

SD - Learning 2015

A Capacity Building event to learn and train in finding solutions to Sustainable Development Challenges

The meeting of the United Nations High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) will take place under the auspices of ECOSOC from 26 June to 8 July 2015 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The forum will debate the theme: *"Strengthening integration, implementation and review - the HLPF after 2015"*.

To effectively implement sustainable development, access to the right knowledge and information will be needed for policy makers and local leaders to design well-informed and effective policies.

Profiting from the presence of a broad range of participants attending the HLPF, the Division for Sustainable Development in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) is organizing the **SD-Learning**, a capacity building event, with high-level speakers and top-notch experts on crucial topics related to sustainable development.

The **SD-Learning** courses will provide a strategic vision and practical knowledge to participants on how to find sustainable solutions for their community, be it a country, a city or a small village.



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Dates and Location

The SD - Learning will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, on Friday 26 June and from Monday 29 June to Thursday 2 July 2015.

Topics of Courses

Courses will cover issues directly relevant to the implementation of the post 2015 development agenda and the role of the HLPF when meeting under the auspices of both the GA and ECOSOC, particularly:

- Implementation of SDGs and targets, including interlinkages.
- Policy integration, including the 3 dimensions of sustainable development.
- Review and monitoring, including related peer review mechanisms.
- Identification of relevant data, including big data.

Audience

The SD-Learning will be opened to registered HLPF participants, including policy makers, representatives from major groups and the UN system as well as other stakeholders.

Schedule, Format and number of Courses

The SD-Learning will offer 9 courses. Each course will last three hours with morning sessions from 10am to 1pm and afternoon sessions from 3 to 6 pm. Friday 26 June will offer only one course from 3 to 6 pm. The courses will run in parallel to HLPF official meetings. A certificate of course completion will be distributed to participants for each of the courses. All materials used in the courses will be the responsibility of the organizers.

Course Selection Process and Deadline

An open call for course proposals was issued online. UNDESA also contacted relevant organizations which have expressed interest in organizing courses at the SD-Learning. Among the proposals received, the selection of the courses will be based on their merit, relevance and the expertise of the organizers. There is no fee for submission or approval of course proposals. We thank all organizations for their interest in submitting applications before the deadline of Friday 22 May 2015. The call for applications for course proposals is now closed.

Meeting Facilities (information for organizers)

Room 13 in the UN Secretariat building has been reserved for the SD-Learning, which is aptly conducive to dynamic, interactive and candid instruction. The room contains the necessary equipment (screen, projector, wi-fi) to facilitate powerpoint and/or similar presentations. It accommodates a maximum of 42 participants. A podium table is available at the front of the room with seating arrangements for the instructors. Tables are also available at the sides of the room for the distribution of relevant materials. Please be advised that food and drinks are not allowed in the room. Interpretation will not be provided.

Outcomes and Impact

The SD-Learning will aim to advance: knowledge acquisition, networking, sharing of experiences, learning of best practices, capacity building, practical integration of the three SD dimensions, among others.

The SD-Learning schedule with detailed information on course offerings will be posted shortly online.