Session 1: Overview of SDGs and the Decade of Action to Accelerate Progress and the Role of Youth

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The SDGs and Decade of Action to Accelerate Progress - Role of Youth
Year 2020...Year 2030 – How old will we be?

We have 10 years to save Earth's biodiversity as mass extinction caused by humans takes hold, UN warns

By Jessie Yeung, CNN

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UN report: 1 million species at risk of extinction 02:54
17 Sustainable Development Goals

- 193 Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda
- LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND
- Sustainable Development – 3 to 5 pillars
- 10 years remaining
- Solutions = synergies, buy 1 get 3+
A Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs

“People-centered development is inclusive and participatory and rooted in local culture and heritage” (GSDR, 2019)
The Pandemic has exposed the weaknesses of not achieving the SDGs.

The 2030 Agenda is our global framework to recovery.
Over 70 per cent of the world population live in countries where income inequality has grown.

World Social Report 2020

7 out of 10 people live in countries where income inequality has increased.

United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

social.un.org/worldsocialreport
Where are we now?

Extreme Poverty and Hunger

- An estimated 71 million people are expected to be pushed back into extreme poverty in 2020, the first rise in global poverty since 1998.
- Lost incomes, limited social protection and rising prices = risk of poverty and hunger. + 130 million into hunger by end of year

Women and Children – Vaccines, Violence, Loss of Education

- Disruption to health and vaccination services and limited access to diet and nutrition services have the potential to cause hundreds of thousands of additional under-5 deaths and greater maternal deaths in 2020.
- Surge in reports of domestic violence against women and children.
- School closures have kept 90% of students worldwide (1.57 billion) out of school and caused +370 million children to miss out on school meals they depend on. This has also exposed the Digital Divide.
- Increase in extreme poverty = vulnerable children and girls at greater risk of child labour, child marriage and child trafficking. In fact, the global gains in reducing child labour are likely to be reversed for the first time in 20 years.

Meanwhile...business as usual – Climate change, Oceans and Biodiversity under threat

- Report also shows that climate change is still occurring much faster than anticipated.
- Ocean acidification is accelerating; land degradation and biodiversity loss continues; and unsustainable consumption and production patterns dominate.
Don’t just look at the SDG icons...read the targets

Data, engineering, chemistry, gender, finance ... all of it has a home in the SDGs

and it’s all interrelated and interdependent.
Why design thinking for development?

- Net ODA flows totaled $147 billion in 2019, nearly the same level as in 2018
- Sometimes this financing is not effective...

Source: Playpump.co.za


**Sustainable by design also means LNOB – Leave no 1 behind**

**Empowerment of the most vulnerable groups (Para. 23):**

1. “Children and Youth,
2. Persons with disabilities (+80% live in poverty),
3. People living with HIV/AIDS,
4. Older persons,
5. Indigenous peoples,
6. Refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants
7. “People in areas affected by complex humanitarian emergencies and in areas affected by terrorism”.
Role of Youth in SDGs?

Beneficiaries?
Participants?
Leaders?...

What other roles for youth are there in your view?

Please provide some answers in the chat!
A brief moment for Questions & Answers...
Now it is Group time! (20 minutes)

1. Please introduce yourselves to each other.

2. Answer the ice-breaker question:
   
   *Where would you travel if you could go anywhere right now?*

3. Share reflections on what has been discussed and
   
   *Your thoughts on the role of youth in achieving the SDGs?*

4. Find a volunteer in your group who will report back.

   *(NB: rapporteur to take note of group discussion and report back after = 3 minutes per group)*
Groups report back
3 minutes per group
Groups <3 Slack – unosd.slack.com

This is your space. Draft messages, list your to-dos, or keep links and files handy. You can also talk to yourself here, but please bear in mind you’ll have to supply both sides of the conversation.
Thank you.