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22 – 24 November 2022

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (KST), 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Thailand)
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AGENDA

In-person and via zoom:
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Day 1 – 22 November 2022 (Tuesday)	
Time (KST)	**Agenda**
10:00 – 10:45	**High-level Opening Session** **Moderator: Mr. Kyuchang Ko**, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), UN DESA (3 min) **Speakers** • **Mr. Li Junhua,** United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video message) (5 min) • **H.E. Sang-min Lee**, Minister for the Interior and Safety, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (5 min) (tbc) • **Mr. Jeongbok Yoo**, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea (5 min) (tbc) • **H.E. Mohamed Shareef,** Minister of State Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives (5 min) (tbc) • **Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam**, MP Convener of the National Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs, Pakistan (5 min) (tbc) • **Mr. Saber Chowdhuy**, Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, MP of Bangladesh (5 min) **Keynote Speech** **Mr. Ban Ki-Moon**, 8th United Nations Secretary-General (15 min)

Group photo (5 min)

10:45 – 11:00   *Health Break*

Setting the Scene: Global and Regional Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs with a focus on SDG 16. Where Do We Stand?

The "Setting the Scene" session provides a platform to take stock of progress toward SDG implementation at the global and regional levels, with a particular focus on SDG 16. It will be an opportunity to discuss what measures are necessary to correct course and the opportunities ahead if the world is to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The Session will provide an opportunity to learn about the findings of the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022, highlighting how interlinked crises are putting humanity's own survival into question. The session will also present the outcome of COP27, the findings of UNPOG's Capacity Needs Assessment as well as insights from the World Happiness Report 2022 and the key factors contributing to the citizens' happiness.

Moderator: Ms Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA

Speakers

11:00 – 12:00
Global Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs with a focus on SDG16 (7 mins)

- **Ms. Yongyi MIN**, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, United Nations Statistics Division, UN DESA

National Institutional Arrangements for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (7 mins)

- **Mr. David Le Blanc,** Chief, Institutions for Sustainable Development Goals Branch, DPIDG, UN DESA

Application of the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development at the Subnational Level (7 mins)

- **Mr. Lan Xue,** Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University and Member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) (tbc)

Asia-Pacific Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs (7 mins)

- **Mr. Sangmin Nam,** Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP (tbc)

Strengthening multilateralism to deliver well-being and dignity for all by addressing global challenges – Innovative case from Finland (7 mins)

- **Ms. Hanna Sarkkinen,** Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Finland (tbc)

Enhancing Capacities in LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS for More Resilient Societies and Sustainable Development (7 mins)

- **Ms. Tonya Vaturi,** Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UN DESA (tbc)

Findings from 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment of Government Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda (7 mins)

- **Ms. Debbi Menezes,** UN DESA/UNPOG consultant

Key messages of the Vonluntary National Review Synthesis Report 2022 (7 min)

- **Ms. Saras Jagwanth**, Inter-regional Adviser, UN DESA/DPIDG

Q&A Session (10 min)

12:00 – 13:30	*Lunch Break*
	Special Session I:
	UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for SD - National Experiences from Lao PDR, Bhutan, Cambodia, Vanuatu, and Malawi
13:30 – 15:00	This special session will share how countries have embraced and acted on the UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals, which has been developed to promote a critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity, and strengthen public servants' awareness of the active role they play in SDG implementation.
	Moderator: Mr. Sanaka Samarasinha, Resident Coordinator to Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. (tbc) (3 min)
	Speakers:
	UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development

Goals

- **Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund,** Governance and Public Administration Expert (7 min)

Implementing the One-Door-Service Centers (ODSCs) in Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) (10 mins)

- **Mr. Nisith Keopanya,** Deputy Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lao PDR (tbc)

Public Service Training Assessment Framework for Strengthening Capacities of Public Servants to Support SDG Implementation (10 mins)

- **Ms. Tshering Yangden,** Commissioner, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan

Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation in Cambodia (10 mins)

- **Mr. Ly Poeumoniroath,** Director of Research and Dissemination Department of the National School of Local Administration, Cambodia

Enhancing National to Local Institutional Coordination and Monitoring Mechanisms for NSDP/SDG Implementation in Vanuatu (10 mins)

- **Mr. Jerry Lapi,** Director Department of Strategic Policy, Planning & Aid Coordination, Vanuatu

Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Public Institutions in Malawi (10 mins)

- **Hon. Grace Malera,** Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman

Q&A Session (30 mins)

15:00 – 15:30	*Health Break*
	Thematic Session I **Promoting Government Innovation and Accelerating Digital Transformation for Addressing Global Challenges**
15:30 – 17:00	This Session will address how accelerating digital transformation can contribute to fostering innovative solutions for addressing global challenges, by providing an overview on the global and regional trends of digital transformation and sharing innovative country practices. The Session will also share challenges countries experience in the process of accelerating digital transformation and discuss policy issues for promoting digital transformation in

a strategic and inclusive manner, including how to bridge the digital divides.

Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

The Future of Digital Government: Advancing Digital Transformation for Addressing Global Challenges (10 mins)

- **Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro**, Chief, Digital Government Branch, DPIDG/UN DESA

Roadmap and Strategies for Fostering People-Centered Digital Transformation (10 mins)

- **Mr. Sung Joo Son**, Director, Digital Government Cooperation Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea

Vision and Leadership for Heralding Digital Government Transformation (10 mins)

- **Mr. Cheow Hoe Chan**, Government Chief Information Officer, Singapore (tbc)

Agile Governance and Data-driven Decision Making for Addressing Uncertainties and Development Challenges (10 mins)

- **Mr. Anir Chowdhury**, Programme Advisor, a2i, Bangladesh (tbc)

Building an Integrated Digital Government Platform for Effective and Inclusive Public Service Delivery (10 mins)

- **Mr. Abdul Aliyev**, Head of International Relations Department, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President, Azerbaijan (tbc)

Harnessing Innovation and Digital Technologies for Addressing the Global Food Security Crisis (10 mins)

- **Ms. Enrica Porcari**, Chief Information Officer and Director, Technology Division, UN World Food Programme (WFP) (tbc)

Q&A Session (30 mins)

18:00   **Welcome dinner**

Day 2 – 23 November 2022 (Wednesday)	
Time (KST)	**Agenda**
09:00 – 10:20	**Thematic Session II.** **Readying Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight** Strategic planning and foresight are crucial for ensuring that governments are prepared to handle future crises. While it is impossible to predict the future, strategic foresight offers the tools for successful policymaking in the face of high uncertainty. This session aims at developing the capacities of national and local governments to promote strategic planning and foresight. The session will also raise awareness and understanding of foresight concepts and uses in public institutions. **Moderator: Mr. Marius Oosthuizen,** Practice Lead for Learning and Transformation, School of International Futures, UK **Setting the Stage: How can the Principles of Effective Governance Equip Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight?** (10 mins) • **Ms. Veronique Verbruggen,** Inter-Regional Adviser, DPIDG/UN DESA **Enhancing Capacities of Public Institutions in Planning, Strategy and Policy for Future Unknown Shocks** (10 mins) • **Mr. Marius Oosthuizen,** Practice Lead for Learning and Transformation, School of International Futures, UK (tbc) **Future of Government: How will the Role of Government Change in a Post-Covid World?** (10 mins) • **Ms. Donna Andrews,** Global Lead for Public Institutions Reform, Governance Global Practice, World Bank **Shaping the Future of Government – Innovative Practice from the United Arab Emirates** (10 mins) • **Mr. Khalfan Belhoul,** Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Future Foundation (tbc)

Institutionalization of Strategic Foresight in Government for Better Policies (10 mins)

- **Dr. Trish Lavery,** Strategic Foresight Analyst, Strategic Foresight Unit, OECD

From Reactive Policy to Agile Governance: Building an Agile Mindset and Strategic Intelligence in Public Institutions (10 mins)

- **Mr. Stephan Mergenthaler,** Head of Strategic Intelligence and Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum (tbc)

Q&A Session (20 mins)

10:20 – 10:30   *Health Break*

Special Session II.
Strengthening Risk-Informed Governance and Resilience in Cities and Local Communities for Climate Action

The session will highlight and share insights on the significant role of risk-informed governance and strengthening resilience in cities and local communities for climate action. The session will also delve into leveraging digital government solutions for DRR and resilience by exploring UN DESA's 2021 Handbook on Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for DRR and Resilience as well as its Handbook on Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

Moderator: Ms. Erin Hughey, Director of Global Operations, Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) (tbc)

10:30 – 12:00   **Speakers**

Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance for Addressing Climate-Related Disasters and Building Resilient Communities in SIDS – Lessons from the Maldives. (10 mins)

- **H.E. Mohamed Shareef,** Minister of State Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives (tbc)

Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience for Climate Action through Risk-informed Governance (10 mins)

- **Mr. Samuel Danaa,** Associate Capacity Development Expert UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Promoting access to reliable, affordable, sustainable, and equitable modern energy for Resilient Cities and Local Communities. (10 mins)

- **Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi,** CEO & Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy, Nigeria (tbc)

Digital Platforms and Technology Application for Disaster Risk Reduction. (10 mins)

- **Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia,** Head of Office, UNDRR ONEA & GETI

Enhancing Climate resilient and the use of innovative technologies in government for resilient societies and local communities. (10 mins)

- **Ms. Rose Mwebaza,** Director and Advisory Board Secretary, Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)

Building Smart, Green, and Robust Infrastructure for Making Cities Disaster Resilient: The Case of Busan Metropolitan City. (10 mins)

- **Mr. Heong-joon Park,** Mayor, Busan Metropolitan City(tbc)

The Role of the Public Sector in Creating Awareness and Monitoring Hazards for Disaster Risk to build Resilient Societies and Local Communities. (10 mins)

- **Ms. Argie Kavvada,** Manager, NASA's Earth Science Division's Sustainable Development Goals Activities– NASA (tbc)

Enhancement of local authorities' capacities for prevention, adaptation and mitigation of external shocks. (10 mins)

- Mr Allan Lavell, DRR expert, Coordinator of FLACSO, Social Studies, Risk and Disaster Program, Coordinator of LA RED. (tbc)

Q&A Session (20 mins)

12:00 – 13:30   *Lunch Break*

Time	Agenda
13:30 – 18:00	**Field Visit** 1) Incheon Start-up Park 2) IFEZ Smart City Operation Center 3) Incheon Free Economic Zone PR Center.

Day 3 – 24 November 2022 (Thursday)	
Time	**Agenda**

Thematic Session III
Strengthening Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Accelerating the Implementation of the SDGs

Governments alone cannot address the huge challenges of achieving the SDGs and recovery from COVID-19, and a whole-of-society approach to engaging all stakeholders, particularly forging innovative partnerships, especially at local levels, is required. The session aims to address the major challenges in creating multi-stakeholder partnerships, including the Private-Public-People Partnerships and discuss ways in which the private sector, academia and CSOs can be effectively engaged by the public sector in building multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.

Moderator: Mr. Chungeun Yoon, Innovation and Knowledge economy KDI School, Republic of Korea

09:00 – 10:20

Speakers

Strengthening Global Partnership and Innovative Mechanisms for Mobilizing Funding for Sustainable Development (10 mins)

- **Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt**, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA (tbc)

Global Partnerships and Innovative Climate Financing for Addressing Challenges of Climate Change (10 mins)

- **Mr. Ola Goransson**, Partnerships Coordinator, Outreach and Communication, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA (tbc)

Building Partnerships with Government to Promote Digital Literacy and Train the Workforce of the Future (10 mins)

- **Ms. Dana Abu-Nasrah**, Partners with the public sector in the Middle East & Singapore, Audacity (tbc)

Supporting Government in Innovative Solutions to Address Governance Challenges (10 mins)

- **Mr. Xiongshan Cai**, Vice President, Kuaishou Technology, China (tbc)

Promoting Partnerships with all Stakeholders at Local Levels(10 mins)

- **Mr. Benjamin Abalos Jr.**, Secretary of Interior and Local Government, Philippines (tbc)

Q&A Session (20 mins)

10:20 – 10:30   *Health Break*

10:30 – 12:00   **Parallel Sessions**

   A) **Youth Session**
   Empowering Youth for Accelerating SDG Implementation – Youth as Leaders, Innovators, and Change-makers

Guided by the UN system-wide youth strategy "Youth2030" the UNPOG has been strengthening its work for and with young people worldwide. The main objective has been to engage support and empower young people to put their ideas into action. This session will be an opportunity for young people to share their perspectives on how they can be engaged in decisions that affect their lives and deliver public services in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Moderator: Ms. Anju Mangal, Regional Head, Asia and Pacific Alliance for Affordable Internet

Speakers

Challenges and Opportunities for Youth as Leaders, Innovators, and Change-makers during COVID-19 (12 mins)

- **Ms. Sunita Dangol**, Deputy Mayor, Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Nepal (tbc)

Leveraging Public Governance and Digital Transformation to Promote Youth Participation for Climate Action and Building Resilience (12 mins)

- **Winner of the 6th Youth Forum** (tbc)

Youth and Waithood: Youth Transitions to Adulthood and the Implementation of the SDGs (12 mins)

- **Ms. Alcinda Honwana**, Inter-Regional Adviser, UN DESA

The Role of Multi-stakeholder Engagement in Facilitating the Use of ICT to Promote the SDGs and Empower Youth (12 mins)

- **Ms. Anju Mangal**, Regional Head, Asia and Pacific Alliance for Affordable Internet (tbc)

Innovative Methods of Utilizing Online Platforms to Empower Youth Voices (12 mins)

- **Mr. Jules Guiang**, Chairperson, 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines (tbc)

Q&A Session (30 mins)

B) Learning Lab
   Identifying Capacity Needs of Member States for Effective Implementation of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs

The Learning Lab will introduce the outcome of the 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment of Government Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for and Identification of Priority Areas for Capacity Development in the Asia and Pacific Region and Eastern Africa. During the Learning Lab, participants will be invited to group discussions/activities which will address the issues highlighted by the 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment that are inter-aligned with the thematic areas of the Toolkits of UN DESA's Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs.

Moderator: Mi Kyoung Park, Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Speakers

Overview on the Outcome of DPIDG/UNPOG's 2nd Capacity Needs Assessment (5 mins)

- Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Introduction on the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs (5 mins)

- Ms. Adriana Alberti Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG/UN DESA (tbc)

Capacity Development Demands and Priorities from Selected Countries (5 mins per speaker)

- Ms. Suzanna Sumkhuu, Head of Development Policy and Planning Division, National Development Agency, Mongolia (tbc)
- Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar, Adviser, SDGs, NITI Aayog, India
- Ms. Brigida Soares, Coordinator of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Office of Prime Minister, Timor-Leste (tbc)

Group Activities (50 mins)

Reporting Back (15 mins)

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch Break

Special Session III
Government Innovation in Protecting Migrants and Refugees

The session will discuss the issues raised for host countries when it comes to integration of people forced to leave their home country by events outside their control and how government innovation has helped to deliver integrated services to migrants and refugees. The Session will feature, among others, the example of Portugal which published its first Plan for Immigrant Integration in 2007 and established a One-Stop Shop for the delivery of public services to migrants.

Moderator: H.E Sayanaa Lkhagvasuren, Ambassador of Mongolia to Bulgaria

13:30 – 15:00   **Speakers**

Setting the stage: Driving Migrant Inclusion through Social Innovation (10 mins)

- IOM

Building Rights-Based Social Protection Systems for Migrants and Refugees (10 mins)

- Prof. Gertruda Uścińska, President of the Polish Social Insurance Institution (ZUS), Poland (tbc)

Implementing a One-Stop-Shop for Immigrant Integration (10 mins)

- Ms. Marisa Horta, National Immigrant Support Centre (CNAI),

Portugal (tbc)

Fostering Dialogue and Mutual Cooperation Among Regions to Manage Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (10 mins)

- Mr. Geoffrey Wafula Kundu, Migration Program Coordinator, Department of Health, Humanitarian and Social Development, African Union Commission (AUC), Addis Ababa (tbc)

Technologies Initiatives to Combat COVID-19 Among Migrant Workers (10 mins)

- United Nations Public Service Award 2022, Singapore (tbc)

An Operational Data Portal for Refugees in Jordan (10 mins)
- UNHCR Jordan (tbc)

15:00 – 15:30   *Health Break*

Closing Ceremony

Speakers

15:30 – 16:00

- Mr Chang-seob Han, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (3 min) (tbc)
- Mr Kyuchang Ko, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)