

2024 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Holiday Inn - Incheon, Republic of Korea, 7-10 May 2024

Agenda

Day 1 Tuesday, 7 May 2024

Time	Session	Objective
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	Sponsored participants should register at the welcome desk
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Session Mr. Juwang Zhu, Acting Director, Division of Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) <i>(virtual)</i> Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head, UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), DSDG, UNDESA	Official opening of the training course welcoming participants and invited resource persons
9:15 – 9:35	Keynote Speech Mr. Sang-hyup Kim, Chair of the Presidential Commission on Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth, Republic of Korea	Host country's approach integrating climate and SDGs
9:35 – 9:45	Photo Session	
9:45 – 9:50	Overview of the training Mrs. Sara Castro de Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UNDESA	
9:50 – 10:45	Session 1: Overview of the SDGs and Climate Action Progress Moderator: Mrs. Sara Castro de Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UNDESA Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals – Progress update Mr. Joop Theunissen, Deputy Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UNDESA <i>(virtual)</i> - The Paris Agreement and its role in achieving the SDGs – Global Stocktake (GST1) Ms. Julie Amoroso-Garbin, Regional Lead, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific - Global Progress on Climate and SDG Synergies Ms. Bahareh Seyedi, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG, UNDESA <i>(virtual)</i> Facilitated discussion	To provide participants with a shared understanding of progress on the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement, highlighting the Global Stocktake 1.
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	Coffee break served in the room whilst discussion continues
11:00 – 11:40	Session 2: Overview of SDGs in National Planning and SDG Review - VNRs - Purpose, Process, and Importance	To provide participants with a shared understanding of the

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC - Ms. Juliet Braslow, Sustainable Development Officer, ESCAP <p><i>Acknowledgement of attending countries completing VNR at 2024 High-level Political Forum: Armenia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Kenya, Lao PDR, Mexico, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>	VNR process, purpose and importance
11:40 – 12:30	<p>Session 3: Overview of the Nationally Determined Contributions</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Juhi Bansal, Regional Expert for NDCs, LT-LEDS, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific - Ms. Raquel Smith Cordero Ortega, Division Chief, Climate Change Mainstreaming and Integration Division, Climate Change Service of Philippines <p>Q&A</p>	To provide participants with a shared understanding of the NDC process, purpose and importance.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Session 4: Identifying co-benefits and tradeoffs between the SDG and Paris Agreement (with a focus on NDC)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Juhi Bansal, Regional Expert for NDCs, LT-LEDS, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Xin Zhou, Research Leader, Integrated Sustainability Centre, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (<i>virtual</i>) - Mr. Adis Dzebo, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) - Ms. Aneta Nikolova, Environmental Affairs Officer, ESCAP <p>Q&A</p>	To provide participants with an understanding of how synergies between SDGs and NDCs can be identified, understanding development pathways with climate change lens
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Session 5: Group Work Part A - Identifying synergies approach for interlinkages between the NDCs and SDGs</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Aneta Nikolova, Environmental Affairs Officer, ESCAP</p> <p>Group Activity: Mapping SDGs and NDC targets for overlap and differences, based on own country</p>	Participants develop an understanding of the synergies between NDCs and SDGs within their own countries using a systems thinking approach.

	experiences Facilitators: ECLAC, ESCAP, IGES, NDC Partnership, SEI, UNFCCC RCC, UNOSD	
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break	Coffee break served in the room whilst discussion continues
15:30 – 17:00	Session 6: Regional and Country Examples of SDG and NDC Alignment in Planning Processes Moderator: Mr. Adis Dzebo, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Frank Rutabingwa, Inter-Regional Adviser, UN Economic Commission for Africa (virtual) - Mr. José Abraham Ortíz Álvarez, General Coordinator of Climate Change of Mexico, INECC and Ms. Ana Montano Medina, General Director for Sustainable Development Actions Oversight, Secretariat of Economy, Mexico - Ms. Ressa Kombi, Senior Climate Change Officer, Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry and Mr. William Komu, Chief Economist, The National Treasury Economic Planning, State Department for Economic Planning, Kenya Q&A	Participants gain understanding of how countries have successfully aligned SDGs and NDCs in national planning from a country perspective.

Day 2 Wednesday, 8 May 2024

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9:00 – 9:10	Rapporteur – recap of day 1 Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UN DESA	
9:10 – 10:00	Session 7: Group Work Part B – Assessing opportunities in aligning SDGs and NDCs Facilitator: UNFCCC RCC / NDC Partnership Group Activity: Mapping opportunities in alignment of VNRs and NDCs, based on own country experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitator: Ms. Juhi Bansal, Regional Expert for NDCs, LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific 	Participants analyse mapping completed from the previous exercise, now assessing tradeoffs with interaction between different policies and sectors, and practical barriers. Reporting back per country group – 1 rapporteur reports back to plenary.
10:00 – 10:30	Session 8: Open Plenary - Aligning SDGs and NDCs into National Planning Moderator: Mrs. Sara Castro de Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UNDESA Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What role do NDCs play in national development plans and strategies? - What role will NDC 3.0 play in enabling national sustainable development? - Going forward, what are the barriers to aligning national plans and strategies with the SDGs and NDCs? - How can VNRs also report on climate action 	Participants gain understanding of how countries have aligned SDGs and NDCs in national planning from a global and regional perspective.

	progress?	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 9: Entry points for realizing coherent implementation of NDCs and SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Juhi Bansal, Regional Expert for NDCs, LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance: Mr. Adrián Flores-Aguilar, Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership - Data/Information: Mr. Adis Dzebo, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) - Stakeholder engagement: Ms. Miki Fukuda, Policy Researcher, Integrated Sustainability Centre, IGES <p>Q&A</p>	Participants are provided with an overview of the different means of realizing synergies considering focused areas such as climate finance, data and stakeholder engagement.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 10: Financing the NDCs and SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Adrián Flores-Aguilar, Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership</p> <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Selina Wrighter, Head of Policy and Strategy, Green Climate Fund <p>Interactive exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Adrián Flores-Aguilar, Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership <p>Closing Remarks: Mr. Raymond Saner, Professor Emeritus, Business and Economics, Basel University</p>	Participants consider the landscape of financing from both climate and SDGs and understand how it can leverage optimum benefits in driving progress at the national level
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 17:00	<p>Session 11: Group discussion and Country presentations on financing</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Raymond Saner, Professor Emeritus, Business and Economics, Basel University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Deepitika Chand, Senior Climate Change Mitigation Officer, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Mr. Andrew Coriakula, Sustainable Development Specialist, Strategic Planning Office, Ministry of Finance, Fiji - Mr. Stephen Ampem-Darko Ayiku, Principal Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission and Mr. Edward Bruce-Lyle, Senior Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana - Mr. Pascal Byarugaba, Program M&E Specialist, Secretariat-Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda and Mr. Francis Opolot, Principal Climate Change Officer, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda <p>Discussant: Mr. Adrián Flores-Aguilar, Climate Finance</p>	Presentations and plenary discussion on identifying finance opportunities that can accelerate SDG and climate action.

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Day 3 Thursday, 9 May 2024

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9:00 – 9:10	Rapporteur – recap of day 2 Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD	
9:10 – 10:45	<p>Session 12: Data Gaps and Information needed for VNRs and NDCs</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Simon Gilby, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UNDESA</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Pelellagama Kapuge Sithila Subhodini, Additional Secretary (Admin), Ministry of Environment and Mr. Chaminda Udakumbura, Director (Operations), Sustainable Development Council, Sri Lanka - Ms. Wantanee Lalee, Director of International Convention and Cooperation Section, Department of Climate Change and Environment and Ms. Nutjarin Wongiam, Environmentalist, Department of Climate Change and Environment, Thailand - Mr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC - Ms. Juliet Braslow, Sustainable Development Officer, ESCAP - Ms. Juhi Bansal, Regional Expert for NDCs, LT-LEDS, UNFCCC RCC Asia-Pacific <p>Q&A</p>	Participants consider how data and broader information issues can be aligned for the SDGs and climate action.
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 13: Stakeholder Engagement for aligning VNR and NDC</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ana Thorlund, Governance and Public Administration Expert, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UNDESA</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Miki Fukuda, Policy Researcher, Integrated Sustainability Centre, IGES - Ms. Ani Kirakosyan, Assistant to the Minister, Ministry of Environment and Ms. Armine Hovhannisyan, Third Secretary at the UN and Sustainable Development Division, Department of Multilateral Policy and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Armenia - Ms. Amy Nicole Wilson Bautista, Regional Development Analyst, Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy and Ms. Rocío Chacón Torres, Head of Institutional Planning, Ministry of 	Participants consider how stakeholder engagement can be aligned for both the SDGs and climate action (gender lens and inclusion, Leave No-one Behind).

	National Planning and Economic Policy (Mideplan), Costa Rica Q&A	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 13:45	Session 14: Country Action Plan Exercise on Financing, Data, Stakeholder Engagement for SDG and NDC Alignment Facilitator: Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD Introduction and instructions for the exercise	Participants are introduced to the action plan exercise
13:45 – 15:00	Group Activity: Development of Action Plan for SDG and NDC Alignment Facilitators: ECLAC, ESCAP, IGES, NDC Partnership, SEI, UNFCCC RCC, UNOSD.	Participants are split into groups that consider the development of one of the focus areas.
15:00 – 15:30	Joint Capacity Building Programme by the UNFCCC, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and Convention on Biological Diversity Presenter: Alejandro Kilpatrick, Climate Finance and Capacity Building Team Leader, UNFCCC	
15:30 – 17:00	Group Activity: Development of Action Plan for SDG and NDC Alignment (continued) Facilitators: ECLAC, ESCAP, IGES, NDC Partnership, SEI, UNFCCC RCC, UNOSD.	Participants are split into groups which consider the development of one of the focus areas.

Day 4 Friday, 10 May 2024

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9:00 – 9:10	Rapporteur – recap of day 3 Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD	
9:10 – 11:30	Session 15: Group Presentation of Action Plans for comment and feedback Moderator: Mr. Simon Gilby, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD	Participants provide their plans and receive expert feedback.
11:30 – 11:45	Course Evaluation Facilitator: Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, Consultant, UNOSD	Participants provide feedback on the effectiveness of the training
11:45 – 12:00	Closing Session Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head, UN Office for Sustainable Development, DSDG, UNDESA	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 17:00	Site Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incheon I-start up Park, Songdo - IFEZ Smart City Integrated Operation Center, 4th floor of G-tower - Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) PR Center, 33rd floor of G-tower 	