

**The Sixth Global Conference on
Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement
and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Unleashing synergies towards an equitable, climate-resilient and sustainable future

CONCEPT NOTE

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Synergy Voices: Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

Panel 1: Options for Maximizing Co-Benefits of Climate and SDG Action

Date: Tuesday, 27 May 2025

Time: 16:10-17:00

Location: UN City, Auditorium

Context

2025 presents a critical window for course correction and for seizing opportunities to maximize the potential of synergistic action on climate and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The upcoming round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), due this year ahead of COP30, marks a pivotal moment to forge stronger linkages between national climate strategies and sustainable development priorities.

Shaping a sustainable, climate-resilient, and equitable future will require dramatically scaled-up action—not only from governments, but from all sectors of society. This includes parliamentarians, businesses and industries, financial institutions, academia, trade unions, women and youth organizations, local governments, farmers and foresters, Indigenous Peoples, and other civil society stakeholders. Multi-stakeholder dialogues like this one offer a vital space to exchange perspectives and policy ideas, build shared understanding, and co-develop solutions.

This panel explores innovative options and strategies for maximizing the co-benefits of climate action and the SDGs. The discussion will highlight practical pathways to overcome siloed approaches and drive integrated solutions. Panellists will share insights on aligning policy, technology, finance, and social inclusion so that climate and development efforts reinforce one another—ensuring no one is left behind.

Guiding Questions

- What are the most promising opportunities and practical strategies to maximize co-benefits between climate action and the SDGs at national and local levels?
- What are the key barriers—political, financial, institutional, or social—that need to be overcome to accelerate integrated climate and SDG progress, and how can diverse stakeholders contribute to breaking down these barriers?

Agenda

16:10 – 16:15	Opening and Scene-Setting by Facilitator	Ms. Irene Ngunjiri , Director, Water Governance and Innovation Hub, Strathmore University, Kenya
16:15 – 16:40	Facilitated Roundtable Discussion <i>2-3 interventions per each speaker 3 min per intervention</i>	Ms. Lene Bjørn Serpa , Head of Corporate Sustainability, A.P. Moller-Maersk Mr. Sebastian Groh , Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, SOLshare International Pte, Bangladesh Ms. Sille Stidsen , Department Director, Human Rights and Sustainable Development, Danish Institute for Human Rights Ms. Ina Lykke Jensen , Senior Advisor, Disabled People’s Organization of Denmark, and Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)
16:40 – 16:55	Q&A and roundtable discussion	Open to all participants.
16:55 – 17:00	Closing by Facilitator	Ms. Irene Ngunjiri



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