

## Getting Governments Organised to Deliver on the SDGs

High Level Political Forum 2017 - Side Event  
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In today's global landscape, governments face increasingly complex economic, social and environmental challenges. How can governments get organised to reach the ambition embodied in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals?

Achieving progress on the Goals will require governments to work across policy areas. This is no easy task. The obstacles to joined-up government are well known. For example, immediate economic and social pressures often crowd out longer term strategic policy initiatives. Public budgets and accountability systems are usually aligned with departmental structures and have difficulty tracking outcomes that occur in multiple policy areas and across multiple levels of government. An unprecedented range of public and private actors will need to be consulted and participate in both policy formulation and implementation of the SDGs.

Multiplying the complex equation of complementarities and trade-offs across the whole spectrum of policy areas covered by the SDGs implies a need for prioritisation and negotiation involving all parts of government as well as the business sector and civil society.

The side event on "Getting Governments Organised to Deliver on the SDGs" will provide a focused discussion on how governments can tackle some of the governance challenges that are inherent to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The presentation of country experiences will enable a peer-to-peer exchange on how institutions such as the centre of government (Prime Ministers' and President's offices) are dealing with the governance challenge presented by the SDGs.

The side event is co-sponsored by the Governments of Sweden and Mexico, along with the African Peer Review Mechanism, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the OECD.

The High Level Political Forum side event will also launch a **new Policy Research and Knowledge Sharing project** on the institutional mechanisms that countries can consider as they set out to implement the SDGs.

### Opening remarks:

- **Doug Frantz**, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD

### Keynote remarks:

- **Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations

### Key panellists:

- **Francisco Guzmán**, Chief of Staff of the President of Mexico
- **Ms Anna Kárníková**, Director, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
- **Jose Molinas Vegas**, Minister of Planning for Economic and Social Development, Paraguay
- **Margaret Kobia**, Chair, Public Service Commission, Kenya
- **Prof Ibrahim Gambari**, Member of the Panel of Eminent Persons, African Peer Review Mechanism
- **Hugo G. von Meijenfeldt**, SDG coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- **Professor Eddy Maloka**, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism

### Final remarks:

- **Ardalan Shekarabi**, Minister of Public Administration, Sweden

### Moderator:

- **Rolf Alter**, Director, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

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