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"Supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by enhancing UN system-wide collaboration and coherent responses on environmental matters"

EMG Nexus Dialogue Series

Dialogue 1: *The Nexus Approach and the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda: Policy, Practice and Partnerships*

Facilitated by Mr. Felix Dodds, Senior Fellow at the Global Research Institute

Technical segment:

26 April, 2017, 09.00am – 17.30pm
Geneva, Switzerland

Provisional Agenda

Presentations and resources can be downloaded under the respective agenda sections on the EMG Nexus Dialogue 1 webpage: <http://unemg.org/emg-nexus-dialogues/dialogue-1>

Introduction

8:30-9:00 Registration

Session 1

9:00-9:25 1. Opening of the Dialogue

Opening remarks by Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, Director of EMG
Welcoming remarks by Dr. Elena Manaenkova, Deputy Secretary General, WMO.

9:25-9:35 2. Introducing the EMG Nexus Dialogues

Mr. Hossein Fadaei, Head of the EMG Secretariat.

Introduction to the dialogues and their purpose. Presentation of the overarching goals for the 2017 Nexus Dialogues Series including Dialogue 1.

Presenting the Nexus Approach

9:35-9:50 3. A nexus approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda – benefits and challenges

Dr. Eric Kemp-Benedict, Senior Scientist, Stockholm Environment Institute.

Definition of the nexus approach for these dialogues.

Potential benefits and challenges of a nexus approach.

Recognize the language being used to describe nexus-like approaches within the UN.

9:50-10:30 4. Examples of nexus approaches with an environmental focus in the UN system

a) SDG Nexuses in UN Agency Work

- Migration and Climate Change by IOM (TBC).
- The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE): *PAGE brings together five UN agencies to provide integrated support to countries on three dimensions of sustainable development, will present PAGE as a case study of the Nexus Approach on SDGs.*

10:30-10.45 Break

10.45 – 12:00 b) SDG Nexuses within the Country Context

- Peru, Ms. Dorit Kemter, ILO: *Building on the presentation by PAGE before the break, the focus for this case study will shift from the UN system to the country-level nexus work by the partnership.*
- Brazil, Dr. Catalina Spataru, University College London: *In the context of Brazil, the IDA3 model developed by University College London which deals with water-energy-land nexuses will be presented.*
- Alaska, United States – Dr. Kaveh Madani, Imperial College, London: *Providing examples of work undertaken in Alaska, using different tools to influence policy.*

12:00-13:00 Lunch

Session 2

Applying Nexus thinking in practice

13.00-13.40 5. Breakout: What are the nexuses in your own work?

Participants will be encouraged to frame their work within the nexus approach by deliberating the following questions in breakout groups:

- *How could the work you're doing impact others?*
- *How could other's work impact you?*
- *How are you already or planning to address those overlaps?*
- *What problems have you experienced or do you anticipate?*
- *Think about who you would want to talk to or partner with.*

13.40-14.00 6. Plenary Report by the facilitator on the breakout session

14:00-14:20 7. Nexus Methodologies

Dr. Eric Kemp-Benedict, Senior Scientist, Stockholm Environment Institute

Presentation of a range of tools that can be used to work with nexuses.

14:20-14:35 Break

14:35-15:35 8. Tools and Method Stations

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about tested and upcoming nexus tools at four working stations:

- United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) – Perception Change Project:
(Mr. Jon Mark)
- The EMG Nexus Dialogue Visualization Tool:
(Ms. Amanda Kohn, Stockholm Environment Institute)
- An open-ended “Method Clinic” to discuss appropriate methods for different purposes:
(Dr. Eric Kemp-Benedict, Stockholm Environment Institute)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU):
Mr. Vaggelis Igglesis (TBC)

Session 3

Topics for Future Dialogues

15:35-16:35 Breakout: Topics for Future Dialogues

Participants will be invited to shape the nexus dialogue series for 2017 in three breakout groups as well as to propose new nexus dialogue topics beyond 2017, inspired by the reflection on nexuses in the participants’ own work and today’s discussions.

Proposed focus of breakout groups:

- Environment and the humanitarian sector
- Environment and poverty
- Urban pollution, health and sustainable development

16:35-17:15 Plenary Report by the facilitator on the breakout session

17:15-17:30 Closing remarks

Mr. Elliott Harris, Director of the EMG Secretariat.