



**Expert group meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report: Emerging issues for
the attention of policy makers**

Draft Agenda

UNHQ, 5-6 April 2016, Conference Room F

Day One – 5 April	
8:30 – 9:30	<i>Registration / Coffee</i>
9:30 – 10:15	Opening Opening remarks, Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA Welcome and context of the meeting, Mr. David Le Blanc, Officer-in-Charge, Policy Analysis Branch, DSD/DESA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of participants• Introduction to the meeting: expectations, objectives and working methods for the EGM (DESA/DSD)
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
10:30 -12:30	Session 1: Approaches to identifying emerging issues (Chair: F. Soltau) This session will highlight approaches to the identification of emerging issues and understanding risks, as well as Review and validation of proposed approaches to systematization and representation of emerging issues Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Research, OECD Development Centre• Ms. Lud Coppens, Acting Head of Unit, SDG Information and Knowledge Management Unit, DEWA, UNEP• Richard A. Roehrl, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA Discussion – experts encouraged to share views and perspectives.
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Session 2: Emerging issues for policymakers (Chair: R.A. Roehrl) This session will discuss approaches for systematizing and presenting emerging issues, including the STEEP framework. This session will also consider possible criteria that could be used to capture emerging issues that may be appropriate for consideration by the HLPF <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of key points from the background paper, Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA• Reflections on possible frameworks, Professor Stewart Lockie, Director, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University Discussion – experts encouraged to share views and perspectives.
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
16:15 – 17:00	Session 3: Preparation and expectations for prioritization exercise (Chair: F. Soltau) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of emerging issues prioritization exercise• Key points from the day’s discussion• Discussion of outline the methodology to be used and distribution of material.



Day Two – 6 April	
09:00 – 9:30	<i>Coffee</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Session 1: Getting started <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run-through of plans and discussion• Organization of break-out groups
10:00 – 11:00	Session 2: Break-out group discussion – tentative prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants engage in an indicative prioritization exercise of potential emerging issues.
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	Session 2: Break-out group discussion – tentative prioritization
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Report back from break-out groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groups will report back on their respective ranking exercises and begin collective ranking exercise
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:15 – 16:45	Session 4: Development of tentative prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated, consensus-based effort to prioritize issues, based on criteria to select issues for possible attention of policymakers in the HLPF
16:45 – 17:15	Session 5: Reflections and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lessons learnt and reflections on the exercise• Possible interest and uptake of methodologies and concepts
17:15 – 17:30	Closing