



Session 14

Review of implementation SDGs and Thematic review

SDG 17: Advancing science, technology and innovation for the SDGs

Conference room 4, United Nations headquarters, New York, USA

Thursday, 13 July 2017, 16:30-18:00

An objective of the session is to explore policies and actions for advancing science, technology and innovation for achieving the SDGs, as envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which, inter alia, also launched a UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM). The TFM now facilitates multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnerships through the sharing of information, experiences, best practices and policy advice among Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, UN entities and other stakeholders. The session will engage all three components of the TFM and elicit inputs from its experts. Co-Chairs will present the mandated Summary of the "Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs". The TFM 10-Member Group of high-level representatives will further engage the Forum's recommendations.

Proposed Guiding Questions

- What is your vision for harnessing science, technology and innovation, in order to achieve sustained and ever improved well-being, as envisioned in the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda? What are the most important challenges and opportunities in this respect?
- What are your top three recommendations for action?

Presiding Officer:

- **H.E. Mr. Cristián Barros Melet**, Vice-President, UN Economic and Social Council

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research, Sri Lanka

Panelists:

- **H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau**, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; and Co-Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs
- **Dr. Vaughan Turekian**, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, USA; and Co-Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs
- **Dr. Heide Hackmann**, Executive Director, ICSU; and Co-chair of the 10-Member Group of high-level representatives in support of the TFM

Lead Discussants:

- **Ms. Elenita Daño**, Asia Director, Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration, the Philippines
- **Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Nakicenovic**, Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)