



**Permanent Mission of Colombia
to the United Nations**

INVITATION



**PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

HLPF 2016 side event on

Developing institutional mechanisms to deliver action and engage stakeholders -
Sharing good practices between Colombia and Finland
on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 1:15 - 2:45
Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

Opening

H.E. Maria Emma Mejía, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN
H.E. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN

Interactive conversation

Annika Lindblom, Secretary-General of
the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, and

Felipe Castro, Technical Secretary for the Interinstitutional Commission for the
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of Colombia

Commentary talks

Mathilde Bouye, Associate, SDG Delivery Team, World Resources Institute
other stakeholder representative (tbc)

Interactive dialogue with the audience

Finland and Colombia are among the first voluntary countries to report at the HLPF 2016 on their plans, mechanisms and measures to implement the 2030 Agenda. Both countries have some institutional mechanisms already in place for its effective implementation, yet the universal and transformative agenda sets new challenges for capacity building, ensuring coherence and coordination and inclusive participation leading to effective delivery of action at all levels.

Finland and Colombia have been cooperating at the political and expert levels since 2015 in order to share good practices and facilitate mutual learning on the national implementation of 2030 Agenda. The cooperation led to a joint workshop which was organized in June 2016 in Bogotá, Colombia, with a focus on building institutional capacity, creating mechanisms to engage the private sector and the civil society, and integration of the SDGs into the national plans and public policies.

The joint side event will present the findings of the joint workshop and elaborate good practices and biggest barriers for successful implementation at the national level. It will also present a model of bilateral cooperation and mutual learning between a developed and developing country, both facing the implementation challenge of the global agenda.

Light lunch will be served for participants from 1:00pm
RSVP by 12 July if you do not hold a UN Grounds Pass
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