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SDG Progress and Reporting in Times of Polycrisis: the Role of Civil Society in Ensuring Consistency

Thursday, July 13, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Conference Room 11, UNHQ

Background

The protracted crisis framed by the direct and indirect effects of climate change and the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine on food prices, inflation and increase in poverty levels, among other impacts will reduce progress on more than 30 percent of the SDGs has stalled or reversed, with countries in the Global South being affected by the polycrisis the most. At the same time, the year 2023, as a midpoint towards the 2030 Agenda, presents an opportunity to reassess and reinvigorate efforts to achieve the SDGs. As countries navigate these challenges and prepare to present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), it is crucial to maintain consistency in both the progress toward the SDGs and the reporting process, despite mounting pressures, and to ensure that stakeholders are meaningfully engaged in these efforts.

The VNR Lab will explore the role that civil society and stakeholders can play in maintaining consistency in the SDG progress and reporting, despite the uncertain global outlook. The session will feature a conversation between government officials, researchers, and other stakeholders to explore the role that civil society's capacity may play in driving and monitoring the SDG agenda through challenging times.

Objectives

- **Provide a platform** for Member States and stakeholders to discuss challenges, opportunities and good practices in the SDG reporting in the context of interconnected polycrisis and transformations.
- **Create an opportunity** to spotlight examples of successful collaboration between Member States and stakeholders in support of measuring the SDG implementation and progress through VNRs.
- **Build momentum and synergy** around unique opportunities in 2023, such as the SDG Summit, and moments in the lead-up to 2030.

Proposed Speakers

- Opening by Ms. Julie Kofoed, Senior Director, Sustainable Development Initiatives, UN Foundation
- Mr. René Alfonso Ruidíaz Pérez, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN
- Dr. Luis Hernán Vargas, Executive Director, *Espacio Público & Southern Voice*
- Ms. Inés Yábar, Lead Next Generation Fellow, *UN Foundation* (TBC)

- *Accion, Chile*, presenting the People's Scorecard
- Moderator: Ms. Estefania Charvet, Southern Voice