



## GOOD PRACTICES ON SDG IMPLEMENTATION

### - INSPIRING EXAMPLES TO DRIVE CHANGE

#### *VIRTUAL LAUNCH OF PUBLICATION AND OPEN CALL FOR SDG GOOD PRACTICES*

*2 December 2020, 9:00 – 10:00AM (EST)*

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### CONCEPT NOTE

*To hear from Governments, United Nations entities and other actors who are making concrete impact on SDG implementation at all levels, you are invited to join an open event on [SDG Good Practices, Lessons Learned and Success Stories](#).*

#### Introduction:

The COVID-19 pandemic has put at risk the development gains made over recent decades. As countries begin to move towards recovery, we need coherent actions to place the world on a robust trajectory towards achieving sustainable development.

In the five years since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, many governments, UN entities, international and regional organizations and stakeholders have gained in-depth knowledge and expertise and have taken innovative steps towards implementing this ambitious global framework.

From November 2018 to February 2019, UN DESA circulated an open call for submissions of good practices, success stories and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Almost 700 submissions were received from governments, UN system entities and other international organizations, civil society, the private sector, local governments, academia and others. The submissions were reviewed by an inter-agency team of experts from 20 different UN entities.

As a result, more than 500 SDG Good Practices have been identified and are presented on a dedicated [website](#). Many are showing results and impacts all over the world and could be replicated and scaled up to address existing gaps and constraints. Bringing this global expertise to scale will be critical to support recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic and to accelerate progress during the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs.

#### Objectives:

The webinar will be organized to provide an opportunity to hear about exemplary SDG Good Practices, including their main achievements and how identified solutions could be scaled up to support the Decade of Action, including in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinar will also feature the launch of a publication on SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned, which builds on the results of the first call conducted by DESA in 2018-2019. It will also be an opportunity to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned by governments and stakeholders around the world.

### Event Format:

The event will be organized using the online WebEx platform. It will include a moderated panel discussion with speakers representing six outstanding examples of SDG implementation from different regions and sectors.

A chat box will be activated to share a link to the new publication, application portal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call, and to facilitate networking among the panellists and participants.

### Target audience

Representatives from the UN system, national governments, civil society organizations, community organizations, local and regional governments, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders delivering results towards SDG implementation.

### Draft Programme

<p><b>09:00 – 09:05</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review</b>  <b>Alexander Trepelkov</b>, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA</p>
<p><b>09:05 – 09:10</b></p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Mr. Liu Zhenmin</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA</p>
<p><b>09:10 – 09:45</b></p>	<p><b>Making a difference towards the Decade of Action - Launching of First Edition of SDG Good Practices Publication</b>  Moderator: <b>Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <a href="#">MAGNET-Global Simulation Model for SDGs</a> (<b>Mr Giovanni de Santi</b>, Director, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Government, Europe)</li> <li>2) <a href="#">Fit for School Programme-Developing guidelines and national standards for WASH</a> (<b>Ms. Kerstin Nagels</b>, Acting Head of Department, Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, GIZ, Other partnership, Asia-Pacific)</li> </ol>

	<p>3) <a href="#">Enhancing Civil Society Engagement in VNRs-Sightsavers’ experience</a> (<b>Dr. Joseph Oye</b>, Country Director for Cameroon, Sightsavers, Civil Society Organization, Africa)</p> <p>4) <a href="#">Enhanced Rural Resilience in Yemen (ERRY)</a> (<b>Ms. Nahid Hussein</b>, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP-Yemen, UN Entities, Western Asia)</p> <p>5) <a href="#">Suzano’s Restoration Program</a> (<b>Ms. Maria Luiza Paiva</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Suzano, Private Sector, Latin America)</p> <p>6) <a href="#">Global Vision Urban Action</a> (<b>Ms. Aissata M.B. Camara</b>, Deputy Commissioner for Partnerships and Operations, NYC, Local Government, North America)</p>
09:45 – 09:55	<p><b>Launch of the second Open Call for SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Naiara Costa</b>, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA</p>
09:55 – 10:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA</p>