



Sunday, 17 September 2023 | 15:00 – 16:30 | Conference Room 4

The SDG Stimulus

SESSION PROGRAMME

The SDG Stimulus aims to offset challenging market conditions faced by developing countries, including limited access to capital and high cost of borrowing, to mitigate the finance divide and accelerate progress towards the SDGs. To this end, it calls for an increase in financing for sustainable development of at least \$500 billion per year.

Most of the elements in the SDG Stimulus are already on the international agenda, but they need a political push to make the ambition a reality. This session will bring together Ministers and representatives of the MDBs, the private sector and other stakeholders to discuss (i) how to advance key tenets of the SDG Stimulus and realize a concerted investment push in the SDGs; and (ii) how MDBs and private investors can support this effort.

Section of Session	Timing	Speakers and Moderator
Welcome & Setting the Scene	15:00 – 15:05	Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
<p>Panel One: "The SDG Stimulus as an investment agenda: moving forward at global and country levels"</p> <p><i>Moderated by Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD</i></p>	15:05 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance, Ghana• H.E. Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Minister of State (Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships), France• H.E. Francisco André, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal• H.E. Pilar Cancela Rodríguez, State Secretary for International Cooperation, Spain• H.E. Andrew Mitchell, Minister of State (Development and Africa), United Kingdom• H.E. Phonevanh Outhavong, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR• Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
<p>Panel Two: "Putting the SDG Stimulus into Action – the role of MDBs and the private sector"</p> <p><i>Moderated by Mahmoud Mohieldin, Special Envoy on Financing 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i></p>	15:45 – 16:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woochong Um, Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank• Sir Danny Alexander, Vice President for Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank• Francisco Carneiro, Economic Advisor, Development Finance Vice Presidency, World Bank• Jay Collins, Vice Chairman, Banking, Capital Markets and Advisory, Citigroup• Mariana Mazzucato, Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London
Closing remarks	16:25-16:30	Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, DESA