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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

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**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  
SDG Nexuses in UN Agency Work and within the Country Context

- Mr. Asad Naqvi, 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. PAGE will be presented as a case study of the Nexus Approach on SDGs.*
- Peru, Ms. Dorit Kemter, ILO: *Building on the presentation by PAGE, the focus for this case study will shift from the UN system to the country-level nexus work by the partnership.*

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Continued: SDG Nexuses in UN Agency Work and within the Country Context

- Sweden, Mr. Jonas Rodhe, Swedish Environment Protection Agency: *Via video message, a presentation will be given on governing the Swedish Environmental Objectives – and collaboration among local authorities.*
- 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, Dr. Kaveh Madani, Imperial College, London: *Providing examples of work undertaken in Alaska, using 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 Walls)*
- 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)*

### Session 3

## Topics for Future Dialogues

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

*Participants will be invited to shape the EMG Nexus Dialogue Series 2017 in 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.