

Regional SYMPOSIUM on

Effective Governance and Digital Transformation for
 Accelerating Progress towards the 2030 Agenda
 - Promoting Sustainable, Resilient, and Innovative Solutions

17-19 October 2023

10:00 - 18:00 Seoul, GMT+9
 Incheon, Republic of Korea and Online



Day 1: 17 Oct 2023 (Tuesday)

10:00 – 10:45

High-level Opening Session

Moderator: Mr. Kyu Chang Ko, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), UN DESA

Speakers

- Mr. Li Junhua, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (Video Message)
- H.E. Lee Sang-min, Minister of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea
- Mr. Yoo Jeongbok, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea
- Ms. Victorina Kioa, Chief Executive Officer, Public Service Commission, Tonga
- Mr. Hendra Susanto, Vice Chair, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia
- Ms. Malini Mehra, Chief Executive, GLOBE International (Video Message)

Keynote Speech

- Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, 8th United Nations Secretary-General

11:10 – 12:15

Setting-the-scene session: “The Mid-Way Point Towards 2030: From Government Commitments to Sustained Action to Deliver the SDGs

Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

- Ms. Yongyi Min, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UN DESA (Online)
- Ms. Astra Bonini, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA
- Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN ESCAP
- Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Special Envoy to the Honorable Prime Minister for Climate Change, MP of Bangladesh
- Mr. Tapan Mishra, UN Resident Coordinator for Mongolia

Q&A Session

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00

Thematic Session I. Strategic Foresight for Forward-Looking Policies and Programmes in the Context of Uncertainty

Moderator: Ms. Trish Lavery, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD

Speakers

- Ms. Cat Tully, Managing Director, School of International Futures (Video)
- Mr. Frederick Mugisha, SDG Integration Advisor, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa (Online)
- Ms. Trish Lavery, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD
- Mr. Bernardus Dwita Pradana, Director General, Planning, Evaluation & Policy, Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia
- Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA
- Mr. Masse Lo, Founder & CEO, Institute of Leadership for Development

Q&A Session

15:15– 16:30

Learning Lab 1 - Harnessing Strategic Foresight for Effective Governance

- **Facilitator:** Ms. Trish Lavery, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD

16:30 – 17:30

Special Session I. UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs: National Experiences from Member States

Moderator: Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar, IAS Indian Administrative Service Commissioner, Government of India

Speakers

- **Ms. Narantuya Judger**, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, NAOG, Mongolia
- **Ms. Tungalag Lkhagva**, Editor in Chief, MONTSAME – Mongolian National News Agency, Mongolia
- **Mr. Sameera Jayawardena**, Associate Chief Digital Economy Officer, ICT Agency, Sri Lanka
- **Mr. Salvo TChamo**, Green Economy Policy Analyst, Ministry of Land and Environment, Mozambique (Online)
- **Ms. Maeva Magmui**, Principle Policy Analyst for Governance and Leadership for the Vanuatu Government

Q&A Session

18:00 -

Welcome Dinner

Day 2 – 18 October 2023 (Wednesday)

09:00 – 10:30

Thematic Session II. Strengthening Digital Data Governance for Accelerating Digital Governance Transformation

Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

- **Mr. Yong Suk Lee**, Head of Secretariat, Presidential Committee on Digital Platform Government, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Wai Min Kwok**, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA (Online)
- **Ms. Marielza Oliveira**, Director, Division for Digital Inclusion, Policies and Transformation, Communications and Information Sector, UNESCO (Video Message)
- **Mr. Habtamu Takele Yalew**, Senior Advisor for Development Policy and Planning, Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia
- **Mr. Keping Yao**, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Q&A Session

10:40 – 12:15

Parallel Session

Thematic Session III. Innovation and Digital Transformation at the local level for better public service delivery

Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

- **Mr. Xingquan Wang**, Director of Research Center on Technological Innovation IIS, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China
- **Mr. Deniz Susar**, Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA (Video)
- **Mr. Ladislav Ngendahimana**, Secretary General, RALGA
- **Ms. Sannyukta Samaddar**, IAS, Indian Administrative Service Commissioner, Government of India
- **Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul**, Senior Expert Smart City Promotion Department, DEPA, Thailand

Q&A Session

Youth Session. Leveraging Digital Transformation for the Acceleration of the 2030 Agenda with, and for Youth

Moderator: Ms. Carolit Grace Salvacion, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

- **Ms. Urté Petrulyté and Mr. Matheus Valois Serra**, Youth Representative, World Organization of the Scout Movement (Online)
- **Mr. Ari Bima Putra**, Winner of the 6th Youth Forum on SDG Implementation at UNPOG, Student
- **Ms. Wonyoung Lee**, Youth Affairs Manager, MOIS, Republic of Korea
- **Ms. Goma Karki**, Project Lead, Youth Innovation Lab, Nepal (Online)
- **Mr. Marko Paloski**, Coordinator, Youth IGF MKD, North Macedonia (Online)
- **Mr. Paul Moon, Mr. Hyunseung Cho, Mr. Colin Park**, Team SeoullntMUN, Student, Seoul International School, Republic of Korea

Preparation and Presentation of Youth Statement

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch Break

13:15 – 14:30

Parallel Session

13:15 – 14:45

Side Event

Special Session II. Promoting Women's Leadership and Gender-Responsive Public Governance to Achieve the SDGs

Moderator: Ms. Minah Kang, Professor, Department of Public Administration, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea

Speakers

- **Ms. Atsuko Okuda**, Director, ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Office (Online)
- **Ms. Valentina Resta**, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA (Video)
- **Mr. Eunkoo LEE**, Data Specialist, UN-Women
- **Mr. Ahmadul Haque**, Head of Office, Director (Administration) and Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh
- **Mr. Samuel Danaa**, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA

Q&A Session

Learning Lab 2. Behavioural science and changing mindsets in government for improved policies, leadership, innovation, digital government transformation, and partnerships

Facilitator: Mr. Ramiz Uddin, Head of Experimentation, UNDP Bangladesh Accelerator Lab

Speakers

- **Mr. Keping Yao**, Senior Public Expert, Governance and Administration UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Acceleration of SDGs Implementation through Institutionalization of Corporate ESG management support

14:45– 16:00

Thematic Session IV. Results-oriented climate action through effective policy-making processes, institutional arrangements, and multilevel governance approaches

Moderator: Mr. Animesh Kumar, Head UNDRR Office in Bonn

Speakers

- **Ms. Malini Mehara**, Chief Executive, GLOBE International (Online)
- **Ms. Ma'u Leha**, Director, National Planning Department, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Tonga
- **Mr. German (Jerry) Velasquez**, Director, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Climate Fund
- **Mr. Duk Hwan Son**, Senior Programme Officer, UN-Habitat (Online)
- **Mr. Prabin Maharjan**, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/ UN DESA

Q&A Session

16:00 – 18:30

Field Visit



IFEZ Smart City Operation Center



National Museum of World Writing Systems



Songdo Central Park (Water Taxi Riding)

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09:00 – 10:30

Special Session III. Risk-Informed Sustainable Development: Accelerating Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Digital Government and Innovation

Moderator: Mr. Andrew Mcelroy, Making Cities Resilient 2030 Global Coordinator, UNDRR

Speakers

- **Mr. David Green**, Head of the Disaster Programme of NASA, USA (Online)
- **Ms. Loretta Hieber Girardet**, Chief of the Risk Knowledge Branch, UNDRR (Video Message)
- **Mr. Suil Kang**, Coordination Officer, Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)
- **Mr. Rajib Shaw**, Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan (Video Message)
- **Mr. Samuel Danaa**, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Q&A Session

10:45 – 12:15

Local Governance and Partnerships Forum

Moderator: Prof. Myoung Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Director of Institute of Future Government Studies, Yonsei University

Round Table Speakers

- **Mr. Sanghan Choi**, President, Korea Institute of Public Administration, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Dong-ho Oh**, President, Korea Island Development Institute, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Seung Jong Lee**, President, Saemaul Foundation, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Jae Bok Joo**, Vice President, Korea Research Institute for Local Administration, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Seok-Jin Kim**, Vice-President, Korea Local Information Research & Development Institute
- **Mr. Jong Seol Lee**, President, National Disaster Management Research Institute, Republic of Korea

Q&A Session

- **Commemorative Photo with Audience**

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00

Local Governance and Partnerships Forum

Moderator: Mr. Joohee Uhm, Programme Officer, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)

Speakers

- **Mr. Senaka Basnayake**, Director Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
- **Ms. Yeonhee Park**, Director, ICLEI Korea
- **Ms. Abir Achour**, Task Manager, UCLG Africa
- **Mr. Patrick Duong**, Lead SDG Localization and Governance Cluster, UNDP Regional Hub for Asia and the Pacific (Online)

Q&A Session

15:15 – 15:45

Youth Forum Awards Ceremony

15:45 – 16:10

Closing Ceremony

Closing Summary:

Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Kim Min Jae**, Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea
- **Mr. Kyu Chang Ko**, Head of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPIDG/UN DESA



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