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2019 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

From Incremental Progress to Transformation: Achieving the SDGs and Securing Our Planet

22 to 24 October 2019

Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Hosted by the

[United Nations Office for Sustainable Development \(UNOSD\)](#) of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, (UNDESA), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, in partnership with the [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#), [Arirang TV](#), and [Incheon Tourism Organization](#).

As of 22 Oct. 2019

Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (Day 1)	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration (Grand Ballroom, Floor 2)
9:00 - 9:55	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Jean D'Aragon, Officer-in-Charge—UNOSD [5 min] ○ Mr. Kwang-suk Park, Deputy Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea [5 min] ○ Mr. Sang Soo Yoon, Ambassador for International Relations, Incheon City, Republic of Korea [5 min] ○ Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Senior Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) [5 min] ○ Mr. Seung Youl Lee, CEO of Arirang TV [5 min] <p>Setting the Stage Dr. David O'Connor, UNOSD co-facilitator [15 min]</p>
9:55 – 10:30	<p>Launch of the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Sustainable Development Report and the Korean context Dr. Eun Mee Kim, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea [20 min] • Distribution of the GSDR & Group Photo [10 min] • Housekeeping announcements [5 min]
10:30 – 11:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
11:00 – 11:45	<p>On-stage Interview by Mr. Nik Gowing, Journalist and broadcaster, former BBC anchor and presenter of the BBC's Hard Talk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eun Mee Kim, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, ROK • Dr. David Smith, Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD), University of the West Indies (UWI) • Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Professor and Chair, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University [25-30 minutes]

	<p>Facilitator, Introductory Remarks and Chair of the Session: Mr. Colm Foy, UNOSD co-facilitator, moderator [10 min]</p> <p>Questions from the floor.</p> <p>Topics could include:</p> <p>How can all the stakeholders be encouraged to educate themselves about the SDGs?</p> <p>What policies from the various levels of government can encourage all stakeholders to take the SDGs seriously?</p> <p>What are the opportunities for public/private/people partnerships to help implement the SDGs?</p> <p>Is it even realistic to expect all stakeholders to feel responsible for helping implement the SDGs?</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions: Dr. Astra Bonini, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch (PAB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN-DESA [15 min]</p>
11:45 - 13:00	<p>Session 1: Entry point for transformation: Building sustainable and just economies</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. David O'Connor, UNOSD co-facilitator</p> <p><i>Opening remarks:</i> Mr. Arnaud Pincet, Project Lead, SDG Financing Lab, OECD. [10 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [40 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Eun Mee Kim, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea ○ Mr. Mike Asquith, Project Manager, European Environment Agency (EEA) ○ Ms. Jeniffer Carol Jasmin, Director General, Ministry of Finance, Trade Investment and Economic Planning, Seychelles ○ Ms. Gina Gacusan, Assistant Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority, The Philippines <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do examples of historical economic transformations – in East Asia, the Celtic Tiger – offer lessons for future needed transformations? ○ How can government planning and finance ministries support the transformational changes needed towards sustainable development? ○ What role can international finance – both public and private – play to further the increase and shifts in resources needed?
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:20	<p>Session 2: Thinking the Unthinkable</p> <p>Facilitator, Introductory Remarks and Chair of the Session: Mr. Colm Foy, UNOSD co-facilitator, moderator [5 min]</p> <p><i>Presentation:</i> Mr. Nik Gowing, Journalist and broadcaster, former BBC anchor and presenter of the BBC's <i>Hard Talk</i>, Founder and co-Director (with Chris Langdon) of the "Thinking the Unthinkable Project". He is the co-author with Chris Langdon of <i>Thinking the Unthinkable</i> (2018).</p> <p>The presentation will be drawn from Nik's mission to help leaders better appreciate "what the public does not like or understand" in order to achieve their objectives, such as implementing the SDGs. [40 min]</p> <p><i>Response</i> Dr. David O'Connor, UNOSD co-facilitator [15 min]</p> <p><i>Floor Discussion</i> [30 min]</p>
15:20 - 15:40	<p>Nutrition and Networking Break</p>
15:40 - 17:00	<p>Session 3: Entry point for transformation: Food systems and nutrition patterns</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> (tbd) [10 min]</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Hyoung-Joon Lim, Head of World Food Programme, Korea office [10 min] <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Mi Hoon Jeong, Manager ASEM, SMEs, Eco-Innovation Center (AEIC Korea) ○ Mr. Demetrio Innocenti, Simplified Approval Process (SAP) Manager, Green Climate Fund (GCF) ○ Mr. Rithy Sin, Vice-Chief Officer, National Productivity Center of Cambodia <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approaches to the "blue economy" ○ Sustainable agriculture: is industrial farming obsolete? ○ Urban agriculture: how big a piece of the puzzle? ○ Agro-industry ○ Satisfying consumer needs, changing consumer diets ○ Making policies palatable ○ The role of lobbies
17:30 – 20:00	<p>SDGs Café (Meeting room II and III, Floor 2)</p> <p>Welcome Reception (Grand Ballroom, Floor 2)</p>

Wednesday, 23 October 2019 (Day 2)	
8:45-10:05	<p>Session 4: Entry point for transformation: Energy decarbonisation and universal access</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker</i> Mr. Dhruba Purkayastha, Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Delhi [10 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [40 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Leow Foon-Lee, Adjunct, Principal Fellow, National University of Singapore ○ Professor Suh-Yong Chung, Director of the Center for Climate and Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDALP) ○ Mr. Sangmin Nam, Deputy Director, UNESCAP Sub-regional office for East and North-East Asia (ENEA) ○ Ms. Laura Isabel Lizano Ramon, Director, Energy Planning Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to meet rapidly growing energy needs in developing countries while shifting away from fossil fuel reliance? ○ How far can renewable energy be an answer to the problem of energy poverty? ○ Where are the biggest wins in raising energy efficiency? ○ What new policies, regulations, financial incentives can significantly boost prospects for low-carbon energy?
10:05-10:30	Nutrition and Networking Break
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 5: New trends in governance for transformation</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. David O'Connor, UNOSD co-facilitator</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i> Professor Louis Meuleman, Rapporteur, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration; Public Governance Institute, University of Leuven, Belgium [15 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [40 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Arnaud Pincet, Project Lead, SDG Financing Lab, OECD ○ Mr Stephan Klingbiel, Head, UNDP Seoul Policy Center ○ Mr. Dulue Mbachu, Nigeria Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News ○ Dr. Ro-Anne Karla Indira Quashie-Harry, Social Policy Coordinator, Economic Planning Unit, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning,

	<p>Sustainable Development and Information Technology, St. Vincent and Grenadines</p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [35min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the shortcomings of existing governance arrangements in supporting sustainable development transformations? ○ What will it take to make needed governance reforms in the interests of accelerating progress towards the SDGs? ○ Are there good examples of implementing effective reforms? ○ What about global governance? What may need to change?
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break (Grand Ballroom, Floor 2)
13:00-14:20	<p>Session 6: Changing people’s preferences, behavior, and values: what are main obstacles and how fast can this happen?</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Colm Foy, UNOSD co-facilitator [5 min]</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker:</i> Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Professor and Chair, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University [15 min]</p> <p><i>Roundtable</i> [40 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants: • Ms. Sara Castro De Hallgren, Programme Expert, UN Project Office on Governance/Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government/UN DESA • Mr. Dhruva Purkayastha, Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Delhi • Ms. Tandin Wangmo, Deputy Chief Planning Officer, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan • Dr. Eskandar Omidinia, Deputy Head for Education and People Partnership, Department of Environment, Iran <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [20 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People value economic security: how can this be assured without pursuit of ever rising material and energy consumption? ○ Will ‘sustainable consumption’ forever remain a niche market? ○ Are there good examples of where societies or sizeable groups of consumers have transitioned to more sustainable consumption patterns? What can we learn from them?
14:20-15:40	<p>Session 7: Building coalitions for transformative change (Group sessions)</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. David O’Connor, UNOSD co-facilitator</p> <p><i>Opening Speaker:</i></p>

	<p>Ms. Lauren M. Barredo, Head of Partnerships, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)</p> <p><i>Group leaders:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Benjamin Jouannes, Coordinator, GSEF Secretariat, Global Social Economy Forum [5 min] ○ Mr. Dhruva Purkayastha, Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Delhi [5 min] ○ Mr. Kalamoungkhoun Souphanouvong, Deputy Director of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR ○ Dr. Astra Bonini, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch (PAB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN-DESA <p><i>Open Discussion</i> [20 min]</p> <p>Discussion Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diagnosing societal challenges and what it will take to address them effectively ○ Examples of where forging partnerships or coalitions among multiple stakeholders helped in solving challenging problems ○ Given the global challenges we face going forward to achieve the SDGs and tackle climate change, do we need new coalitions?
15:40-16:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
16:00-16:50	<p>Session 8: Combining levers of transformation in new ways: On-Stage Interview by Ms. Soo-young Oh, Arirang TV, Dr. David Horan, Columbia University and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [20 min]</p> <p>From GSDR (p. 136): Actors from governance, economy and finance, civil society, and science and technology must thus rethink their partnership and establish novel collaborations.</p> <p><i>Reactions and questions from participants</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the role of partnerships? ● How are the most effective partnerships formed? ● What about shared accountability for results? ● How has the Forum contributed to innovative ways of operating the levers of transformation?
16:50 -17:00	<p>Day 2 Wrap-Up:</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Mr. David O'Connor and Mr. Colm Foy, UNOSD co-facilitators</p> <p>Discussion of main lessons, messages emerging from the first 2 days of discussion, elements for inclusion in the Incheon Communiqué</p>

Thursday, 24 October 2019 (Day 3)

9:00 - 10:20	<p>Session 9: Tackling the political economy of transformative change</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Colm Foy, UNOSD co-facilitator</p> <p><i>Opening Reflections</i> Prof. Daniel Hausknost, Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Nobuko Kajiura, Sustainable Development Officer, UNESCAP Sub-regional office for East and North-East Asia (ENEA) ○ Ms. Rafia Khan, Executive Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh ○ Ms. Nur A'in Binte Abd Razak, Project Officer, Asia Europe Foundation <p><i>Open Discussion:</i> [30 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysing interest groups, who would support transformation change and who is likely to block it ○ What can work to neutralize opposition to unpopular but necessary reforms, changes? ○ How to ensure that “there are no losers” or that losers get fairly compensated?
10:20-10:40	<p>Nutrition and Networking Break</p>
10:40-11:55	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Keynote: <i>From Incremental to Transformative Change for People and Planet</i> Dr. David Smith, Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD), University of the West Indies (UWI) [15 min] • Presentation of 2019 Incheon Communiqué [10min] (Dr. David O'Connor and Mr. Colm Foy, co-facilitators UNOSD) • Comments from Floor, Discussion [30 min] • Closing Remarks (Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager—Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) [10 min]; Dr. Jean D’Aragon—UNOSD; [10 min]
12:00-12:30	<p>Lunch (take-away)</p>
12:30 - evening	<p>Field Trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyungbokgung Palace, Seoul • Cheonggyecheon stream restoration project, Seoul • Songdo central area, Incheon <p>*Please dress comfortably, bring warm clothes and wear good walking shoes</p>

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