

## Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

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### PEER LEARNING IN ENHANCING POLICY COHERENCE FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

#### 15th Meeting of the National Focal Points for Policy Coherence

CC18, OECD Headquarters, Paris, 14 November 2018

**8:45** Registration and coffee

**9:00** **Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda** by Ebba Dohlman, Head of PCSD Unit and moderator for the meeting

**9:10** **Introductory remarks** by Marcos Bonturi, Director, Public Governance Directorate

#### 9:15-11:15 Session 1. Building capacities for enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development

Enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development (PCSD) has emerged as one of the most difficult challenges to implementing the SDGs according to the Voluntary National Reviews presented so far to the UN High Level Political Forum. There is growing demand therefore for peer learning opportunities as well as for tools and guidance that can be tailored to specific national needs and contexts. Building on the successful [PCSD Learning Session](#) organised on 11 July in the context of the 2018 HLPF by the OECD in collaboration with the PCSD Partnership and UNITAR, the objectives of this session are to share country experiences and lessons learned in applying tools that can foster coherent implementation of the SDGs; and to discuss ways to adapt tools and guidance to better respond to needs. The outcomes of this session will also feed into the Online Training on PCSD Tools currently being developed by the PCSD Partnership.

#### **Background documentation:**

- *Proposal for online PCSD training*
- *Summary of country responses to the PCSD Survey (2017-18)*
- *PCSD Partnership progress report 2017-2018*

a) **Country experiences** in applying tools for coherent SDG implementation – tour de table kick-off presentations by:

- Marguy Kohnen, Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg,
- Inge Herman Rydland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Mikael Långström, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland
- Ileana Luminita Balalau, Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

b) **Panel of PCSD Partners responding to demand (5 minutes presentations)**

- SDG Interactions Framework, Nina Weitz, Stockholm Environment Institute
- NDC-SDG Connections, Niels Keijzer, German Development Institute
- Science for SDG Implementation Policy, Apollonia Miola, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- 'Checklist' for coherent policy-making, Ondřej Horký-Hlucháň, Institute of International Relations, Prague
- Youth-Friendly Cities, Buğra Avcı, Habitat Turkey
- Sustainability Leadership Lab, Joachim Monkelbaan,

c) **Tour de table based on issues for discussion:**

- What are the biggest capacity challenges for countries to address interlinkages, synergies and trade-offs in the implementation of the SDGs?

- How can tools and guidance best be tailored to respond to country specific needs? What needs adapting?
- Would there be support for developing a one-stop-shop for tools, knowledge and access to expertise for promoting PCSD?

d) **Update on the PCSD Partnership** by Carina Lindberg, Policy Analyst

*11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break*

### 11:30-13:00 Session 2. Advancing work to track progress on PCSD

Tracking progress on PCSD requires consideration of at least three inter-related elements of the policy making process: institutional mechanisms; policy interactions; and policy effects. New methodologies as well as indicators are needed to: (i) assess the extent to which institutional arrangements are facilitating improvements in policy coherence; (ii) illustrate for policy-makers and stakeholders the linkages and trade-offs between economic, social and environmental values; (iii) assess longer term implications of current decisions and behaviours, and (iv) take into account the economic, environmental and social externalities imposed beyond national borders. Building on the discussions at the last Focal Points meeting in May, the objective of this session is to advance on the methodologies being considered at the OECD and elsewhere to assess progress in *institutional mechanisms* for PCSD as well as to measure *transboundary policy effects*.

#### **Background documentation:**

- *Concept note by the PCSD Unit on developing PCSD process indicators*
- a) **Measuring transboundary effects within the SDGs** – work in progress to expand coverage of the tool – *Measuring Distance to SDG Targets* – presentation by Michal Shinwell, OECD Statistics and Data Directorate.
  - b) **Developing process indicators for PCSD institutional mechanisms** – presentation by Ernesto Soria Morales, Sr. Policy Analyst, on follow up to the 2018 Survey and next steps.
  - c) **Experiences in tracking progress on PCSD**  
Kick-off presentations by:
    - Martine Rutten, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands,
    - Eva del Hoyo Barbolla, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain,
    - Javier Perez, CIECODE on the ParLamenta 2030 tool
    - Caitlin McKee, Center for Global Development on the Commitment to Development Index (CDI)
  - d) **Tour de table around the following issues for discussion:**
    - How might OECD work on measuring potential transboundary policy effects best support your efforts in monitoring policy coherence? Are there any useful country applications or experiences to draw on?
    - What kind of progress on institutional mechanisms for PCSD would you like indicators to capture?
    - How are monitoring and reporting systems used for adjusting policies in light of new information on potential negative effects in the course of implementation?

*13:00 - 14:15 Lunch break*

### 14:15-15:30 Session 3. Towards a methodology for measuring SDG 17.14.1

SDG target 17.14 calls on all countries to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development. Progress on this target at the global level will be assessed against TIER III indicator 17.14.1 “Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development”. UN Environment, the custodian agency for indicator 17.14.1, is currently leading an international experts group to develop a methodology for monitoring progress on SDG 17.14.1. Building on the discussions at the last Focal Points meeting and progress made to date on the methodology, the objectives of this session are to discuss with the UN Environment and a wide range of stakeholders on how best to advance on developing a methodology for the global indicator 17.14.1; and consider how the OECD work and its Members’ experiences with SDG 17.14 can best inform and support the work underway by UN Environment.

**Background documentation:**

- *Draft Concept Note and Composite Indicator Framework by UN Environment*
- a) **Developing a methodology for the SDG global indicator 17.14.1** - presentation by Lowri Angharad Rees, Programme Management Officer, Sustainable Development Goals and Environment Statistics Unit, UN Environment
- b) **Tour de table** around the following issues for discussion:
- What common elements of the policy-making process can be captured in a global indicator?
  - Do any of the national or local level experiences need to be given more or less prominence in the elements identified by UN Environment?
  - How can the Eight Building Blocks model identified by OECD be harmonised with the global methodology?

**15:30-17:00 Session 4. Updating the 2010 Council Recommendation on PCD**

It was agreed to update the 2010 Recommendation of the Council on Promoting Good Institutional Practices for Policy Coherence for Development [C(2010)41] in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and specific target SDG 17.14 on PCSD as a means of implementation that applies to all SDGs, and in the context of the OECD-wide standard setting review [DCD/DAC(2017)8/FINAL]. A draft concept note was prepared for discussion in the DAC on 25 October, the Public Governance Committee on 13 November, and Informal Network of National Focal Points for Policy Coherence on 14 November. The note builds on the experience and lessons learned from OECD countries over the past 10 years in promoting PCD. The purpose of this session is to discuss the scope and content of the draft note circulated for the meeting and to consider ways to ensure maximum impact.

**Background documentation:**

- *Draft Updating the 2010 Council Recommendation on PCD [SG/PCD(2018)1]*
- a) **Rationale, context and objectives of the Updated Recommendation**
- b) **Tour de table around the following issues:**
- Does the note adequately reflect the specific nature of the SDGs and important role of PCSD in it?
  - Does the note capture sufficiently the lessons learned from implementing policy coherence at the national and local level? Are any elements missing?
  - What elements of an updated OECD instrument could best support your efforts on PCSD at home?

**17:00 - 17:40 Session 5. Dialogue on other SDG related initiatives**

The OECD is developing a Global Hub for the Governance of the SDGs in partnership with the UN System and national governments to be launched at the HLPF 2019. The Hub will help countries bring together expertise and mobilise much-needed support that will help put into practice the SDGs by strengthening public governance practices for effective SDG implementation. The Hub will be based on a number of specific pillars such as policy coherence for sustainable development, budget processes and aligning resources, regulatory framework, gender equality, integrity and fighting corruption, as well as open government including open data. The Global Hub will facilitate targeted assistance in developing and developed countries worldwide in these critical governance areas.

**Background documentation:**

- SDG Hub Concept note

**Global Hub on the Governance of the SDGs**, Remarks by Sigita Strumskyte, Counsellor, OECD GOV followed by discussion

**17:45 Wrap up and close of meeting**

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**19:30 Informal Dinner** – Grand Bistro de La Murette – 8 Chaussée Murette 75016 Paris -  
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