

## SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

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### Event title

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Multi-level acceleration for the SDGs in the UNECE Region

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### Background and Rationale

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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.

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### Session objectives and expected outcomes

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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.

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### Organizers

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**Lead organizers:** Utrecht University, ESG Foundation

**Contributors:** Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

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### Agenda and Structure

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Introduction: the political impact of the SDGs thus far  
*speaker Prof. Dr. Frank Biermann, Utrecht University*

# REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



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

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## List of Panellists

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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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## Sign-up / Registration Link

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