

Policy coherence as a means for addressing dilemmas in SDG implementation

Eradicating poverty in all its dimensions, while protecting the planet



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The first year of the implementation of the SDGs revealed that policy-makers are struggling to manage and leverage linkages among goal areas and to operationalise an integrated implementation of the SDGs with the involvement of all key stakeholders. The experience so far has also shown that *the implementation of highly integrated SDGs entails multiple policy dilemmas*, associated with:

- **Priority setting and balancing economic, social and environmental demands.** How to shift towards a more sustainable path and greater preservation of natural resources without compromising economic growth or employment or poverty eradication?
- **Balancing the long-term and the transformative nature of the SDGs and the short-term challenges that often take priority.** How to ensure that the needs of future generations are considered systematically in policy making?
- **Bridging the gap between domestic and international implementation** How to make sure that the greater focus on domestic policy does not come at the expense of international co-operation to eradicate poverty and support sustainable development in poor countries?
- **Aligning public and private actions.** How to ensure good business and sustainable development practices? What incentives do businesses have to invest in sustainable development?

This side event will convene a high-level panel of representatives from governments, international organisations, civil society organisations and the business sector to discuss common challenges, share lessons and successes in policy and practice, with a specific focus on enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development in areas related to the theme of the HLPF 2017: “eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”.

The event will be followed by an **interactive learning session** facilitated by Måns Nilsson (Stockholm Environment Institute, SEI) to familiarize government planners, desk officers and key stakeholders with the concept of interactions and how it can be applied in the context of national implementation of the SDGs.

Welcoming remarks and moderator:

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

Introduction:

- **Ebba Dohlman**, OECD

Keynote remarks:

- **Romain Schneider**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Key panellists:

- **Jaime Miranda**, Vice Minister for Development Co-operation, El Salvador
- **Paula Caballero**, Global Director for Climate, World Resources Institute
- **Jan Moström**, President and CEO of LKAB Sweden
- **Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Chair of Southern Voice
- **Charlotte Petri Gornitzka**, Chair of the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee

Commentator:

- **Marion Barthélémy**, Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, UNDESA

Final remarks:

- **Carole Dieschbourg**, Minister for the Environment, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Related events:

- *Training session “From interlinkages analysis to policy coherence in practice”, 14 July 3-6pm, UNCA Room, UNHQ*
- *“Getting Governments Organised to Deliver on the SDGs”, 19 July 6:15pm-7:30pm, CR A, UNHQ.*

