



# Sustainable Development Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

## EXPERT GROUP MEETING

Geneva, Switzerland | Tuesday, May 7, 2024

### Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and Eradicating Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises: The Effective Delivery of Sustainable, Resilient, and Innovative Solutions

Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

7 May 2024

#### AGENDA

The theme of the 2024 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) is “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crisis: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”. The HLPF in July 2024 will support the implementation of the [Political Declaration](#) and other outcomes of the SDG Summit, and provide an opportunity to translate the political commitments into practical actions. In preparation for the in-depth review of SDG 1, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (UN DESA/DSDG), UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the World Bank Group are organizing an Expert Group Meeting (EGM).

Nearly 700 million people around the world today live in extreme poverty, trying to survive on less than \$2.15 per day. Despite decades of hard-won development progress, none of the SDG 1 targets are on track to be achieved by 2030 and a world free of poverty may be out of reach. In recent years, the pandemic and impacts from the war in Ukraine, together with higher food and fuel prices, as well as increasing impacts from the climate crisis, led to an additional 23 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022.

In the decades ahead, governments across the globe face interlinked challenges and opportunities to eradicate poverty. The world needs to transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. Transition costs can be particularly hard for poorer people to manage and can increase inequalities. Ensuring a just transition will be of critical importance to accelerate progress towards SDG 1. While trade and finance are important drivers of economic growth, trade creates winners and losers, and access to finance is extremely unequal across countries. A key challenge for policymakers in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) is how to strengthen linkages between trade and poverty reduction and make growth and development more inclusive. Finally, in response to COVID-19 and its impacts on poverty, governments across the world quickly ramped up social protection, often through digital means. Despite high up-front costs and high debt servicing and borrowing costs faced by developing countries, such investment can yield long-term results that far outweigh immediate costs.

At the EGM, the knowledge and insights of experts from all regions, sectors, and stakeholders including international organizations, civil society, and academia will be crucial to addressing these interlinked challenges and identifying opportunities, to provide substantive inputs into the thematic reviews at the 2024 HLPF and help inform its outcomes.





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### HIGH-LEVEL OPENING AND SETTING THE SCENE: ACCELERATING TOWARDS SDG1

**8:00 am – 8:15 am**

*Check-in and registration at Palais des Nations, Pregny Gate Entrance*

**9:00 am – 9:30 am**

**Opening Remarks**

- **Rebeca Grynspan**, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Indermit Gill**, World Bank Group
- **Navid Hanif**, UN DESA

**9:30 am – 10:45 am**

**Where Are We Today in the Fight Against Global Poverty?**

**Moderator:** **Shantanu Mukherjee**, UN DESA

- **Luis Felipe López-Calva**, World Bank Group
- **Sabina Alkire**, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative
- **Cecilia Garcia-Penalosa**, Aix Marseille School of Economics

*9:30 am – 10:15 am: Panel Discussion*

*10:15 am – 10:45 am: Moderated Expert Roundtable*

**10:45 am – 11:00 am**

**Coffee Break**

### THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Thematic Discussion 1: Accelerating Progress Towards SDG1 in the Face of Climate Change**

This session will focus on the important interlinkages and policy trade-offs between poverty reduction and achieving climate goals. The world needs to transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. This is important not only to address climate change but equally for poverty reduction, as climate-related hazards disproportionately affect the poor. While these initiatives bring future climate benefits, they may incur short-term costs, such as higher energy prices or job losses in carbon-intensive sectors. These transition costs will affect poorer people the most and can slow progress on SDG1. This session explores how these two policy objectives can be balanced, and what policies should be prioritized to ensure a Just Transition for all.

**Questions for Discussion:**

- How is the changing climate affecting progress on SDG1?
- What are the policy priorities to address households' vulnerability to climate change and make progress on reducing poverty?
- How can we balance the policy trade-offs between poverty reduction and climate goals?

*11:00 am – 11:45 am: Panel Discussion*

*11:45 am – 12:30 pm: Moderated Expert Roundtable*

**Moderator:**

**Ruth Hill**, World Bank Group

**Lead Discussants:**

- **Isabel Whisson**, BRAC
- **Susanna Gables**, Gates Foundation
- **Stephane Hallegatte**, World Bank Group (ONLINE)
- **Pilar Garrido Gonzalo**, OECD
- **Almudena Fernandez**, UNDP



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**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch Break**

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

#### **Thematic Discussion 2: Trade, Finance, and the Challenge of Poverty Eradication**

This session focuses on the importance of trade and finance for poverty reduction. Trade is an important driver of economic growth and structural transformation and has contributed to the significant decline in global extreme poverty. However, the benefits of trade are not equally distributed. To transform economies, developing countries also need long-term affordable financing. With mounting needs, innovative financing mechanisms and new initiatives, such as the SDG Stimulus, can be promising avenues. This session explores how to strengthen the linkages between trade and poverty reduction and make growth and development more inclusive, as well as how to mobilize adequate and affordable financing for sustainable development.

#### **Questions for Discussion:**

- What can be done to strengthen the linkages between trade and poverty reduction in vulnerable developing countries?
- Under which conditions can trade be an engine for poverty reduction?
- How do we ensure that the least-developed countries (LDCs) have adequate, stable, and affordable financing for sustainable development? What are some innovative options for long-term and affordable financing for transformations that accelerate incomes and support multidimensional well-being for the world's poorest people?

*1:30 pm – 2:15 pm: Panel Discussion*

*2:15 pm – 3:00 pm: Moderated Expert Roundtable*

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Coffee Break**

#### **Moderator:**

**Patrick Osakwe**, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

#### **Lead Discussants:**

- **Prof. Augustin Fosu**, University of Ghana
- **Philip Schellekens**, UNDP (ONLINE)
- **Lee Ann Jackson**, OECD
- **Alessandro Nicita**, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Yuefen Li**, South Center





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### THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

**3:15 pm – 4:45 pm**

#### Thematic Discussion 3: Social Protection to Ensure Leaving No One Behind

Multiple interconnected crises are pushing people without a safety net into poverty, yet in 2020 only 47% of the global population was effectively covered by at least one social protection cash benefit, slightly improved from 45% in 2015. This session will look at how social protection can build resilience in the face of climate change, conflict, and multiple shocks. The session will shed light on the interplay of care work and poverty reduction. It will highlight the importance of the principle of “Leave No One Behind” and expanding coverage to those who need it most. Despite high up-front costs and high debt servicing and borrowing costs faced by developing countries, such investments can yield long-term results that far outweigh immediate costs.

#### Questions for Discussion:

- What are the main trends on SDG 1.3 and what is the financing gap for universal social protection?
- How can the knowledge of SDG 1.3 indicators be used to inform policy change and accelerate progress?
- What are the most promising ways to close the financing gap for social protection to ensure that no one is left behind?
- What needs to be done differently in the second half of the 2030 Agenda to ensure that universal social protection gets the attention and financing that it deserves?

*3:15 pm – 4:00 pm: Panel Discussion*

*4:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Moderated Expert Roundtable*

#### **Moderator:**

**Shahra Razavi**, ILO

#### **Lead Discussants:**

- **Nyovani Madise**, African Institute for Development Policy
- **Manuel Mera**, CIPPEC, Argentina
- **Zina Nimeh**, UNU-Merit/Maastricht University
- **Gong Sen**, Zhejiang University
- **Monica Orozco**, GENDERS AC
- **Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona** (ONLINE)
- **Helmut Schwarzer**, ILO

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**4:45 pm – 5:30 pm**

#### Closing Remarks: Recommendations for the 2024 UN High-Level Political Forum

**Chair:** Luis Felipe López-Calva, World Bank Group

- **Pedro Manuel Moreno**, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Olivier De Schutter**, UN Special Rapporteur
- **Haishan Fu**, World Bank Group
- **Jean Louis Arcand**, Global Development Network

**5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

*Reception (Palais des Nations)*





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### FULL LIST OF EXPERTS

- Mr. Jean Louis Arcand, GDN
- Ms. Sabina Alkire, OPHI
- Mr. John Asafu-Adjaye, ACET
- Ms. Melissa Breton, UNDP
- Mr. Julius Cainglet, Federation of Free Workers (MGoS)
- Ms. Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Ms. Almudena Fernandez, UNDP
- Ms. Tarini Fernando, WE Forum
- Mr. Augustin Fosu, University of Ghana
- Ms. Haishan Fu, World Bank Group
- Ms. Susanna Gables, Gates Foundation
- Ms. Cecilia Garcia-Penalosa, Marseille
- Mr. Daniel Gerszon Mahler, World Bank Group
- Mr. Xavier Godinot, ATD Fourth World
- Mr. Max Gollin, BRAC
- Mr. Pilar Garrido Gonzalo, OECD
- Mr. Stephane Hallegatte, World Bank Group
- Mr. Mawejje Harbert, World Farmers' Organisation (MGoS)
- Ms. Lee Ann Jackson, OECD
- Mr. Dean Jolliffe, World Bank Group
- Mr. Christoph Lakner, World Bank Group
- Ms. Tamisha Lee, Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (MGoS)
- Ms. Yuefen Li, South Center
- Ms. Maria Teresa Llanos, International Trade Union Confederation (MGoS)
- Ms. Gladys Lopez-Acevedo, World Bank Group
- Mr. Luis Felipe López-Calva, World Bank Group
- Ms. Nyovani Madise, African Institute for Development Policy
- Ms. Claudia Maldonado Trujillo, Metropolitan Autonomous University (UAM)
- Mr. Harbert Mawejje, World Farmers' Organization
- Ms. Ida McDonnell, OECD
- Mr. Manuel Mera, CIPPEC
- Ms. Carolina Andrea Moreno Bravo, World Bank Group
- Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, UN DESA
- Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara, International Land Coalition
- Ms. Zina Nimeh, UNU-Merit/Maastricht University
- Mr. Alessandro Nicita, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Ms. Barbara Oliviera Ramos, International Trade Center
- Ms. Monica Orozco, GENDERS AC
- Mr. Patrick Osakwe, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Ms. Shahra Razavi, ILO
- Ms. Marcie Roth, World Institute on Disability
- Ms. Jekulin Lipi Saikia, Global Focal Point, Children and Youth Stakeholder group
- Ms. Elina Scheja, SIDA
- Mr. Helmut Schwarzer, ILO
- Mr. Gong Sen, Zhejiang University
- Mr. Andrew Shepherd, Chronic Poverty Advisory Network IDS
- Mr. Gyonggu Shin, Gwangju Metropolitan Government (MGoS)
- Mr. Olivier De Schutter, United Nations
- Mr. Philip Schellekens, UNDP
- Mr. Andrew Shepherd, IDS
- Ms. Alice Tipping, IISD
- Ms. Simona Torotcoi, Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (MGos)
- Mr. Raul Torres, WTO
- Ms. Elina Troščenko, Global Research Programme on Inequality - ISC/UIB (MGoS)
- Ms. Isabel Whisson, BRAC

