

Delivering in Synergy on Climate Action and the SDGs: A Pathway to Untapped Potential

Hybrid Event at SDG Pavilion | Blue Zone

Wednesday, November 16th
12:00 - 13:15 Egypt time

Concept Note

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/spwM0NzNkm>

Livestream: www.facebook.com/sustdev

Overview:

Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement represent a significant opportunity in the global movement towards ensuring sustainability, equity, and justice. The benefits of synergistic implementation of both Climate and SDG targets have already made their way from the realm of theoretical possibilities to practicable evidence to ultimate actionable solutions. There is enormous potential for co-benefits to arise from the mutually supportive implementation processes at all levels and sectors.

While different development opportunities, national contributions, and societal needs characterize diverse implementation pathways across regions, there is no doubt that proactive delivery on both Climate and the SDGs fronts will benefit the whole of societies. To ensure enabling environments and coordinated implementation, all sectors need to come together to bring along their expertise in enhancing multi-level governance, deliberative decision-making, multi-instrument policy mixes, innovative financing and data systems. Countries and their partners are called to work together to address challenges and widen opportunities between and within communities to faster achieve sustainable development and limit warming to 1.5°C.

Building on evidence and lessons learned in the context of the Third Global Conference on Climate and SDGs Synergies, the aim of this event is to strengthen support for coordinated implementation and determine context-specific key regional priorities and opportunities for synergistic action on the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.

Guiding questions:

1. How can countries better integrate the SDGs in their NDCs to accelerate co-benefits?
2. How should countries, and other stakeholders, address the economic and societal trade-offs in acting on both SDGs and climate targets?
3. How should the specific concerns of youth be addressed in achieving the SDGs and mitigating the effects of climate change?
4. What are some of the specific asks from businesses to unleash their action towards contributing to the global agendas for climate and the SDGs?
5. What are essential partnerships to seize the sustainable development and climate benefits in synergy, which would positively contribute to your current projects and efforts?
6. What are some region specific needs and priorities with most potential for reinforcing synergistic implementation of climate action and the SDGs?

Draft Agenda:

<i>Moderator: Ms. Bahareh Seyedi, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA</i>	
12:00 – 12:10	<i>Welcoming remarks & Scene Setting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, UNFCCC • Ms. Bahareh Seyedi, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA
12:10 – 12:15	<i>Opening remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Ono, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
12:15 – 12:20	<i>Outcomes of the 3rd Global Conference on Climate and SDGs Synergies: Building the evidence base for Climate and SDGs synergies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President of IGES
12:20 – 13:00	<i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Leena Srivastava, Former Deputy Director General for Science, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) • Mr. Oswald Chanda, Director, Water Development and Sanitation, African Development Bank • Ms. Roxana Borda Mamani, YOUNGO Representative Indigenous Youth • Mr. Akio Takemoto, Programme Head, UNU-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

<i>13:00 – 13:10</i>	<i>Audience Q&A</i> In person and online
<i>13:10 – 13:15</i>	<i>Closing remarks and way forward on harvesting more climate and SDG action</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, UNFCCC

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