2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

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

19 July 2023 13h15-14h30

New York, United Nations, Room 3

Delivering the SDGs: revitalised partnerships with the EU

Concept note

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 crisis, 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.

Date & Time: 19 July – 13h15-14h30

Duration: 1h15
Moderation by Olof Skoog, Head of EU Delegation to the UN

Welcoming words
• Amina Mohammed – United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (tbc)
• Lachezara Stoeva – President of ECOSOC (tbc)

Delivering on the 2030 Agenda: EU institutions' perspective
• Paolo Gentiloni – European Commissioner for Economy
• Jutta Urpilainen – European Commissioner for International Partnerships
• Ione Belarra Urteaga - Spanish Presidency of the EU Council, Minister of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda (tbc)
• 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
• Julie Rosenkilde - Steering Group member, SDG Watch
• Brendah Akankunda - Southern and Eastern Africa Trade information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), Uganda
• Diego López González - Development Cooperation Policy Coordinator, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
• Jérôme Bellion-Jourdan - Deputy-Secretary-General, International Employer's Organization
• Daniele Taurino - Board member of the European Youth Forum