

National Councils for Sustainable Development and Other Similar Multi-Stakeholder Platforms: Exploring Their Role in Reviewing and Being an Implementation Agent for the 2030 Agenda

A Pre-HLPF Workshop on 8 July 2019 - UN HQ, New York

The United Nations, New York, NY., **Conference Room E** (see map attached)

Organized by Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future for the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), co-sponsor the United Nations Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development – UNDESA, and in cooperation with the Friends of Governance for Sustainable Development

Time	Session
9:00-9:20	<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <p>Charles Nouhan, Chairman, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future</p> <p>Marion Barthélemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UNDESA</p> <p>Expectations from the workshop:</p> <p>Günther Bachmann, Secretary-General, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)</p> <p>Moderator: Charles Nouhan</p>
9:20-9:45	<p>SESSION 2</p> <p>Setting the Scene: The current state of National Councils and similar multi-stakeholder platforms and their role in implementing the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Ingeborg Niestroy, Senior Fellow, The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies</p> <p>Birgitte Bryld, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Moderator: Charles Nouhan, with an introduction to Session 2a.</p>
9:45-10:45	<p>SESSION 2a</p> <p>Roundtable open discussion sessions with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>national experiences with national multi-stakeholder platforms, their mandates and roles in national policy frameworks (governance/SD architecture), their work modalities, their impact and results;</i> <i>best practice experiences; such as reporting tools, policies and the Peer Review concept.</i>

	<p>Participants will break off into two or more groups to share reflections on the workshop’s core proposition: Establishing peer learning and sharing of experiences of National SD Councils and similar multi-stakeholder bodies.</p> <p>Groups will include Member State delegates and other participants, with the support of resource persons from Stakeholder Forum: Felix Dodds, Elira Karaja, Jan Gustav Strandenaes, and Ruben Zondervan.</p> <p>Group 1: Moderator/Rapporteur - Cristina Maria Alina Popescu, Diplomatic Counsellor, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations</p> <p>Group 2: Moderator/Rapporteur - Liisa Rohweder, Secretary General WWF-Finland, and Stakeholder Member of Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p>Group 3: Moderator/Rapporteur - Park Chull-joo, Ambassador, Deputy-Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee, tea & comfort break (behind the Vienna Café)
11:00-11:30	<p>SESSION 2b</p> <p>The rapporteurs will report back on 4 or 5 of their group’s reflections and expectations.</p> <p>Moderator: Felix Dodds, Adjunct Professor, University of North Carolina</p>
11:30-1:00	<p>SESSION 3</p> <p>With the help of NCSDs and other similar multi-stakeholder platforms, how can governments develop and deliver their national sustainable development strategies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In serving the purpose for government, how can councils and other similar get the public involved?</i> • <i>How can they address private sector parties?</i> • <i>Can they reduce costs by taking advantage of experiences and tools (reporting tools, low budget approaches)?</i> • <i>Are councils making governing easier/more effective, or are they adding problems?</i> <p>Examples of how this has been or might be accomplished from:</p> <p>Günther Bachmann, Secretary-General, the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)</p> <p>Pia Björkbacka, Adviser for International Affairs, Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions & Stakeholder Member of Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p>Carolina Acosta Diaz, Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia</p> <p>Zemenay Lakew, African Peer Review Mechanism</p>



	<p>Sara Fyson, Effective Institutions Platform <u>or</u> Ernesto Soria Morales, Policy Coherence for Development Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, by video link</p> <p>Laurel Patterson, Team Leader a.i. SDG Integration, UNDP</p> <p>Moderator: Michiel de Vries, Network Coordinator of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)</p> <p>Respondent: Mandeep Tiwana, Chief Programs Officer at CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation</p>
1:00-2:15	Lunch
2:15-3:45	<p>Session 4</p> <p>The role of NCSDs and other similar multi-stakeholder platforms in Financing for Sustainable Development: This session will look at key Means of Implementation issues from the 2030 Agenda and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What role could national and subnational development banks play in cooperation with NCSD?</i> • <i>What is the role of Multi-stakeholder Partnerships and NCSDs?</i> • <i>What is the role of national industry coalitions to deliver the SDGs, and how they might engage with national Platforms?</i> <p>Presentations by:</p> <p>Jorge Fernandez-Quintela, Delegate of the Basque Country to the United States: Financing to promote the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030: The Basque Government Sustainability Bond</p> <p>Rik F. van Hemmen, President and Senior Partner, Martin, Ottaway, Van Hemmen & Dolan, Inc., on the role of technology</p> <p>Felipe Morgado, Senior Manager, Government Relations UN Global Compact, on the industry perspective</p> <p>Francesca Perucci, Assistant Director, Statistics Division the United Nations on using the data revolution to achieve the SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: Makwe Samuel Victor, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations</p> <p>Respondent: Gisele Fernández Ludlow, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Economic and Social Affairs, Mexico</p>
3:45-4:00	Coffee, tea & comfort break (behind the Vienna Café)



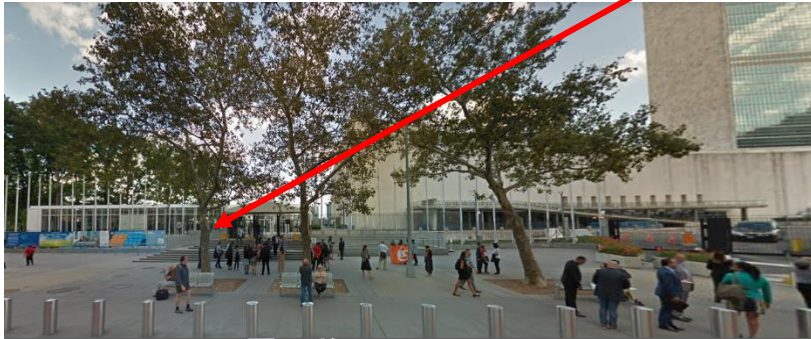
4:00-5:00	<p>Session 5</p> <p>There are growing concerns that progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is not being adequately informed by all levels of society - particularly those stakeholders most affected by environmental degradation and resulting in societal changes.</p> <p><i>Can a Global Network of National Councils for Sustainable Development and Other Similar Multi-Stakeholder Platforms be an effective mechanism to better inform the 2030 Agenda process, and its follow-up and review mechanism, the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including the Voluntary National Review process as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A facilitator of regular and meaningful communication between councils at all levels;</i> • <i>As a platform to proactively share best practice - and also what has not worked;</i> • <i>As a mechanism to institutionalize engagement between governments and stakeholders; and</i> • <i>As a provider of a mentoring component by a coalition of successful and durable councils and similar platforms.</i> <p>Roundtable discussion with short insights from:</p> <p>Marianne Beisheim, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)</p> <p>Irena Zubcevic, Chief of Intergovernmental Policy and Review Branch of Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UNDESA.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Jan Gustav Strandenaes, Director, Stakeholder Forum</p> <p>Respondent following the discussion: Charles Nouhan, Chairman, Stakeholder Forum</p>
5:00 - 5:10	<p>Insights from Thailand and the office of the PGA:</p> <p>Thanavon Pamaranon, Adviser, Office of the President of the General Assembly</p>
5:10 - 5:30	<p>Closing dialogue on the way forward and next steps between:</p> <p>Marion Barthélemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UNDESA; and</p> <p>Ruben Zondervan: Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> David Horan, Research fellow: Sustainable Development Solutions Network, University College Dublin and Columbia University, NY</p>

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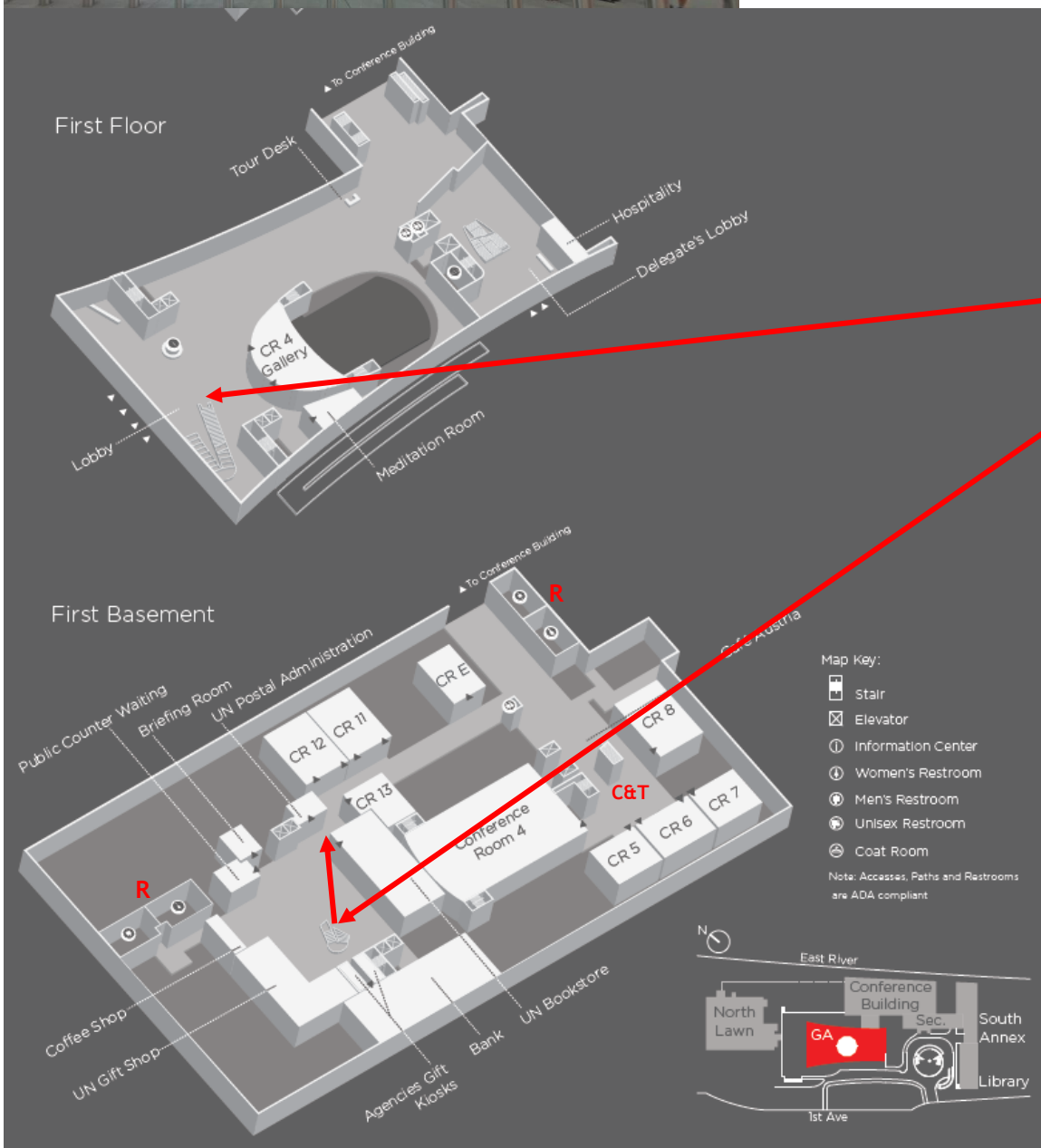
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