Side Event: Walking the Talk: Transformative Pathways for Achieving the SDGs
Organizer: UNRISD

Summary

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals are a global commitment to "transforming our world" and eradicating poverty in all its forms everywhere. The challenge now is to put this vision into action. How can this be achieved?

At this side event, panellists provided some answers to this question, based on a [Preview of the UNRISD 2016 Flagship Report](), which UNRISD Director Paul Ladd unveiled.

In keeping with the High-Level Political Forum's mandate to provide guidance and recommendations on implementing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, panellists explored how innovative policies that integrate social, environmental and economic aspects can lead to inclusive societies that leave no one behind.

The discussion focused on three key aspects of the 2030 Agenda:
• The kinds of policies that can lead to transformative change -- that is, change in social institutions and relations as well as socioeconomic structures to make them more equal and inclusive, ensuring that we leave no one behind.
• How policies can be made integrated and indivisible -- that is, how they can work in synergy to support transformative change across the social, environmental and economic pillars of sustainable development.
• How policies can be used to effect universal change -- that is transformation in both the Global North and the Global South.

Panellists

Paul Ladd (UNRISD Director)
Philipp Schonrock (Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional / CEPEI, Colombia) (moderator)
Magdy Martínez-Soliman (Bureau for Policy and Programmes, UNDP)
Nicole Ruder (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Director of the Global Institutions Division)
Uchita de Zoysa (Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife, Sri Lanka)
Cristina Diez (ATD Fourth World)

Materials

For more information about the event:
Read the handout summarizing the key points from Paul Ladd's presentation
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