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Moderator: Ebba Dohlman, OECD-PCSD Team

9:00  Registration and coffee

9:30  Welcome and introductory remarks

9:40  Session 1: Insights from simulating SDG implementation with THE WORLD’S FUTURE game

With the adoption of the SDGs, there has been a growing need for tools that can support policy-makers and other actors in designing and implementing coherent and integrated policies, enhancing synergies and overcoming trade-offs in the pursuit of goals and targets, and assessing transboundary and intergenerational impacts. One such tool – a simulation game called THE WORLD’S FUTURE – is currently being developed by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna. Given the close synergies between IIASA’s systems thinking approaches and OECD’s work on PCSD, the two organisations have teamed up to test this tool on a small group of interested OECD sectoral experts and officials from Member states on 14 June. Gerid Hager and Piotr Magnuszewski from IIASA will present the insights drawn from this experience and seek the views of Members on taking this exercise forward.

10:30 Session 2: Challenges in achieving sustainable transformation and poverty eradication in the implementation of the SDGs – presentation by Uchita de Zoysa, Chief SDG Negotiator and Advisor to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Sri Lanka

- What are the main challenges involved in setting up a national institutional architecture compatible with the 2030 Agenda (e.g. political leadership, whole of government approach, stakeholder engagement, alignment between local and national agendas, follow-up mechanisms)?
- From Sri Lanka’s perspective, what is required nationally and internationally to give meaning to the 2030 Agenda core objectives of eradicating poverty “in all its dimensions” and “leaving no one behind”?
- How important are “sustainability” measures in OECD countries (e.g. SDG 12) for the achievement of the SDGs elsewhere, particularly in developing countries? What is the role and importance of SDG target 17.14 on enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development?

11:30 Session 3: Applying the PCSD Framework

Based on two practical examples, this session will discuss how the PCSD Framework can be applied concretely to real cases, consider why horizontal and vertical coherence are so vital for achieving the SDGs, and how policy processes need to align or adapt to the 2030 Agenda.
• **Enhancing the contribution of sport and the SDGs** – Oliver Dudfield, Commonwealth Secretariat, and Iain Lindsey, Durham University

• **Territorial approach to food security and nutrition policy** – Stefano Marta, Regional Development Policy Division, CFE

Issues for discussion:

• How can a framework for policy coherence enhance the contribution of sport to sustainable development? How can synergies be built between policy priorities in sport and the SDGs?

• How can multi-level governance systems and strengthened horizontal and vertical coordination promote more effective food security and nutrition (FSN) policies? What is the role of policy coherence?

• What is needed to increase the availability of data and indicators at the local and regional levels to inform policy implementation, with regard to both sport and FSN?

12:30 Lunch break

**14:00 Session 4: Tracking progress on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (SDG 17.14)**

The discussion will be in two parts, covering the global and national levels, with the participation of Michal Shinwell from the OECD Directorate for Statistics as discussant.

a) **At global level (Ludgarde Coppens, UN Environment, by audio link)**

The global indicator proposed for tracking progress on SDG 17.14 is “the number of countries with mechanisms in place for enhancing policy coherence”. UN Environment, as Custodian Agency for the TIER III indicator 17.14.1, is responsible for developing the methodology for this indicator ([TIER III Work Plan](#)) and welcomes the opportunity to exchange ideas on key considerations to integrate. The discussion will be followed by a commentary from the OECD Statistics directorate.

Issues for discussion:

• What is the status of discussions on global indicators for SDG 17.14? What are the key methodological and policy considerations?

• What is meant by “mechanisms” in the current proposal for a global PCSD indicator?

• What scope is there for further inputs to the global indicator for SDG 17.14? What are the views of members on the inputs?

b) **At national level – Identifying what needs to be measured, analysed and reported (Ernesto Soria Morales, OECD-PCSD Team)**

Based on the PCSD Framework developed by the OECD, introductory remarks will recall some perspectives on the three key elements to bear in mind when tracking progress in enhancing PCSD at the national level. The discussion will focus on:

• How to examine the ability of institutional mechanisms to formulate and implement policies coherent with sustainable development goals?
• How to capture policy inter-linkages between economic, social and environmental values and examine co-relations across sectors?
• How to take into account policy effects beyond national borders and consider the long-term implications of current policy decisions?

c) Identifying and using qualitative and quantitative indicators – The Coherence Monitor (Carina Lindberg, OECD-PCSD Team)
• What process indicators exist/need to be developed for the eight PCSD building blocks suggested by the OECD?
• How should we identify and use sets of indicators to assess critical interactions at the national level?
• What type of indicators can be used to monitor policy effects on other countries and future generations?

16:00 Update on PCSD programme of work 2017-18

The PCSD team will provide an update on its ongoing programme of work and seek the views of members for next steps.

➢ Update on ongoing work – (i) Flagship 2017; (ii) HLPF 2017 side event; (iii) PCSD Partnership
➢ Next steps – (i) Aligning the 2010 Council Recommendation on Good Institutional Practices for PCD with the 2030 Agenda and SDGs; (ii) Country support/help desk; (iii) Trade and development – Neil Martin will present ongoing work based on a concept note and seek feedback by members.

16:30 Closing remarks and end of meeting