Launch of the Global Hub on the Governance for the SDGs

25 September 2019 │ 08:00 – 09:30 am │ Conference Room 4 │ UN Headquarters, New York

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Development Goals set a roadmap for a better world. One where poverty, hunger, disease, climate change and gender inequality are no longer a threat to our planet and wellbeing. They chart a world where decent jobs for all, sustainable infrastructure, clean oceans and energy, responsible consumption and production, clean water and sanitation, and quality education become the norm.

To achieve our collective international commitments under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in just over ten years, we must accelerate progress. For that to happen, we need to mobilise financial resources, but also boost governments’ capacity to implement the SDGs.

The SDGs are complex and multi-faceted. Governments need to manage trade-offs to understand externalities and to align and coordinate action across ministries and levels of government, while involving the business sector and the civil society.

The SDGs are a universal agenda and governments need to engage with each other and revitalise global partnerships to strengthen their means of implementation and be effective.

OBJECTIVES

This side event will launch the Global Hub on the Governance for the SDGs.

The Global Hub is a joint OECD-UNDP initiative, which aims to strengthen the capacity of governments worldwide to implement the SDGs. The Hub offers a global partnership where countries can collaborate on the governance challenges posed by the SDGs and seek targeted policy advice and implementation support that is tailored to their priorities and context.

Leaders will share examples of how their governments design and implement effective mechanisms to promote the 2030 Agenda. They will also indicate priority areas of work for the Global Hub on the Governance for the SDGs.
HIGH-LEVEL SIDE EVENT

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DRAFT AGENDA

The high-level side event to launch The Global Hub on the Governance of the SDGs is hosted by the governments of Colombia, Romania and the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the OECD and the UNDP. Member States, representatives of non-governmental organisations, the private sector and members of the media participating in the High-Level Political Forum are invited to attend. [Note: exact timings can be subject to change]

Moderator: Ms. Deborah Charles, News Editor at Devex

08:00-08:10 (10 mins) – Family Photo

08:10-08:35 (25 mins) – Welcome and Introduction
Welcome Address: H.E. Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary General, OECD
H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
H.E. Mr. Eugen Orlando Teodorovici, Minister of Public Finance, Romania
H.E. Ms. Ohood Al Roumi, Minister of State for Happiness and Wellbeing, Director General of the Prime Minister’s Office, United Arab Emirates
Mr. Andrés Rugeles, Deputy permanent representative of the permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations

08:35-09:20 (45 mins) – Launch of the Global Hub on the Governance for the SDGs

Governance as an SDG Accelerator: Challenges and Opportunities to Support SDG Implementation
H.E. Mr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of Uganda
H.E. Ms. Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba
Ms. Gabriela Agosto, Executive Secretary of the National Council for Social Policy Coordination, Argentina
Mr. Ruairí De Búrica, Director General, Irish Aid
Mr. André Weidenhaupt, Director for Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg
Mr. Eddy Maloka, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism
Mr. Ahmed Kamaly, Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform for Planning Affairs, Egypt

09:20-09:30 (10 mins) – Closing
Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director for Public Governance, OECD
Mr. Haoliang Xu, Director Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP