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Empowering people through a strong science/technology/policy interface: reflections on first-cycle of HLPF

Date: Tuesday 9 July 2019

Time: 1.15 – 2.45 PM

Venue: Conference Room A in the UN Conference Building

Co-organizers

- International Science Council (ISC)
- World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)

Description:

The side event will provide an opportunity to reflect and discuss on the lessons-learnt on the science/technology/policy interface within the context of the first cycle of HLPF. In particular, it will address how (i) science/technology are institutionalised within HLPF and other relevant ECOSOC processes (e.g., UNCTAD/CSTD, TFM), (ii) science/policy tools/reports such as the Global Sustainable Development Report (e.g., GSDR) are developed and up-taken within HLPF; and (iii) the role of scientists and engineers in UN advisory panels, MGOS and national delegations (iv) the role and contributions of the STC major group could be enhanced and strengthened.

Moderators:

- Dr. Lucilla Spini, Directrice des Programmes Scientifiques/Senior Science & Policy Officer, ISC
- Dr. Reginald Vachon, World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO)

Panellists:

- Dr. Marlene Kanga, President, WFEO
- Dr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch (PAB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)
- Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director of UNESCO Liaison Office New York and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations (tbc)
- Dr. Jimmy Smith, Director General of the International Institute of Livestock Research, GIAR System
- Ms. Shereen Shaheen, Director of Programme, West Asia-North Africa (WANA) Institute, Jordan

Thematic focus: the theme of the side event contributes to the HLPF 2019 theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” as well as to SDGs under review, namely SDG no. 4 (education), SDG No. 8 (Employment), SDG No. 10 (Inequalities), SDG No. 13 (Climate change), SDG No. 16 (Peace) and SDG No. 17 (Partnerships). **Potential contribution to HLPF:** The side event will contribute to the HLPF discussion on science/policy interface (see session on 11 July on “Science policy interface including the briefing from the independent group of scientists on the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)”) as well as to the discussion on the upcoming HLPF review¹.

¹ See: Resolution 70/299 notes that progress in its implementation and in the implementation of UNGA resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the HLPF will be reviewed by the UNGA at its 74th session (2019-2020) “to benefit from lessons learned in the first cycle” of the HLPF. See also: http://www.partners-for-review.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SWP_HLPF-Reform_EN.pdf