SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title

Multi-level acceleration for the SDGs in the UNECE Region

Background and Rationale

At the halfway point of the SDGs, it is clear that efforts need to be stepped up to realize the ambition of the 2030 Agenda. Global, regional, national and local actors all must work together for this purpose. This event will focus on the potential for multi-level acceleration in the UNECE Region. We discuss the potential for acceleration from multiple levels of governance and from a diverse range of actors, including municipalities, partnerships, Member States, the Regional Commissions and other International Organizations. Our speakers contribute both from their practical experience and on the basis of extensive on-going research into the effects and effectiveness of the SDGs in advancing sustainable development.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

The objective of this side-event is to reflect on insights from practice and research on the global, national and local implementation of the SDGs, among a broad range of actors. Based on these insights and through a discussion with the participants, we aim to find entry points for acceleration for the decade of action. Based on the discussion, a summary of key findings will be written, which may serve as further input for the HLPF in July 2023 and the SDG Summit in September 2023.

Organizers

Lead organizers: Utrecht University, ESG Foundation
Contributors: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Agenda and Structure

Introduction: the political impact of the SDGs thus far
speaker Prof. Dr. Frank Biermann, Utrecht University
Local level acceleration
speaker Leonie Grob, practitioner for gender-equal cities

Acceleration through partnerships
speaker Montserrat Koloffon Rosas, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

National level acceleration
speaker Sandra Pellegrom, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

The role of the Regional Commissions and other International Organizations
speakers Melanie van Driel and Maya Bogers, Utrecht University

Interactive panel discussion, with involvement of the audience members

List of Panellists

Prof. Dr. Frank Biermann, Utrecht University
Leonie Grob, practitioner for gender-equal cities
Montserrat Koloffon Rosas, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Sandra Pellegrom, SDG Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Melanie van Driel, Utrecht University, United Nations Association of the Netherlands
Maya Bogers, Utrecht University

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