



GEPP Global Environmental Policy Programme

INVITATION

GEPP Policy Dialogue

Implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Challenges and Responses

Geneva, Wednesday 2 September 2015, 16.00-18.30

The RIO + 20 Report *'The Future we Want'* established a mandate to develop a set of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and appropriate action that is coherent with and integrated into the UN development agenda. A United Nations Summit for the post-2015 development agenda will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015 in New York. It will be a high-level plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly.

This Policy Dialogue co-organized by UNEP and UNIGE, with the support of the Geneva Environment Secretariat, during the GEPP Executive Summer School 2015 will address the key challenges of implementing and monitoring the SDGs at a time when political commitment and resource allocation is problematic. The invited panellists will express their viewpoint and debate the following questions with the audience.

- **How will the universality of the 17 SDGs be applied in practice in developed countries and who will be responsible for implementing them?**
- **Are the SDGs applicable as such or will adjustments be needed at regional, and sub-regional or metropolitan levels before their implementation?**
- **How can the SDGs be financed? Can stakeholders from the financial and insurance sectors be encouraged to contribute?**
- **What methods and tools can be applied to monitor the SDGs and who is responsible for this task?**
- **What lessons can be learnt from the achievements and limitations of MDGs?**

Venue

International Environment House, Building 2
7-9 chemin de Balxert - CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva

Programme

15.30 – 16.00 Refreshments.

16.00 – 17.15 Welcome by Prof. Roderick Lawrence, GEPP Programme Director

Introduction by Jan Dusik, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe, Chair of Panel

Panelists' Debate

Ambassador Michael Gerber, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Carena Larsfalten, Managing Director Global Policy and Strategic Partnerships, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Arthur Dahl, President, International Environment Forum

17.15 – 18.30 Dialogue with Audience

Registration

Registration is necessary, [online](#) or via email to gen.secretary@unep.org before 31 August 2015.

