



From Science to Practice: Strengthening Research Uptake to Achieve the SDGs

11th-12th December 2019

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8:30-9:00 **Arrival & Registration | Welcome Coffee**

9:00-9:20 **Welcoming Remarks**

(Salle Obasi)

Tatiana Valovaya, Director General, United Nations Office in Geneva

Valentin Zellweger, Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations and to other International Organizations

9:20-10:35 **Plenary Session 1: Iterations of Science, Politics, and Policy**

(Salle Obasi)

How should scientific knowledge be created? What role should research have in global policy processes? How can its authority be upheld/maintained?

Chair: **Thomas Biersteker**, Director for Policy Research, Graduate Institute

Paul Ladd, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Maurizio Bona, Senior Advisor for Relations with Parliaments and Science Policy, CERN

Anja Kaspersen, Director, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

Annabelle Littoz-Monnet, Professor of International Relations/Political Science, Co-Director, Global Governance Centre, Graduate Institute

10:35-11:05 **Coffee Break**

11:05-12:30 **Plenary Session 2: Leveraging Knowledge to Advance the 2030 Agenda**

(Salle Obasi)

What are the cultural, organizational, and political determinants of un/successful interaction among researchers, decision makers, and policy practitioners when working towards the SDGs?

Chair: **Dr. Moira Faul**, Head of Research, Public Private Partnerships Center, University of Geneva

Dr. Peter Messerli, Director, Centre for Development and Environment and Co-Chair of the independent group of scientists for the UN Global Sustainable Development Report

Dr. Petru Dumitriu, Inspector, United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

Dr. Flavia Schlegel, Special Envoy for Science in Global Policy, International Science Council

Dr. Anne Ellersiek, Research Associate, German Science Platform Sustainability &

Dr. Marianne Beisheim, Senior Associate, Global Issues Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs



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12:30- 14:00**Lunch****14:00-16:00****Breakout Session**

Three breakout groups (A,B,C) corresponding to specific SDGs (3,10,11) discuss independently a series of questions:

Gaps and Needs: What are the existing gaps (e.g. in knowledge, skills, institutional capacities, representativeness) that hamper science-policy interaction, and how to overcome them?

Innovation: What is the source of innovation in research-policy interaction, both within the UN, state and non-state sectors, and in what ways can institutional innovation be nurtured?

Policy Cycle: Are different stages of the policy cycle (issue/framing and agenda setting, policy formulation, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation) more/less conducive to research-policy interaction?

Group A: Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3)

Chair: **Suerie Moon**, Co-Director of the Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute (tbc)

Group B: Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)

Chair: **Katja Hujo**, Senior Research Coordination, UNRISD

Group C: Sustainable Cities & Communities (SDG 11)

Chair: **Dr. Alexandre Hedjazi**, Director, Global Environmental Policy Programme, University of Geneva

16:00-16:30**Coffee Break****16:30-18:00****Plenary Session 3: Reporting back - Q&A**

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Rapporteurs will synthesize findings from the breakout session and report back in plenary, followed by initial comments from their chairs. A group discussion will follow to identify cross-cutting themes, challenges and opportunities across the thematic SDGs.

Chair: **Francesco Pisano**, Director, UNOG Library

18:00-18:30**Conclusion and Next Steps****18:30****Cocktail**

DAY 2 - 12th DECEMBER

9:00-12:30

Engage with Students

This interactive day is dedicated to further investigate the gaps and needs hampering science-policy interface identified in the breakout sessions with students. It is a great opportunity to exchange with bright young minds as well as speakers and come up with fresh and innovative solutions.

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Lunch

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