



## **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate Change: Learning and Practice Opportunities**

**9 November 2021**

**9:15AM – 10:45AM (EST/NY time) and 14:15 – 15:45 (Glasgow)**  
**COP 26 SDG Pavilion and Virtual (via Zoom)**

***Co-organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DESA/DSDG) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)***

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### **1. Background**

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26) will be held in Glasgow (UK) from 31 October to 12 November 2021. During the COP, UN DESA will be hosting an “[SDG Pavilion](#)”, aiming to bring together experts and policymakers leading the implementation of climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals around the world for a series of discussions on how to accelerate action across both the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

As part of the SDG Pavilion programme, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA/DSDG) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be organizing a special session focusing on “[Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) and Climate Change Learning, Training and Practice](#)”, with a specific focus on climate change as a key cross-cutting factor of SDG implementation.

This session will feature discussions about the importance of reinforcing learning opportunities on the intersections between climate change and SDG implementation. It will also be an opportunity for an actual learning session, “**Climate Classroom**” led by UNITAR. This classroom is part of a wider offer during COP 26 and is the seventh in a series that was initiated in 2016 at COP 22 in Marrakech. The idea behind the series is to bring topical content in a concentrated format, designed for the busy delegate. The classroom is divided into 3 segments of 15 mins including expert content, an illustration, and a reflection and discussion. The proposed topic for this particular classroom will focus on the use of the language of climate and to what extent this factor can be used as a means of accelerating global action.

### **2. Target audience**

The event is open to all interested participants and will especially target climate change and SDG global communities in particular in-country SDG focal points, UNRCOs, ACE focal points, international organizations, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

### 3. Format

The event will be held on **9 November 2021, from 9:00 – 10:30AM (EST/NY time)/14:00 – 15:30 (Glasgow)** in a hybrid format: virtually via Zoom and with a limited number of participants attending the SDG Pavilion at COP 26.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Registration of all interested stakeholders is open at the following link by **5 November**: [here](#).

More information, please, check [here](#).

#### DRAFT AGENDA

**Moderator: Ms. Naiara Costa**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, UN DESA

9:15 – 9:25 (EDT) 14:15 – 14:25 (GMT)	<b>Opening remarks and context setting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Nikhil Seth</b>, United Nations Assistant Secretary-general, Executive Director, UNITAR</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief of Service, Sustainable Development, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, UN DESA</li> </ul>
9:25 – 9:40 (EDT) 14:25 – 14:40 (GMT)	<b>"Harnessing Climate &amp; SDG Synergies" E-learning course -An introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. David Koranyi</b>, Consultant for Energy Policy Analysis, Sustainable Energy Team, DSDG, UN DESA</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pelayo Alvarez</b> - Programme and Communications Coordinator, UNITAR NYO</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tianyi Zhao</b>, Programme Consultant, UNITAR NYO</li> </ul>
9:40 – 9:55 (EDT) 14:40 – 14:55 (GMT)	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
9:55 – 10:40 (EDT) 14:55 – 15:40 (GMT)	<b>Climate Classroom – ‘Changing the language of climate change’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Angus Mackay</b>, Director, Division for Planet, UNITAR</li> </ul>
10:40– 10:45 (EDT) 15:40 – 15:45 (GMT)	<b>Closing remarks</b>