

Concept note
4th SDG OWG meeting side event

Event title: *The Health Nexus: Sustainable Energy, Transport and Cities - Delivering Health and Integrated Development*

Thematic Focus: *Health and Population Dynamics*

Event Leads: *Sustainable Energy for All (Executive Office of the Secretary-General), the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Foundation*

Date and Time: *18 June 2013, 6:15-7:30pm*

Venue: *Conference Room 6, North Lawn Building*

Partners:

- Friends of Sustainable Energy for All
- Friends of Sustainable Transport
- Friends of Sustainable Cities
- UN-Habitat
- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)

Speakers:

- Dr. Maria Neira, Director of Public Health & Environment, WHO (Moderator)
- Dr. Asamoah-Baah, Deputy Director-General, WHO (TBC)
- Mr. Aslak Brun, Deputy Director General of Climate, Global Health and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway
- H.E. Mr. Albert Chua, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations (TBC)
- Ms. Richenda van Leeuwen, Senior Director of Energy and Climate, UN Foundation
- Mr. Don Chen, Senior Program Officer, Ford Foundation (TBC)
- Mr. Mike Kalmus Eliaz, Think Global Initiative Coordinator, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

Event Concept:

The event will be a roundtable moderated by Dr Maria Neira, with a few short presentations followed by a panel discussion. It will focus on the nexus of health with sustainable energy, cities and transport.

The event will highlight how these issues can be mutually reinforcing as part of future SDGs. The event will examine some of the priority issues for sustainable energy, cities, and transport and their connections with health – such as how sustainable energy services in developing country community healthcare settings can enhance maternal and child health and wellbeing. It will provide the SDG OWG with examples of how progress in these areas can lead to direct health improvements and

will explore health indicators that can inform progress both in health and in sustainable energy, transport, and cities.

It will seek to address issues across sustainable development goals and contribute to addressing health determinants in other sectors, so as to respond to the questions posed to the SDG OWG including, how to balance policy priorities and investments to deal with the unfinished health agenda, while at the same time addressing shifting epidemiological profiles, such as the emergence of non-communicable diseases.