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**Scientists to Launch Report on Prospects for Achieving
Sustainable Development Goals**

Noon Briefing

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Since 1990, millions of people have been lifted out of poverty. But this progress is under threat: inequality has deepened and climate change and biodiversity loss are approaching tipping points. However, science has the power to help mitigate the trade-offs that come with achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that are all interconnected, and put us back on track to creating a better world for all by 2030, according to the 2019 Global Sustainable Development Report.

This report is the first quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report to be written by an independent group of scientists appointed by the United Nations Secretary General as mandated by United Nations Member States. It has been written to inform actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Entitled “The Future is now: Science for achieving the SDGs”, the report stresses that governments, business, communities and civil society need to transform a number of key areas of human activities: food, energy, consumption and cities. Increased investment in science for sustainability and in natural and social science institutions based in developing countries are needed.

The report will inform the upcoming SDG Summit which takes place on 24 and 25 September.

Who:

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What: Spokesperson's Noon Briefing

For more information on the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019, please visit the website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/gsdr2019>

When: 11 September, 12:30 p.m. EST

Where: S-237, UN Headquarters, New York or live through <http://webtv.un.org>

Note: Other members of the Independent Group will also be present.

Photo Opportunity: Handover of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019 to UN Secretary-General António Guterres takes place on Tuesday 10 September at 10:00 am EDT

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