

SDGs Learning, Training and Practice 2016

A Capacity Building and Networking event in finding solutions to Sustainable Development Challenges

11 to 15 July 2016

The meeting of the United Nations High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) will take place under the auspices of ECOSOC from 11 to 20 July 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The forum will debate
the theme:

"Ensuring that no one is left behind"

To effectively begin the implementation of Agenda 2030, access to knowledge and information will be essential for policy makers and community leaders to design well-informed and effective policies and strategies.

Profiting from the presence of a broad range of participants attending the HLPF, the Division for Sustainable Development in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are co-organizing the **SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions** - a capacity building, networking and experience-sharing event, with high-level speakers and experts on crucial topics related to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.

The **SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions** will provide a strategic vision and practical knowledge to participants on how to find effective sustainable solutions for their community, be it a country, city, village or neighborhood.

The **SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions** will aim to advance:

- Knowledge and skills acquisition
- Networking
- Sharing experiences and peer to peer collaboration
- Learning about practical actions and best practices
- Capacity building
- Practical policy integration and coherence

Guidelines for the submission of course proposals

Dates and location

The SDG Learning, Training and Practice sessions will take place from 11 to 15 July 2016 at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, New York, in conference room E.

Topics of Courses

Sessions will cover themes and issues directly relevant to supporting countries and other stakeholders to begin implementing an ambitious, transformative and complex agenda, particularly focusing on:

- The SDGs and their interlinkages, including issues related to inclusion
- Localization and mainstreaming of SDGs in national policies and action plans
- Achieving integrated policy-making and policy coherence
- Data collection and analysis
- Needs of countries in special situations (Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, Small Island Developing States, Africa), particular challenges facing middle-income countries as well as particular regions
- Means of implementation (finance, technology, capacity building)
- Science-policy interface
- Review and monitoring of implementation, including national reviews

Schedule, Format and Number of Courses

The SDG Learning, Training and Practice sessions will offer 8 courses. Each course will last three hours with morning sessions from 10am to 1pm and afternoon sessions from 3 pm to 6 pm. Monday 11 July 2016 and Friday 15 July 2016 will offer only one course due to the opening and closing of the first week of the HLPF. The courses will run in parallel to the HLPF formal meetings. A certificate of course completion may be distributed by the course organizers. All materials used will be the responsibility of the organizers.

Course selection process and deadline

An open call for proposals for courses, modules, as well as networking and experience-sharing sessions was conducted online and it is now closed for submission of proposals. Among the proposals received, the selection of the courses will be based on their merit, relevance and expertise of the organizers. There is no fee for submission or approval of proposals of courses and/or modules. However, costs associated with the courses or modules approved will be the responsibility of the organizers.

Audience

The SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions will be open to registered HLPF participants, including policy makers, representatives from major groups and the UN system as well as other stakeholders with access to the UN complex. Dedicated groups may also be invited to participate in specific sessions. Special security and access arrangements will be needed for the latter.

Meeting Facilities (information for organizers)

Room E in the UN Secretariat building has been reserved for the SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions, which is aptly conducive to dynamic, interactive and candid instruction and dialogue. The room contains the necessary equipment (screen, projector, magnetic white boards, wi-fi) to facilitate powerpoint and/or similar presentations. It accommodates a maximum of 53 participants. The room has a round table seating configuration with flexibility to allow for other seating arrangements. Tables are also available at the sides of the room for the display and distribution of relevant materials. Please be advised that food and drinks are not allowed in the room. Interpretation will not be provided.

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