

2013 Economic and Social Council Integration Meeting

Achieving sustainable development: Integrating the social, economic and environmental dimensions

Monday, 13 May 2013 10:00 a.m. – 05:30 p.m. ECOSOC Chamber

Programme

Opening plenary

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Official welcome:

- > H.E. Ambassador Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Session 1: Policy convergence for sustainable development

Moderator:

10:25 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Keynote speech:

 Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (via video link)

Panellists:

- H.E. Mr. Michael Anderson, Prime Minister's Special Envoy for UN Development Goals, United Kingdom
- > H.E. Ms. Sus Ulbæk, Ambassador Global Challenges and Green Growth, Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), Denmark (via video link)
- > Mr. Ian Noble, Lead Scientist, Global Adaptation Institute, Washington D.C.
- > Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Chairperson, United Nations Committee for Development Policy

Discussant:

Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Discussion questions:

- What are the potential short-term policy choices and longer-term gains inherent in an approach that balances and integrates the three dimensions of sustainable development?
- What are necessary elements for achieving policy coherence for the balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development?



Session 2: Scaling up for sustainable development

Moderator:

03:00 p.m. – 05:20 p.m.

> H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote speech:

> Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General, UNIDO (via video link)

Panellists:

- > H.E. Dr. Florence A. Chenoweth, Minister of Agriculture, Liberia
- > Ms. Hunter Lovins, President, Natural Capitalism
- > Mr. Gary Lawrence, Corporate Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, AECOM
- > Mr. Philip Dobie, Senior Fellow, World Agroforestry Centre

Discussant:

> Mr. Felix Dodds, Former Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Discussion questions:

- How do science, technology and innovation (STI) intersect with sustainable development and be better used to promote triple-win solutions?
- What kind of institutional framework and governance arrangements are needed for the successful integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development at the regional and country levels?
- What specific steps are needed for ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies to effectively promote a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development?

Closing plenary

Closing remarks:

05:20 p.m. – 05:30 p.m

- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- > H.E. Ambassador Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council