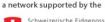


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Light refreshments

Welcome and introduction (13:00-13:05)

Steven STONE, Chief, UNEP Economics & Trade Branch (ETB) and the Green Economy Initiative

Panel discussion (13:05-13:45)

Barry GARDINER, MP, Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change, UK

Pushpam KUMAR, Chief, UNEP Ecosystem Services Economics Unit

Paul VAN GARDINGEN, Director, Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA), UK

Michel TSCHIRREN, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Kookie HABTEGABER, Global Lead for Green Economy, WWF International

Q & A session (13:45-14:15)







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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goals 8, 15 and 17, and Rio+20 and its outcome document "The Future We Want", emphasized the bringing the benefits and socioeconomic impacts of ecosystems, as well as the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and its components, into relevant programmes and policies at all levels, in accordance with national legislation, circumstances and priorities.

The key defining feature of the SDGs is the emphasis on the indivisibility of the goals and embracing the fact that prosperity of people and planet are interlinked. Besides exposing the explicit linkages to decision makers, conventional metrics of growth and development must be questioned, alternatives explored, and credibility of indicators established jointly by science community and practitioners.



