

## 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*.

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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 Búrca, 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