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EMG Nexus Dialogue Series

Dialogue 2: Enabling new partnerships- implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the poverty-environment nexus at country level

DAY 1

TECHNICAL SEGMENT, JULY 13TH, 2017, 09.30 – 17.00

Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House, 3 UN Plaza, New York

The technical segment will focus on exploring opportunities to strengthen the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by looking at linkages between SDG targets, lessons learned, and good practice at the poverty-environment nexus. The objective will be to identify potential for further synergy, efficiency and partnerships within the poverty and environment nexus and to deliberate on ways to better integrate poverty and the environment simultaneously into policymaking, legislation, investments and budgetary processes. The discussion will be supported by a map showing the poverty- environment nexus in the SDG targets as well as by relevant case studies that bring forth lessons learned in cross-sectoral partnerships at the nexus of environment and poverty at country level.

Facilitated by Ms. Isabell Kempf, UNDP–UN Environment Poverty- Environment Initiative

Introduction

9:00-9:30 *Registration*

9:30-9:50 **1. Opening of the Dialogue**
Opening remarks by Mr. Elliott Harris, Director of the EMG and Ms. Susanna Sottoli, Deputy Director, Programme Division, UNICEF

Session 1 Setting the stage:

9:50-10:15 **2. Mainstreaming poverty and environment linkages in development planning- an overview of progress, challenges and opportunities from the World Summit in Johannesburg to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**
Mr. Tim Scott, UNDP



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- 10:15-10:40 3. Strengthening the poverty-environment nexus in the SDGs -highlighting potential for further synergy, efficiency and partnerships
Linking related SDG targets, sectors and initiatives to areas of overlap at the poverty-environment nexus using the Stockholm Environment Institute's visualization tool.
Dr. Eric Kemp-Benedict, Stockholm Environment Institute

10:40-11:00 *Break*

- 11.00 – 12.45 4. The poverty-environment nexus in practice – lessons learned in cross-sectoral partnerships at country level
Showcasing the process and outcomes of integrating poverty-environment objectives into the national development and sub-national development planning, from policymaking to budgeting, implementation and monitoring. Lessons learned from more and less successful examples.
- a) Using the Poverty-Environment Nexus as part of an integrated approach for SDG implementation in Burkina Faso. *Mr. Rasmane Ouédraogo, Coordinator of UNDP–UN Environment Poverty-Environment Initiative, Burkina Faso*
 - b) Formulating the National Development Plan and landing the SDGs at local level in Guatemala through land management
Ms Keila Gramajo, Advisor/Sub-secretary of Public Policy with the President's Planning and Programming Secretariat (SEGEPLAN), Government of Guatemala
 - c) Farm to Market Alliance – designing financial mechanisms to invest in more resilient, productive, and sustainable production at the farm level in Tanzania
Mr. Erik Chavez, Imperial College, London
 - d) The Cost of the Gender Gap in Agricultural Productivity in Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda and the Gender Global Environment Outlook
Mr. Michael Stanley-Jones, Poverty-Environment Initiative

12:45-13:45 *Lunch*



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Session 2 Strengthening and scaling up poverty-environment nexus implementation

13.45 – 14.15 5. Presentation of the new programme on Poverty-Environment Action for SDGs

The role of the Poverty-Environment nexus in relation to the implementation of other SDGs.

Mr. Nik Sekhran, UNDP, Ms. Isabell Kempf, UN Environment

14.15 -14.30 6. Presentation of Feedback from the Nexus E-Discussion – food for thought

Mr. Juan Chebly, UN Environment

14.30 – 15.30 7. Breakout session

The goal of this session is to think concretely about implementing the poverty-environment nexus by imagining how participants may contribute to its implementation. Breakout groups will discuss the following questions, drawing on both personal experience and the dialogue presentations.

Groups are asked to start with a vision, by asking

- a) What would strengthening and scaling up the poverty-environment nexus look like in practice?

They might then consider i.a.

- b) What are the entry points/mechanisms to achieve the vision?
- c) Who are the key actors?
- d) What resources are needed?
- e) What partnerships and interagency collaboration could support the vision?
- f) Are there any portions of the vision that are easier achieved? Why?

Finally, participants are asked to reflect on the question:

- g) How could you move the poverty-environment nexus forward in your own work?

15:30-15:45 Break

15.45 – 16.45 8. Plenary Report by the facilitator(s) of the breakout session and summary of messages to be delivered to the policy segment

16.45 – 17.00 9. Summary and closing of the technical segment