



## **ACCELERATING CLIMATE AND SDG SYNERGIES AS AN ENABLER FOR JUST TRANSITION**

**Side event at the UNFCCC Fifty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body (SB58)  
Bonn, Germany**

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13:15–14:30 (CEST)

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### **Concept Note**

#### **CONTEXT**

Despite increasing efforts and commitments over the past few years, we are not on track to achieve the 2030 Agenda and we are lagging behind on the Paris goals. Synergistic implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can help close the ambition gap, deliver co-benefits, and help advance progress on both of these critical agendas simultaneously. For example, a low-carbon future that prioritizes justice and equity can bring us closer to SDG targets by creating over 65 million new low-carbon jobs, advancing gender equality by closing the gender gap in the workforce, and empowering people and communities. Additionally, transitioning to a green economy has the potential to yield a direct economic gain of USD 26 trillion by 2030 and significantly contribute to meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. The successful implementation of synergistic approaches between these two agendas requires particular attention to how we deploy technological advancements and manage financial mechanisms. These two elements are key means to accelerate action and ensure a just transition towards a sustainable future.

#### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Ensuring just transition and leaving no one behind must be a central element of integrated approaches to policy, financing, planning and implementation on climate and SDGs synergies. This was one of the [key recommendations](#) of the [3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Climate and SDGs Synergies](#). Building on these recommendations and to increase understanding and scale up practices of synergistic implementation of the SDGs and the NDCs, UNFCCC and UNDESA are developing the first-ever Global Synergies Report on Climate Action and the SDGs. This event will serve to present its scope of work and key preliminary recommendations on how to faster achieve the two agendas while ensuring equity and just transitions.

Additionally, the event will showcase practical experiences on climate and SDGs synergies from around the world to inform 2023 milestones, including preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Climate and SDG Synergies, as well as the High-Level Political Forum, the Secretary General’s Climate Ambition Summit and the SDG Summit, and the UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks and the Global Stocktake at the COP28.

#### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**



1. Climate action and sustainable development governance should be better connected to maximize the benefits and effectiveness in both areas. Share examples from your country, region, or institution on enhanced coordination and planning across various sectors.
2. What are some existing key policy and financial instruments that can be leveraged to forge both climate and SDGs co-benefits?
3. Can enhanced integration of climate action and the SDGs result in a more just and inclusive transition towards net-zero? How do we build the evidence-base for that?
4. How do we better assess, track, and report back on joint-up action and synergistic implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris goals?

## PROGRAMME

Moderator **Ms. Bahareh Seyedi**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA

### Opening

13:15 – 13:25

**Mr. Daniele Violetti**, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, UNFCCC

### Presentation

13:25 – 13:35

*First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies*

**Mr. Luis Gomez Echeverri**, Emeritus Research Scholar International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

**Ms. Heide Hackmann**, Director, Future Africa, University of Pretoria (*online*)

### Panel discussion

13:35 – 14:25

*Accelerating Climate and SDG Synergies as an Enabler for Just Transition*

**Mr. Kaveh Guilanpour**, Vice President for International Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

**Ms. Tolullah Oni**, Clinical Director of Research, University of Cambridge & Founder, UrbanBetter (*online*)

**Mr. Adis Dzebo**, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute

**Ms. Christy (Ka Ying) Wong**, Hong Kong Youth Delegate, UNFCCC

**Ms. Claire Fyson**, Team Leader of the Mitigation Pathway Analysis and Co-Head of the Climate Policy Team, Climate Analytics

### Closing

14:25 – 14:30

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