High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit)
Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York

Guidance Note for Speakers in Leaders Dialogues

Background:

On 24–25 September, world leaders will gather at UN Headquarters in New York for the SDG Summit to provide high-level political guidance on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implementation, identify progress and emerging challenges and mobilize future actions to accelerate implementation (2030 Agenda, para 87). The United Nations SDG Summit will be chaired by the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande.

As a speaker, your delegation will intervene in one of the Leaders Dialogues to be held on the afternoon of 24 September and in the morning and afternoon of 25 September in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the UN Headquarters in New York as follows:

**Leaders Dialogue 1** – “Megatrends impacting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals” (Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 17:05 -18.00)

**Leaders Dialogue 2** – “Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals: Critical entry points” (Wednesday, 25 September at 10:05 – 11:00)

**Leaders Dialogue 3** – “Measures to leverage progress across the Sustainable Development Goals” (Wednesday, 25 September at 11:05 – 12:00)

** Leaders Dialogue 4 ** – “Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals” (Wednesday, 25 September at 12:05 – 13:00)

** Leaders Dialogue 5 ** – “Partnerships for Sustainable Development” (Wednesday, 25 September at 15:05 – 16:00)

** Leaders Dialogue 6 ** – “The 2020-2030 Vision” (Wednesday, 25 September at 16:05 – 17:00)

Scenario of the meeting:

Each Dialogue will have two Co-Moderators. At the beginning of the Leaders Dialogue, the Co-Moderators will make brief remarks to introduce the topic of the Dialogue, for three minutes each. The co-moderators will then call on speakers in the dialogue (the speakers list has been predetermined based on customary protocol and is available in the UN Journal).
Speakers will be escorted, ahead of the time of their interventions, to sit in one of two chairs behind the lecterns on each side of the podium. It is therefore recommended that the speakers be in their assigned national seat in the room 10 -15 minutes before their intervention.

Speakers are encouraged to focus their interventions on the theme of their Leaders Dialogue and to share their country’s vision, experience and planned measures for accelerating progress in relation to the theme. Interventions may be guided by the background notes and guiding questions prepared in the Concept Note for the Leaders Dialogues. Speakers are requested to speak for no more than three minutes. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/313, OP.35, speakers are encouraged to consider using the “all protocol observed” principle and to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.

Following the interventions, the Co-Moderators will make brief concluding remarks and will close the respective Leaders Dialogue.

It is extremely important that all speakers keep to three-minute limit, with longer statements to be sent to papersmart2@un.org for posting. Measures will be implemented to support strict timekeeping during the meeting.

The speakers are strongly encouraged to remain in the Trusteeship Council Chamber for the duration of the dialogue.

Please find more information about the meeting including the complete programme here.

The Global Sustainable Development Report and other documents for the Summit, including the draft political declaration, can be found at the Summit website under the tab “DOCUMENTATION”.

If you have any questions regarding substantive or other aspects of the Summit, please do not hesitate to contact your Secretariat focal points as follows:

**Leaders Dialogue 1** – “Megatrends impacting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals” (Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 17:05 -18.00)
Focal points from DESA: Francesca Perucci (perucci@un.org) and Ling Wang (wang24@un.org)
Focal points from DGACM: Lesley Brough (brough@un.org) and Jori Joergensen (joergensenj@un.org)

**Leaders Dialogue 2** – “Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals: Critical entry points” (Wednesday, 25 September at 10:05 – 11:00)
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**Leaders Dialogue 3** – “Measures to leverage progress across the Sustainable Development Goals” (Wednesday, 25 September at 11:05 – 12:00)
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Leaders Dialogue 4 – “Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals” (Wednesday, 25 September at 12:05 – 13:00)
Focal points from DESA: Wenyan Yang (yang@un.org) and Joop Theunissen (theunissen@un.org)
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Leaders Dialogue 5 – “Partnerships for Sustainable Development” (Wednesday, 25 September at 15:05 – 16:00)
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Leaders Dialogue 6 – “The 2020-2030 Vision” (Wednesday, 25 September at 16:05 – 17:00)
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