

## SDGs Learning, Training and Practice 2017

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

**10, 11, 12 and 14 July 2017**

#### Guidelines for the submission of course proposals

The meeting of the United Nations High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) will take place under the auspices of ECOSOC from 10 to 19 July 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The forum will debate the theme:

***"Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"***

Six SDGs have been selected for in-depth discussions at the HLPF, namely SDG 1, SDG 2, SDG 3, SDG 5, SDG 9 and SDG 14 with SDG 17 as cross-cutting. Effective implementation of Agenda 2030 will require access to knowledge and information for policy makers and leaders to design well-informed and effective policies and strategies.

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 **HLPF 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 **HLPF 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, country, city, village or neighborhood.

The **HLPF 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

#### Dates and location

The HLPF SDG Learning, Training and Practice sessions will take place Monday 10, Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 July 2017 at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, New York, in conference room 6. Training timeslots will not be available on 13 July 2017.

#### Topics of Courses

Sessions will cover themes and issues directly relevant to supporting countries and other stakeholders to implement the set of SDGs agreed for in-depth discussions at the 2017 HLPF, namely:

- **SDGs 1:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- **SDGs 2:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
- **SDGs 3:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- **SDGs 5:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- **SDG 9:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
- **SDG 14:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- **SDG 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (as crosscutting).

#### Schedule, Format and Number of Courses

The HLPF 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. 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

A call for proposals for courses as well as networking and experience-sharing sessions is now open online. An application form for submission of proposals can be accessed on the UNDESA-DSD sustainable development knowledge platform at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>. Among the proposals received, the selection of the courses will be based on their merit, relevance to the HLPF theme and SDGs indicated above as well as the expertise of the organizers. There is no fee for submission or approval of proposals of courses. However, costs associated with the courses approved will be the responsibility of the organizers.

Course proposals should be submitted **not later than 2 June 2017**. Selected course proposals will be notified by 9 June 2017.

#### Audience

The HLPF SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions will be opened 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 6 in the UN Secretariat building has been reserved for the HLPF SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions, which is aptly conducive to dynamic, interactive and candid instruction and dialogue. The room will contain the necessary equipment (screen, projector, microphones, wi-fi) to facilitate powerpoint, videos and/or similar presentations. It accommodates a maximum of 123 participants. Small tables are 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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