



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

EU Side Event hosted jointly by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee

Delivering the SDGs: Revitalised Partnerships with the EU

When: 19 July 2023 13h15-14h30

Venue: United Nations HQ, Conference Room 3

UN Web TV link: <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k15/k15xzeabv4>

Objective

The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) guide the work of the European Union both internally and in its international partnerships. In the current situation of multiple crises, which risks to further reverse progress on SDGs, the EU is determined to revitalize partnerships for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda. As recalled in the UN Secretary-General's proposal for a SDGs Stimulus plan, the indispensable transitions needed for sustainability, peace and prosperity that the 2030 Agenda must bring about, call for decisive and immediate actions in several interrelated areas.

To complement the formal presentation of the EU Voluntary Review ('EUVR'), the side-event will focus on the EU's innovative "whole-of-government" and "whole-of-society" approaches in and outside the EU, showcasing the comprehensive mainstreaming of SDGs in EU policy making. This includes internally pursuing transformative policies that support progress on SDGs (including ensuring policy coherence, adapting our regulation and coordination tools, improving SDGs monitoring, promoting the principle of Leave No One Behind) and inclusiveness in the implementation (all partners on board). Externally, the EU fosters the achievement of the SDGs through international partnerships, including through its Global Gateway strategy that provides a qualitative investment offer to target the SDGs.

The side event will allow for a conversation with civil society on how to boost implementation further.





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Programme

Moderation by Amb. Olof Skoog, Head of the EU Delegation to the UN

Welcoming words

Amina Mohammed – United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (Video Remarks)

Lachezara Stoeva – President of ECOSOC

Panel - Delivering on the 2030 Agenda: EU institutions' perspective

- ***Paolo Gentiloni*** – European Commissioner for Economy
- ***Jutta Urpilainen*** – European Commissioner for International Partnerships
- ***Lilith Verstyngge Revuelta*** - Spanish Presidency of the EU Council, Secretary of State for the 2030 Agenda
- ***Tomas Tobé*** – Member of European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Development of the European Parliament
- ***Vasco Alves Cordeiro*** – President of the Committee of the Regions
- ***Oliver Röpke*** - President of the European Economic and Social Committee

Conversation with civil society on how to boost the SDGs implementation

Moderation by Mr Peter Schmidt, President of the Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment Section, European Economic and Social Committee

- ***Daniele Taurino*** - Board member of the European Youth Forum (YFJ)
- ***Brendah Uwase Akankunda*** - Independent Trade, Investment and Sustainable Development Policy Analyst from Uganda – CONCORD partner
- ***Jérôme Bellion-Jourdan*** - Deputy-Secretary-General, International Employer's Organization (IOE)
- ***Julie Rosenkilde*** - Steering Group member, SDG Watch
- ***Diego López González*** - Development Cooperation Policy Coordinator, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

