

UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues to Turbocharge SDG Implementation

“Innovations for Sustainable Cities and Communities: Exploring SDGs 9 and 11”

Tuesday, 22 June 2023, 9-10:15 a.m. EDT

Programme

Introduction (8 minutes)

- **Shakuntala Santhiran**, Moderator

Video (2 minutes)

- **Sustainable Development Goals Report teaser** (produced by UN DESA)

Discussion 1: Building Better Partnerships in Infrastructure and Innovation for Sustainable Cities and Communities (25 minutes)

- **Maria Francesca Spatolisano**, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, UN DESA
- **John Agard**, Director of the St. Augustine Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of the West Indies, and member of the Independent Group of Scientists preparing the *2023 Global Sustainable Development Report*

Video (2 minutes)

- **Preview of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development** (produced by UN DESA)

Discussion 2: Innovations and High-tech Ideas for Sustainable Cities and Communities (35 minutes)

- **Ms. Yongyi Min**, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UN DESA
- **Ms. Isabel Wetzel**, Innovation Officer, UN-Habitat
- **Ms. Pankti Dalal**, Community and Implementation Manager, What Works Cities
- **Mr. Yan Herreras**, Vice President, High Trend Brazil
- **Mr. Jimmy Taylor**, Chief Financial Officer, High Trend Brazil

Wrap-up (2 minutes)

- **Moderator**