

**Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report -
Review of the draft chapter on the science-policy interface**

Zagreb, Croatia, 2-3 March 2015

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Agenda - DRAFT

Day One - 2 March 2015	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i> <i>Diplomatic Academy, MFEA, Zagreb, Petretićev trg 2</i>
9:00 – 9:20	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the Host Government • Opening statement by Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, DSD/DESA • Logistical announcements
9:20 – 9:45	Session 1: Introduction by UN team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context for the meeting: the High-level Political forum on sustainable development and the Global Sustainable Development Report • Context for the 2015 report • Outline of the 2015 report • Expectations for the meeting • Tour de table of participants
9:45 – 10:30	Session 2: Draft chapter 1 for the 2015 Global Sustainable Development Report (presentation by UN team) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the chapter • Approach to the chapter: methodology, contributors • Key findings of the chapter • Scope for further inputs and review work for the remainder of the meeting
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 – 11:55	Session 3: Possible roles for the High-level Political Forum in contributing to strengthening the science-policy interface. <i>This session will review the content of sections 1 and 2 of the chapter, which examine ways in which the HLPF could deliver its mandate to strengthen the science-policy interface.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the section by 2 discussants • Open discussion on the content of the draft section

12:00 – 14:00	<p>Formal opening and reception (MFEA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the Host Government • Statement by Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, DSD/DESA • Statements by government officials
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Session 3 (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of material contributed by UNEP on the time lag between science and policy
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Session 3 (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion on the content of the draft section • Conclusion: possible improvements to the section and issues that would warrant addressing in future editions of the GSDR
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Coverage of international assessments</p> <p><i>This session will review the content of section 2 of the chapter, which examines the coverage of the SDG areas by existing international assessments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the section by 2 lead discussants • Open discussion on the content of the draft section • Conclusion: possible improvements to the section and issues that would warrant addressing in future editions of the GSDR
Day Two - 3 March 2015	
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Session 5: Links between the international and national levels of science-policy interface</p> <p><i>This session will review the content of section 3 of the chapter, which examines the links between the international and national levels of science-policy interface.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the section by 2 lead discussants • Open discussion on the content of the draft section • Conclusion: possible improvements to the section and issues that would warrant addressing in future editions of the GSDR
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 6: Recap from discussion on the draft chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible improvements to the chapter • Issues that would warrant addressing in future editions of the GSDR • Identification of potential contributors
15:30 – 16:00	Closing