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*Accelerating Progress towards the SDGs:
Enhancing the Role of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)*

29 to 31 October 2018
Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Hosted by the
[United Nations Office for Sustainable Development \(UNOSD\)](#) of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, (UNDESA), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, in partnership with the [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#).
As of 26 Oct 2018

Monday, 29 October 2018 (Day 1)	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration (Grand Ball room, Floor 2)
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Reflections (Dr. Jean D’Aragon, Senior Sustainable Development Expert, UNOSD) [20min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Jong Soo Yoon, Head of Office—UNOSD; ○ Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Setting the Stage (Dr. Jean D’Aragon, UNOSD; Dr. David O’Connor, Consultant, UNOSD) [12 min] • Guest Keynote: Video Presentation on ‘The UN We Need to Support the 2030 Agenda’ (HE Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations) [3 min] • Keynote: ‘The HLPF We Need to Support the 2030 Agenda’ (Dr. Guenther Bachmann, Secretary General—German Council for Sustainable Development) [15 min] • Q&A [30 min] (Dr. Jean D’Aragon, UNOSD) • Housekeeping announcements & Group photo [10min]
10:30 - 11:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
11:00 - 12:15	<p>Session 1: How can HLPF provide the most useful policy guidance for SDG implementation?</p> <p>Facilitator, Introductory Remarks: Mr. Javier Surasky, Governance Research Coordinator, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), Columbia [10 min]</p> <p>Keynote: Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs — Video Presentation [10 min]</p> <p>Reflections: (1): Dr. Patrick Paul Walsh, Professor of International Development Studies, University College Dublin [10 min]</p>

	<p>(2) Dr. Mark Elder, Director of Research and Publications Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), Japan [10 min]</p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [35 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do participants in HLPF expect to benefit? Are their expectations being met over past few years? ○ Are the experts, resource persons conveying knowledge effectively? ○ Is the analysis, documentation prepared for the HLPF useful, adequate? ○ How relevant is HLPF for the country's implementation of the 2030 Agenda? ○ How well does the knowledge, experience shared during HLPF inform the forum outcome? ○ What role does the Ministerial Declaration play, and could it be made a more effective guide to policymakers?
12:15 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:15	<p>Session 2: How can the HLPF's thematic reviews be enhanced?</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks, Facilitator</i> Ambassador David Donoghue, Distinguished Fellow, Overseas Development Institute [15 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Laurence Kwark, General Secretary, Global Social Economy Forum ○ Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Professor, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University ○ Ms. Elisabeth Hege, Research Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) ○ Ms. Caroline Zimm, Research Assistant, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) ○ Mr. Simon Olsen, Sustainability Governance Centre, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do Member States, stakeholders aim to achieve through the thematic reviews? ○ Are their objectives being met? ○ Are themes being adequately explored, challenges and responses well identified? ○ Is knowledge, experience sharing happening effectively? ○ Are different themes being connected, interlinkages explored and integration of the three dimensions addressed?
15:15 - 15:45	Nutrition and Networking Break
15:45 - 17:00	<p>Session 3: Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs): What have we learned? How to enhance impact moving forward?</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks, Facilitator:</i> Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief of Branch Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs [15 min]</p>

	<p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [35 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Sugath Yalgama, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development, Rajagiriya, Colombo ○ Mr. Michael Muthara Mwangi, Senior Economist, The National Treasury and Planning, Government of Kenya ○ Ms. Kleina Kasanaj, Adviser, Prime Minister’s Office, Albania ○ Mr. Marcellin Zohoun, Departmental Director, Ministry of Planning and Development, Benin ○ Ms. Sonya Indira Roopnauth, Director, Ministry of Finance, Guyana ○ Ms. Selcen Altinsoy, Strategy and Budget Expert, Turkish Presidency Strategy and Budget Office ○ Mr. Javier Surasky, Governance Research Coordinator, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), Colombia <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [25 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is a VNR process useful for countries, presenters as well as others? ○ How could the content of the VNRs be improved? (for example, in terms of analysis, showing impact of policies and strategies, integration and interlinkages, support of arguments by data) ○ Have VNRs adequately reflected non-state actors’ inputs? Could the engagement of non-state actors be improved? ○ What has been the national follow-up to VNR presentations? ○ How should the VNR process evolve in next four years?
18:00	SDTF Welcome Reception (Grand Ball room, Floor 2)

Tuesday, 30 October 2018 (Day 2)	
8:45-10:00	<p><i>Citypreneurs</i> [5 min] 2.5 min – (UNESCAP): Ms. Charlotte Arribe - Introduction to Citypreneurs 2.5 min – 2017 Citypreneur 2017 winner: Ms. Yejin Choi, CEO, DoBrain Inc. (education tech)</p> <p>Session 4: Public Institutions at National and Local Level: How ready are they to implement the 2030 Agenda?</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) [5 min]</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker 1:</i> Dr. David Le Blanc, Chief, Institutions for the Sustainable Development Goals Branch, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs — Skype/PPT Presentation [10 min]</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker 2:</i> Dr. Louis Meuleman, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA); Public Governance Institute, University of Leuven, Belgium [10 min]</p>

	<p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Daniel Ortega-Pacheco, Director of the Center for Public Policy Development, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) University, Ecuador ○ Dr. Ingeborg Niestroy, Director, Public Strategy for Sustainable Development (ps4sd) ○ Mr. Adrian Moreira Munoz, Senior Adviser, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica ○ Mr. Aboua Gustave, Director-General, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Cote d'Ivoire ○ Ms. Nur Hygiawati Rahayu, Director, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [35 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have governments needed to change significantly they are organized in response to the 2030 Agenda? If so, how? ○ Has cross-ministerial coordination, cooperation been significantly increased with the 2030 Agenda? ○ How have Parliaments engaged in SDG implementation? How could their engagement be enhanced going forward? ○ What sorts of institutional innovations have governments tried in response to this ambitious agenda? How have they worked?
10:00-10:30	Nutrition and Networking Break
10:30-12:00	<p><i>Citypreneurs</i> [5 min] 2.5 min - (TOP30) Ms. Nataliya Mykhaylova, CEO, WeavAir (green energy) 2.5 min - (TOP30) Mr. Taewoo Lee, CEO ALT.A Inc. (social protection)</p> <p>Session 5: Towards Strong and Active Stakeholder Engagement at the Global Level</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks, Facilitator:</i> Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Adviser, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future [15 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Youngsook Cho, Chair of International Solidarity Centre, Korea Women's Associations United (KWAU) ○ Mr. Fabrice Adelphe Balou, President of NGO "Plateforme des Organisations de Jeunes de Toulépleu (POJeT)" (Toulepleu Youth Organization Platform), Ivory Coast ○ Dr. Samson Kassahun Belachew, Professor, Urban Planning and Development, Ethiopia Civil Service University ○ Mr. Murali Padmanabhan, Disability Inclusion Adviser, Light for the World ○ Mr. Oliver Henman, Global Coordinator, Action for Sustainable Development

	<p><i>Open Discussion</i> [25min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is the HLPF currently engaging non-state actors effectively, in preparation? In the Forum proper? In negotiation of Declaration? ○ Should non-state actors' role in HLPF be changed in any significant way and if so how? ○ Should non-state actors be asked to report on contribution towards implementing the 2030 Agenda? If so, how can this be accommodated in time available? ○ Should voluntary stakeholder and partnership commitments be featured in the HLPF? If so, what mechanism is needed for follow-up?
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-14:00	<p><i>Citypreneurs</i> [5 min] 2.5 min - (TOP30) Ms. Ji Min Ryu, Global Partnerships Manager, Dot Incorporation (social protection) 2.5 min - (TOP30) Mr. Igor Zacek, Executive Partner, Nice Visions s.r.o. (team 6 - green energy)</p> <p>Session 6: Data, Indicators, and Science for Tracking Progress on the SDGs</p> <p><i>Facilitator, Opening Speaker:</i> Ms. Vibeke Oestreich Nielsen, Inter-Regional Adviser, Statistics Division UNDESA [10 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable</i> [20 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Professor, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University ○ Dr. Patrick Paul Walsh, Professor of International Development Studies, University College Dublin ○ Ms. Nobuko Kajiura, Sustainable Development Officer, UNESCAP East and North-East Asia (ESCAP-ENE) Office ○ Mr. Simon Olsen, Sustainability Governance Centre, IGES <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [25 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are government data collection, statistical systems significantly different, improved as a result of the SDGs? ○ How are statistical agencies, others faring in tracking progress on overarching objective to “leave no one behind”? ○ Where has the progress been greatest in using new, including big, data to enhance tracking of SDG progress? ○ How are new data, indicators contributing to more effective policy making, implementation of 2030 Agenda? ○ How can science better inform the work of the HLPF?

14:00-15:00	<p><i>Citypreneurs</i> [2.5 min] 2.5 min - (TOP30) Mr. Han Sang Jo, CEO, Startuptogether (social protection)</p> <p>Session 7: Mobilising awareness and action to make the SDGs work</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. Ingeborg Niestroy, SDG Watch Europe and EU Multi-stakeholder platform for Agenda 2030 [7.5 min]</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker:</i> Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Professor, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University [10 min]</p> <p><i>Reflections:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Oliver Henman, Global Coordinator, Action for Sustainable Development [5 min] ○ Ms. Elisabeth Hege, Research Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) [5 min] ○ Ms. Youngsook Cho, Chair of International Solidarity Centre, Korea Women's Associations United (KWAU) [5 min] ○ Ms. Laurence Kwark, General Secretary, Global Social Economy Forum [5 min] <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [20 min]</p> <p>Discussion Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How widely has the message gotten out? What more can be done? ○ Do the Global Goals resonate with ordinary people? ○ How can goals be made relevant for citizens of all ages? ○ How can the global goals message be used to engage multiple actors, ordinary citizens in implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
15:00-15:30	Nutrition and Networking Break
15:30-16:45	<p>Session 8: Means of implementation and partnerships for SDG achievement: What more needs to be done by whom?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Opening Remarks, Facilitator:</i> Dr. Mark Elder, Director of Research and Publications Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), Japan [15 min] <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Sarah Sabin Khan, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) ○ Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Head of Strategic Planning, Green Climate Fund ○ Mr. Patrick Seitiso, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Botswana ○ Mr. Martin Garcia Acuna, Head, Public-Private Cooperation, Social Development Ministry, Chile

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Mohammed Al-Assaf, Head of Division, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan ○ Mr. Keping Yao, Governance and Public Administration Expert, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [24 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What have we learned since 2015 on mobilizing public finance for investing in areas that advance the SDGs? ○ What do we know about the private financial sector’s awareness of, interest in SDG investing? ○ What innovative sources of financing should we be exploring to advance the SDGs? ○ What are multilateral and national development banks doing differently as a result of the 2030 Agenda? ○ How should the scientific and technological community mobilize to support the SDGs? Is the STI Forum proving effective? ○ Have the SDGs given rise to innovative and effective partnerships involving cooperation across the goals, across siloes? If so where?
16:45-17:30	<p>Day 2 Wrap-Up:</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Dr. Jean d’Aragon, Senior Sustainable Development Expert, UNOSD; Dr. David O’Connor, Consultant, UNOSD [remotely]</p> <p>Discussion of main lessons, messages emerging from the first 2 days of discussion, elements for inclusion in the Incheon Communiqué</p>

Wednesday, 31 October 2018 (Day 3)	
9:00 - 10:15	<p>Session 9: Making the HLPF Fit for Purpose: What is needed? <i>This session looks ahead to 2020 and how the HLPF’s role as global hub for SDG follow-up and review can be strengthened? <u>Take away:</u> five highest priority actions</i></p> <p><i>Opening Reflections, Facilitator:</i> Dr. Guenther Bachmann, Secretary General—German Council for Sustainable Development [15 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Sarah Sabin Khan, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) ○ Mr. Malick Diop, Coordinator, Plateforme Des Acteurs Non Etatiques (Non-State Stakeholders Platform), Senegal ○ Ms. Caroline Zimm, Research Assistant, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) ○ Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Adviser, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future ○ Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief of Branch Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs <p><i>Open Discussion:</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is needed to make the HLPF more effective?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What concrete measures are needed organizationally? ○ What measures are needed substantively? ○ Can the outcomes of HLPF be made more useful to national, local implementers? ○ How can stakeholder engagement be enhanced? ○ How to make full use of other fora to assess SDG progress and build momentum towards the annual and quadrennial HLPFs?
10:15-10:45	Nutrition and Networking Break
10:45-12:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing Keynote: A Vision for the HLPF and Multi-Level Follow-up and Review to 2030 – Maximizing Contribution to Achieving SDGs – Ambassador David Donoghue, Distinguished Fellow, Overseas Development Institute [20 min] ● Presentation of 2018 Incheon Communiqué [10min] (Dr. Jean D’Aragon, UNOSD) ● Comments from Floor, Discussion [30 min] ● Closing Reflections and Remarks (Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF); Dr. Jong Soo Yoon, Head of Office—UNOSD; Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief of Branch Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs) [15 min]
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - evening	<p>Field Trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cheonggyecheon stream restoration project, Seoul ● Gyeongbokgung Palace <p>(For the ones who want to stay longer: things to do near Gyeongbokgung Palace)</p>