

# Examining the Evidence Base for the 16 OWG Focus Areas

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(SDSN)**

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**Monday May 5, 2014 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm**

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), in collaboration with the Governments of Bhutan, Colombia, Denmark, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland, will organize a side event during the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals to discuss the evidence base for the OWG's 16 focus areas. Eight leading scientists and researchers will briefly describe the evidence base in support of the focus areas and explore the links between intended outcomes and immediate actions. Following brief opening presentations the expert panel will be available to answer questions. The side event will be open to Member States, exclusively.

## **Panelists:**

- **Glenn Denning**, Director, Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development at the Earth Institute
- **Maria Freire**, President and Executive Director of Foundation for the National Institutes of Health
- **Shahid Naeem**, Director of the Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability
- **Johan Rockström**, Executive Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre
- **Cynthia Rozenzweig**, Senior Research Scientist at NASA Goddard Institute
- **Hirokazu Yoshikawa**, Professor of Globalization and Education at NYU
- **Hania Zlotnik**, former Director of UN DESA's Population Division
- **Speaker on gender equality, TBC.**

**Moderator: Guido Schmidt-Traub**, Executive Director of the SDSN