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How Can Countries Implement and Monitor Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

Concept note

In September 2015, the global community will agree upon a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This process is one of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference where UN member states agreed to launch a process to develop a set of SDGs, which will build on the Millennium Development Goals and frame the post-2015 development agenda.

Implementation of the SDGs at the national level will require a sound follow up and review framework and an active involvement of relevant actors at the national level from ministries and statistical offices.

The main objective of this event will be to review national perspectives on plausible follow up and review framework frameworks based on individual country experiences, as well as to provide an overview of challenges related to international coordination of implementation.

The session will be divided into two sections. The first will be dedicated to national perspectives on what countries will need to do to implement the SDGs. This will be followed by a facilitated discussion with distinguished experts on what needs to be done to enable effective implementation of the SDGs in their countries, what practical actions can be taken in the short run, and how the international community should assist in this process.

National perspectives will draw from recently conducted research on Poland and Viet Nam's readiness in implementing sustainable development goals. These national research case studies are a follow up of the ENVforum's initial research on creating SDGs at the national level and an underlying framework and methodology (published in *Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a [Small Planet, Part I: Methodology and Goal Framework](#)*) and indicators to measure progress in achieving SDGs (published in *[Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet, Part II: Measuring Sustainability](#)*).

Intended Audience

- Government Officials
- Researchers and Experts involved in SDGs-related discussions with focus on means of implementation as well as follow up and review framework

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ENVIRONMENT FORUM



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Monday, July 20th, from 1 PM till 2:45 PM.

Organised by the Permanent Missions of Hungary and Viet Nam to the United Nations and Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Side event during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations

Venue: UN Headquarters Conference Room 6, Conference Room Building

Programme

1:00 Registration and Light lunch served adjacent to the Vienna Café

1:15 – 1:30 PM

Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. ZHANG Yan, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

H.E. Dr. Zsolt HETESY, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations

1:30 – 1:45 PM

Keynote Briefing on Means of Implementation for SDGs

H.E. Mr. WU Hongbo, Ambassador, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

1:45 – 2:45 PM

National Readiness for SDGs Implementation

Viet Nam perspective

Mr. DO Hung Viet, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations

Poland perspective

Dr. Andrzej KASSENBERG, President of the Institute for the Sustainable Development, Poland

Panel Discussion

Mr. Stefan SCHWEINFEST, Director, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

Dr. Lisa Grace S. BERSALES, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Co-chair of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Dr. Laszlo PINTER, Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) & Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University (CEU)