

Orchestrating Global Synergies for Climate Action and SDGs – Uniting Hands, Voices, and Visions

SDG Action Weekend, SDG Mobilization Day
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Context

The recent [SDG Progress Report](#) places “Leaving no one behind” at the forefront - a cornerstone of the 2030 Agenda that unites nations in a collective commitment to safeguard the rights and well-being of every individual on our planet. However, as we approach the midpoint of the journey to 2030, this promise stands at a crucial juncture. The SDGs risk fading from view, casting shadows on the opportunities and rights of both current and future generations. A transformative shift in approach is urgently needed to redirect our path towards a more promising future. As the well-being of humanity is intricately woven into the responsible stewardship of nature and environmental protection, the latest [IPCC AR6](#) underscores the power of integrated policy packages to enhance equity, gender equality, and justice while advancing our climate promise. Coordinated cross-sectoral policies and planning can maximize synergies while minimizing trade-offs.

The demand for equity and justice resonated profoundly during the recent [Fourth Global Conference on Climate and SDG Synergy](#), a landmark event held in July 2023 during the [High-Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#). The [conference key recommendations](#) highlighted the foundational role of stakeholder engagement in driving a just transition toward climate-resilient and net-zero trajectories. To actualize an equitable transition, an inclusive and transparent planning process is imperative, genuinely incorporating the perspectives of every societal sector, particularly those most disproportionately affected. As a response to these imperatives, the [First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergy](#), primed for launch in September 2023 to complement the [SDG Summit](#) and the [Climate Ambition Summit](#), has been meticulously crafted by the [Expert Group](#) co-convened by UNDESA and UNFCCC Secretariat. Serving as a practical roadmap for policymakers, it facilitates the identification, enhancement, and empowerment of synergistic actions. A pivotal recommendation within the report emphasizes the significance of “strengthening science-policy-society interaction” to propel synergistic action, championing people-centered and bottom-up approaches to frame the evolution and impacts of the 2030 Agenda and climate actions.

Event Description

In the aftermath of the launch of the First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies, the event *Orchestrating Global Synergies for Climate Action and SDGs – Uniting Hands, Voices, and Visions* will take place during the SDG Mobilization Day, featuring a diverse range of case studies and examples from around the world that highlight successful endeavors where climate action and SDG implementation have been effectively harmonized. The event will support and illustrate the transformative potential of synergistic approaches outlined in the recommendations of the First Global Report. By presenting tangible successes and real-world experiences, the event intends to inspire policymakers and stakeholders to adopt similar integrated strategies that amplify climate and SDG outcomes. By featuring a wide range of stakeholders, including youth representatives, academia, governments and others, the event will provide a unique opportunity to catalyze partnerships that facilitate knowledge sharing, resource mobilization, and collaborative action.

Event Agenda

Moderator: Ms. Bahareh Seyedi, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA

<i>Opening remarks</i>	Mr. James Grabert , Director, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC
<i>Special remarks</i>	<p>H.E. Mr. Akira Yanagimoto, Former Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Environment, Japan</p> <p>Ms. Emma Siemens Lorenzen, Policy Advisor – Sustainable Development, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN</p> <p>Mr. Tulio Andrade, Head for Climate Negotiations, Climate Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil</p>
<i>Moderated roundtable</i>	<p>Mr. Kaveh Guilanpour, Vice-President for International Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and member of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy</p> <p>Ms. Abby Maxman, President, Oxfam America</p> <p>Ms. Rania Sharshr, Director, Department of Peace and Development Coordination, IOM</p> <p>Ms. Frances Fuller, Head of Global Offices and Director of Climate Analytics North America</p> <p>Ms. Hilda Nakabuye, Girl Rising Fellow, Future Rising Climate Change Initiative and Climate Justice Advocate, Uganda</p> <p>Mr. Richard Freund, Associate Director, Capital Markets, CDP North America</p> <p>Ms. Laura Paterson, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) representative to the United Nations</p>
<i>Q&A</i>	
<i>Closing</i>	Mr. Minoru Takada , Team Leader, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA