



SDGs in Action: From Ideas to Solutions

2017 UN Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs

Breakfast event on fostering multistakeholder solutions

16 May 2017: 8.00am – 9.30am

Technological solutions – new, adapted, and tried-and-true – will play a fundamental role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with implementation driven by awareness among governments, companies, and individuals about the options available to them. At this event, development-oriented solutions of the three top-voted ideas from the 2017 World Government Summit (WGS) will be presented.

The event will further provide an opportunity to discuss the potential of platforms to leverage science, technology and innovation (STI) for sustainable development. Enhancing linkages between the numerous platforms on STI hosted around the world is necessary in order to maximize their collective impact on development outcomes. An interactive dialogue with members of the TFM advisory group and STI co-chairs will examine how to foster this link, and how to make conversations on STI more relevant to progress in the field, with a view to yielding transformative solutions.

The WGS is an annual platform dedicated to exploring the future of government driven by technological advances and evolving citizen expectations, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its “SDGs in Action” track – organized in partnership with UNESCO, UNDP, UNEP, UN DESA, the World Bank, OECD and the UN Foundation, among others – focuses on government actions to achieve the SDGs. This year, “SDGs in Action” was designed to build on the dialogue and outcomes of the inaugural UN STI Forum in New York in 2016, and to drive solutions for different regions.

The 2017 “SDGs in Action” programme convened 14 multi-stakeholder teams to identify possible solutions to help SDG implementation, of which three were selected as the most promising to take forward: “Health in your hands” (Goal 3), “Game-In” (Goal 5) and “Goal Hub” (Goal 10). The selected teams elaborated their strategies to further the initial ideas into prototype development and implementation phases, and will present their progress at this event at the UN STI Forum. A list of team members may be found below:

SDG 3: Health in Your Hands <i>SDGs in Action 2017 Winners</i>	SDG 10: Goal Hub <i>SDGs in Action 1st runners-up</i>	SDG 5: Game-In <i>SDGs in Action 2nd runners-up</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Judy Kuriansky <i>Professor, Columbia University Teachers College, USA</i>- Dr. Shariha Khalid, <i>Co-Founder, Scope Group, Malaysia</i>- Mr. Ritstaart van Montfrans <i>CEO, INCISION, Netherlands</i>- Mr. Yosef Safi Harb <i>Founder, Happitech</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Patrick Paul Walsh <i>Professor and Chair of International Development Studies, UC Dublin, Ireland</i>- Dr. Rufat Efendiyev <i>Head of IR, National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan</i>- Mr. Andrius Becys <i>President, Transnational EU-Mediterranean Association for Cooperation, Lithuania</i>- Ms. Ruth Aine Tindyebwa <i>Associate, UHAI Africa, Uganda</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Ananya Huria <i>Communications Officer, Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr AlQasimi Foundation for Policy Research</i>- Ms. Yolanda Martinez Mancilla <i>Head of Digital Government Unit, Ministry of Public Administration, Mexico</i>- Ms. Eliana Alejandra Camargo Niño, <i>MPA Candidate, Colombia</i>- Mr. Amadou Mahtar Ba <i>Co-Founder & Executive Chairman, All Africa Global Media</i>