



Expert group meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report: A systematic approach to science and technology issues for the attention of policy makers

INDICATIVE DRAFT PROGRAMME

Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, 1211 Genève, Switzerland, 28-29 May 2015

Day One - 28 May 2015	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening remarks; Expectations for and objectives of the meeting (R. Alexander Roehrl, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN DESA)• Tour de table introduction of participants <p><i>Our aim is for a hands-on, working-level meeting; formal presentations will be the exception and most time will be allocated to discussions. However, participants should prepare inputs and answers to the various sessions below in their areas of expertise. More in-depth inputs can be provided in writing and will be shared with other participants before the meeting.</i></p>
10:00– 11:00	<p>Session 1: Setting the scene</p> <p><i>What is the context of this meeting? What is the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development? What is the current status and lessons learnt from the Global Sustainable Development Report process? Which options did the UN Secretary General recommend for scope and methodology of the Report?</i></p> <p><i>What are recent developments with respect to science and technology issues for policymakers? What is the likely impact of the SDGs and post-2015 development agenda? What are the most important perspectives on the role of scientific communities in supporting these and related international policy processes?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Global Sustainable Development Report and the process for chapter 7, and recent SDG developments (Fred Soltau and Alexander Roehrl, UN DESA)• Short inputs expected especially from:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Belinda Reyers (Future Earth Science Committee, South Africa)○ Claudio Huepe Minoletti (Universidad Diego Portales, Chile)○ Youba Sokona (South Centre)○ Lucilla Spini (ICSU)○ Matt Billot (UNEP)○ Dong Wu (UNCTAD)○ Norichika Kanie (Keio University, Japan)○ Natalie Hatour (WEF)○ Patrick Paul Walsh (SDSN)○ Owen Gaffney (Future Earth and Stockholm Resilience Centre)○ Raymond Saner (Science Po and University of Basel)• Discussion

11:00– 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15– 12:30	<p>Session 2: Stocktaking of approaches for identifying science and technology issues for policymakers</p> <p><i>What are existing approaches for identifying science and technology issues for decision-makers and policymakers on sustainable development? Which effective models are being used in the context of high-profile international assessments?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short inputs/comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matt Billot (UNEP) ○ Lucilla Spini (ICSU) ○ Norichika Kanie (Keio University) and Mari Kosaka (Keio University) ○ Dong Wu and Pierre Encontre (UNCTAD) ○ Vicente Carabias-Huetter (Zurich University of Applied Sciences) ○ Natalie Hatour (WEF) ○ Carrie Exton (OECD) • Discussion • Summing up of key points <p><i>What are some preliminary conclusions on approaches and models?</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Options for more systematic approaches</p> <p><i>How can the identification of emerging issues be formalized/systematized and the coverage of social, economic and environmental dimensions be ensured? What would be the best options for the Global Sustainable Development Report process (e.g., standing or ad hoc expert groups, stakeholder consultations, intergovernmental science assessments models like the IPCC, formal surveys, quantitative desk analysis approaches)? What are experiences and lessons learnt from these options? Is it possible to create credible, aggregate emerging issues indices or other quantitative approaches?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short inputs/comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Belinda Reyers (Future Earth) ○ Lucilla Spini (ICSU) ○ Mathew Kurian (UNU-FLORES) ○ Dong Wu and Pierre Encontre (UNCTAD) ○ Matt Billot (UNEP) ○ Carrie Exton (OECD) ○ Owen Gaffney (Future Earth and Stockholm Resilience Centre) ○ Patrick Paul Walsh (SDSN) ○ Natalie Hatour (WEF) ○ Norichika Kanie and Mari Kosaka (Keio University) ○ Vicente Carabias-Huetter (Zurich University of Applied Sciences) • Discussion
15:30– 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45– 17:00	<p>Session 4: Overview of tools for identification of issues</p> <p><i>What kind of tools can be used and what are their strengths and weaknesses (Scenario</i></p>

	<p><i>models, horizon scanning, forecasting, Delphi, Crowdsourcing, Big data, Indices, etc.)? What do you think is most useful for the Report process?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Magnus Andersson (Malmoe University) ○ Owen Gaffney (Future Earth and Stockholm Resilience Centre) ○ Dimitrios Mentis (KTH) ○ Norichika Kanie (Keio University) and Mari Kosaka (Keio University) ○ Carrie Exton (OECD) • Summary of discussions of sessions 3 and 4 <p><i>What are some preliminary conclusions regarding systematic approaches for identifying emerging issues? What are key considerations in designing methodologies that capture three dimensions of SD?</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	<u>Allocating participants to task groups</u>
17:00- 17:30	<u>Discussion of SDG meta-models</u>
19:00-late	Evening discussions over dinner (optional)
Day Two – 29 May 2015	
10:00 – 11:30	<p><u>Session 5: Quick de-briefing and break-out into task groups</u></p> <p>Indicative examples of task groups (tbc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Emerging issues indices (b) Tools and data sources (c) SDG models (d) Institutional dimensions (e) Special country groups
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<u>Session 6: Presentations of task groups’ outputs</u>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:00	<p><u>Session 7: Pulling it together – focused discussion on key elements</u></p> <p>Presentation of building blocks for a systematic approach</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 17:00	<p><u>Session 7: Planning and next steps</u></p> <p><i>Areas for collaboration and joint work</i></p>