

Symposium on

"Effective Governance and Digital Transformation for Accelerating the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addressing Global Challenges"

22 – 24 November 2022

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AGENDA

In-person and via zoom:

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Day 1 – 22 November 2022 (Tuesday)

Time (KST)

Agenda

High-level Opening Session

Moderator: Mr. Kyuchang Ko, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), UN DESA (3 min)

Speakers

10:00 – 10:45

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video message) (3 min)
- **H.E. Sang-min Lee**, Minister of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (3 min) (video)
- **Mr. Jeongbok Yoo**, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea (3 min)
- **H.E. Nisith Keopanya**, Vice Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lao PDR (3 min)
- **Ms Soonae Park**, Member of the Committee of the Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), Professor, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University (3 min)
- **H.E. Romina Khurshid Alam**, Minister of State & Special Assistant to the Prime Minister & Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan (3 min)
- **Mr. Saber Chowdhury**, Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, MP of Bangladesh (3 min)

Keynote Speech

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, 8th United Nations Secretary-General (15 min)

Group photo (5 min)

10:45 – 11:00

Health Break

Setting the Scene: Global and Regional Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs with a focus on SDG 16. Where Do We Stand?

The “Setting the Scene” session provides a platform to take stock of progress toward SDG implementation at the global and regional levels, with a particular focus on SDG 16. It will be an opportunity to discuss what measures are necessary to correct course and the opportunities ahead if the world is to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The Session will provide an opportunity to learn about the findings of the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022, highlighting how interlinked crises are putting humanity’s own survival into question. The session will also present the outcome of COP27, the findings of UNPOG’s Capacity Needs Assessment as well as insights from the World Happiness Report 2022 and the key factors contributing to the citizens’ happiness.

Moderator: Ms Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA

Speakers

Global Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs with a focus on SDG16 (7 mins)

11:00 – 12:15

- **Ms. Yongyi Min**, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UN DESA

National Institutional Arrangements for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (7 mins)

- **Mr. David Le Blanc**, Chief, Institutions for Sustainable Development Goals Branch, DPIDG, UN DESA

Asia-Pacific Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs (7 mins)

- **Ms. Rikke Munk Hansen**, Chief, Economic and Environment Statistics, Statistics Division, UNESCAP

An Overview of Trends and Major Capacities Needs to Accelerate Action on SDG Implementation in the Pacific

- **Ms. Neha Mehta**, Pacific Regional Lead, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (7 min)

Key messages from the Voluntary National Review Synthesis Report 2022

(7 min)

- **Ms. Tonya Vaturi**, Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Capacity Needs from the Voluntary National Review Synthesis Report 2022

(7 min)

- **Ms. Saras Jagwanth**, Inter-regional Advisor, DPIDG/UN DESA

Findings from 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment of Government Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda (7 mins)

- **Ms. Debbi Menezes**, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA consultant

Application of the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development at the Subnational Level (7 mins)

- **Mr. Lan Xue**, Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University and Member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) (video)

Q&A Session (10 min)

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch Break

Special Session I:

UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for SD - National Experiences from Lao PDR, Bhutan, Cambodia and Malawi

This special session will share how countries have embraced and acted on the UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals, which has been developed to promote a critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity, and strengthen public servants' awareness of the active role they play in SDG implementation.

13:30 – 15:00

Moderator: Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) (3 min)

Speakers:

UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals

- **Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund**, Governance and Public Administration Expert,

UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA (7 min)

Implementing the One-Door-Service Centers (ODSCs) in Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) (10 mins)

- **H.E. Mr. Nisith Keopanya**, Vice Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lao PDR

Public Service Training Assessment Framework for Strengthening Capacities of Public Servants to Support SDG Implementation (10 mins)

- **Ms. Tshering Yangden**, Member of Commission, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan

Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation in Cambodia (10 mins)

- **Mr. Ly Poeumiroath**, Director of Research and Dissemination Department, National School of Local Administration, Cambodia

Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Public Institutions in Malawi (10 mins)

- **Hon. Grace Malera**, Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman, Malawi

Q&A Session (30 mins)

15:00 – 15:30

Health Break

Thematic Session I

Promoting Government Innovation and Accelerating Digital Transformation for Addressing Global Challenges

This Session will address how promoting government innovation and accelerating digital transformation can contribute to fostering innovative solutions for addressing global challenges, by providing an overview on the global and regional trends of digital transformation and sharing innovative country practices. The Session will also share challenges countries experience in the process of accelerating digital transformation and discuss policy issues for promoting digital transformation in a strategic and inclusive manner, including how to bridge the digital divides.

15:30 – 17:00

Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

The Future of Digital Government: Advancing Digital Transformation for Addressing Global Challenges (10 mins)

- **Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro**, Chief, Digital Government Branch, DPIDG/UN DESA

Roadmap and Strategies for Fostering People-Centered Digital Transformation (10 mins)

- **Mr. Sung Joo Son**, Director, Digital Government Cooperation Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea

Strategies for Accelerating Digital Transformation to Promote Digital Economy (10 mins)

- **Ms. Arifah Sharifuddin**, Head, Malaysia Digital Nomad Department, Ecosystem Development Division, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)

Agile Governance and Data-driven Decision Making for Addressing Uncertainties and Development Challenges (10 mins)

- **Mr. Anir Chowdhury**, Policy Advisor, a2i, Bangladesh

Building an Integrated Digital Government Platform for Effective and Inclusive Public Service Delivery (10 mins)

- **Mr. Abdul Aliyev**, Head of International Relations Department, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President, Azerbaijan

Institutional Coordination and Multi-Stakeholder Partnership for Building an Enabling Ecosystem for Promoting Digital Government Transformation (10 mins)

- **Ms. Binfang Liu**, Center for E-Government Studies, China National Academy of Governance, China

Q&A Session (30 mins)

Welcome dinner

18:00

Day 2 – 23 November 2022 (Wednesday)

Time (KST)

Agenda

09:00 – 10:20

Thematic Session II.

Readying Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight

Strategic planning and foresight are crucial for ensuring that governments are prepared to handle future crises. While it is impossible to predict the future, strategic foresight offers the tools for successful policymaking in

the face of high uncertainty. This session aims at developing the capacities of national and local governments to promote strategic planning and foresight. The session will also raise awareness and understanding of foresight concepts and uses in public institutions.

Moderator: Dr. Marius Oosthuizen, Practice Lead for Learning and Transformation, School of International Futures, UK

Setting the Stage: How can the Principles of Effective Governance Equip Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight? (8 mins)

- **Ms. Veronique Verbruggen**, Inter-Regional Advisor, DPIDG/UN DESA

Enhancing Capacities of Public Institutions in Planning, Strategy and Policy for Future Unknown Shocks (8 mins)

- **Dr. Marius Oosthuizen**, Practice Lead for Learning and Transformation, School of International Futures, UK

Future of Government: How will the Role of Government Change in a Post-Covid World? (8 mins)

- **Ms. Donna Andrews**, Global Lead for Public Institutions Reform, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Structural Reform and the Future of Work – Innovative Practice from Indonesia (8 mins)

- **Mr. Cahyo Prihadi**, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Kartu Prakerja (Pre-Employment Card) Project Management Office at the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Republic of Indonesia

Institutionalization of Strategic Foresight in Government for Better Policies (8 mins)

- **Dr. Trish Lavery**, Strategic Foresight Analyst, Strategic Foresight Unit, OECD

From Reactive Policy to Agile Governance: Building an Agile Mindset and Strategic Intelligence in Public Institutions (8 mins)

- **Mr. Stephan Mergenthaler**, Head of Strategic Intelligence and Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

Shaping the Future of Government – Innovative Practice from the

United Arab Emirates (8 mins)

- **H.E. Mr. Khalfan Belhouli**, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Future Foundation, United Arab Emirates

Q&A Session (20 mins)

10:20 – 10:30 *Health Break*

**Special Session II.
Strengthening Risk-Informed Governance and Resilience in Cities and Local Communities for Climate Action**

The session will highlight and share insights on the significant role of risk-informed governance and strengthening resilience in cities and local communities for climate action. The session will also delve into leveraging digital government solutions for DRR and resilience by exploring UN DESA's 2021 Handbook on Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for DRR and Resilience as well as its Handbook on Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

Moderator: H.E Sayanaa Lkhagvasuren, Ambassador of Mongolia to Bulgaria

Speakers

Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience for Climate Action through Risk-informed Governance (10 mins)

10:30 – 12:00

- **Mr. Samuel Danaa**, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Digital Platforms and Technology Application for Disaster Risk Reduction (10 mins)

- **Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia**, Head of Office, UNDRR ONEA & GETI

Enhancing Climate resilient and the use of innovative technologies in government for resilient societies and local communities (10 mins)

- **Mr. Rajiv Garg**, Regional Manager, Economy Division, Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN), UNEP

Towards Infrastructure Asset Management for the Sustainable Development Goals (10 mins)

- **Mr Daniel Platz**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

The Role of the Public Sector in Creating Awareness and Monitoring Hazards for Disaster Risk to build Resilient Societies and Local Communities (10 mins)

- **Ms. Argie Kavvada**, Manager, Earth Science Division, NASA, USA

Enhancement of local authorities' capacities for prevention, adaptation and mitigation of external shocks (10 mins)

- **Mr. Allan Lavell**, DRR expert, Coordinator of FLACSO, Social Studies, Risk and Disaster Program, Coordinator of LA RED

Q&A Session (20 mins)

12:00 – 13:30 *Lunch Break*

Field Visit

13:30 – 18:00

- 1) Incheon Start-up Park
- 2) IFEZ Smart City Operation Center
- 3) Incheon Free Economic Zone PR Center.

Day 3 – 24 November 2022 (Thursday)

Time

Agenda

Thematic Session III

Strengthening Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Accelerating the Implementation of the SDGs

09:00 – 10:20

Governments alone cannot address the huge challenges of achieving the SDGs and recovery from COVID-19, and a whole-of-society approach to engaging all stakeholders, particularly forging innovative partnerships, especially at local levels, is required. The session aims to address the major challenges in creating multi-stakeholder partnerships, including the Private-Public-People Partnerships and discuss ways in which the private sector, academia and CSOs can be effectively engaged by the public sector in building multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.

Moderator: Mr. Steven Matainaho, Secretary and CEO to the Department of Information and Communications Technology, Papua New Guinea

Speakers

Strengthening Global Partnerships and Innovative Mechanisms for Mobilizing Financing for Sustainable Development (10 mins)

- **Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt**, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

Promoting Partnerships with all Stakeholders at Local Levels (10 mins)

- **Mr. Benjamin Abalos Jr.**, Secretary of Interior and Local Government, The Philippines

Leveraging Digital Technology for Promoting Social Inclusion to Realize the SDGs (10 mins)

- **Mr. Xiongshan Cai**, Vice President, Kuaishou Technology, China

Local and Regional Governments Breaking Through As One - Conclusions of the 2022 UCLG World Congress in Daejeon (10 min)

- **Mr. Chae Gun Chung**, President of Daejeon Sejong Research Institute, Republic of Korea

Building Partnerships with Government to Promote Digital Literacy and Train the Workforce of the Future (10 mins)

- **Ms. Dana Abu-Nasrah**, Partners with the public sector in the Middle East & Singapore, Udacity

Effective partnerships to support the 2030 Agenda (10 mins)

- **Mr. Ola Goransson**, Partnerships Coordinator, Outreach and Communication, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA

Q&A Session (10 mins)

10:20 – 10:30

Health Break

10:30 – 12:00

Parallel Sessions

A) Youth Session

Empowering Youth for Accelerating SDG Implementation – Youth as Leaders, Innovators, and Change-makers

Guided by the UN system-wide youth strategy “Youth2030” the UNPOG has been strengthening its work for and with young people worldwide. The main objective has been to engage support and empower young people to put their ideas into action. This session will be an opportunity for young people to share their perspectives on how they can be engaged in decisions that affect their lives and deliver public services in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Moderator: Ms. Anju Mangal, Regional Head, Asia and Pacific Alliance for Affordable Internet

Speakers

Youth and Waithood: Youth Transitions to Adulthood and the Implementation of the SDGs (12 mins)

- **Ms. Alcinda Honwana**, Inter-Regional Advisor, UN DESA

Innovative Methods of Utilizing Online Platforms to Empower Youth Voices (12 mins)

- **Mr. Jules Guiang**, Chairperson, 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines

The Role of Multi-stakeholder Engagement in Facilitating the Use of ICT to Promote the SDGs and Empower Youth (12 mins)

- **Ms. Seluvaia Tofa Uai Kouvaka**, Project Coordinator, Project Management Unit, Ministry of Education of Tonga

Leveraging Public Governance and Digital Transformation to Promote Youth Participation for Climate Action and Building Resilience (12 mins)

- **Mr. Ari Bima Putra and Mr. Pandu Andhika Prakasa**, Team Wanatani, Winner of the 6th Youth Forum

Challenges and Opportunities to Educate Youth as Leaders, Innovators, and Change-makers for Sustainable Development

during COVID-19 (12 mins)

- **Ms. Anna Susarenco**, Founder of GCED Youth Network, UNESCO-APCEIU (Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding)

Q&A Session (25 mins)

B) Learning Lab

Identifying Capacity Needs of Member States for Effective Implementation of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs

The Learning Lab will introduce the outcome of the 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment of Government Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for and Identification of Priority Areas for Capacity Development in the Asia and Pacific Region and Eastern Africa. During the Learning Lab, participants will be invited to group discussions/activities which will address the issues highlighted by the 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment that are inter-aligned with the thematic areas of the Toolkits of [UN DESA's Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs](#).

Moderator: Mi Kyoung Park, Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

Overview on the Outcome of DPIDG/UNPOG's 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment (5 mins)

- **Mr. Keping Yao**, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Introduction on the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs (5 mins)

- **Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund**, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Introduction of the Handbook Series on Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs (5 mins)

- **Mr. Prabin Maharjan**, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Capacity Development Demands and Priorities from Selected Countries (5 mins per speaker)

- **Ms. Brigida Soares**, Coordinator of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Office of Prime Minister, Timor-Leste
- **Ms. Sheron Hewawaduge**, Assistant Director, Sustainable

Development Council, Sri Lanka

Group Activities (50 mins)

Reporting Back (15 mins)

12:00 – 13:30 *Lunch Break*

Special Session III
Government Innovation in Protecting Migrants and Refugees

The session will discuss the issues raised for host countries when it comes to integration of people forced to leave their home country by events outside their control and how government innovation has helped to deliver integrated services to migrants and refugees. The Session will feature, among others, the example of Portugal which published its first Plan for Immigrant Integration in 2007 and established a One-Stop Shop for the delivery of public services to migrants.

Moderator: Ms Hai Kyung Jun, Representative, UNHCR Representative in the Republic of Korea

Speakers

Setting the stage: Driving Migrant Inclusion through Social Innovation (10 mins)

13:30 – 14:40

- **Ms Geertrui Lanneau**, Senior Labour Mobility and Social Inclusion Specialist, IOM

Building Rights-Based Social Protection Systems for Migrants and Refugees (10 mins)

- **Prof. Gertruda Uścińska**, President of the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS), Poland

Implementing a One-Stop-Shop for Immigrant Integration (10 mins)

- **Mr Mario Ribeiro**, Director of the Department of Migration Support and Assistance at the High Commission for Migration (ACM, I.P.), Portugal

Fostering Dialogue and Mutual Cooperation Among Regions to Manage Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (10 mins)

- **Mr. Geoffrey Wafula Kundu**, Migration Program Coordinator, Department of Health, Humanitarian and Social Development, African

Union Commission (AUC), Addis Ababa

14:40 – 15:00 *Health Break*
6th Youth Forum Award Distribution and Closing Ceremony

Speakers

- 15:00 – 15:15
- **Mr. Chang-seob Han**, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (3 min) (tbc)
 - **Mr. Kyu Chang Ko**, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)