and strategy

H.E. MS. AMINA MOHAMMED

Deputy-Secretary-General of the United Nations

17:23–17:30

Final reflections

H.E. MR. PETER THOMSON

President of the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly

