

**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 2: Mobilizing a Whole-of-Society Approach in Climate and SDG Action**

**Date:** Tuesday, 27 May 2025

**Time:** 17:00-17:50

**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 focuses on unlocking the full potential of whole-of-society engagement in climate and SDG implementation. The discussion will spotlight approaches that empower communities, strengthen participatory governance, and build trust. Panellists will explore how inclusive policy design, local knowledge, and cross-sector partnerships can drive transformative outcomes and ensure accountability, ownership, and equity in sustainable development and climate action.



## Guiding Questions

- How can governments, civil society, and the private sector better collaborate to ensure that climate and SDG actions reflect the priorities and potential of all societal actors?
- What are the most effective ways to scale up and support local, community-based, and indigenous solutions that drive co-benefits for climate resilience and sustainable development?
- How can financial, policy, and technical support systems be reoriented to unlock the power of youth, women, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities as agents of change?

## Agenda

17:00 – 17:05	<b>Opening and Scene-Setting by Facilitator</b>	<b>Ms. Meagan Fallone</b> , Founder, Step Up Advisers, Ltd.; Executive Adviser Climate Justice, Entrepreneur-in-Residence, CARE; Member of the UN Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergies (confirmed)
17:05 – 17:35	<b>Facilitated Roundtable Discussion</b>  <i>2-3 interventions per speaker 3 min per intervention</i>	<p><b>Mr. Tom Mitchell</b>, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)</p> <p><b>Mr. Xiaohua Zhang</b>, Senior Director, China Programme, ClimateWorks Foundation</p> <p><b>Ms. Zarifa Zulfugarova</b>, Head of International Affairs Department, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Azerbaijan</p> <p><b>Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga</b>, Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Global Coordinating Committee and recently Chair of the Indigenous Summit on Just Transition</p> <p><b>Ms. Daniela Sota Valdivia</b>, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p>
17:35 – 17:45	<b>Q&amp;A and roundtable discussion</b>	Open to all participants.
17:45 – 17:50	<b>Closing by Facilitator</b>	<b>Ms. Meagan Fallone</b>



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