



High Level Political Forum 2016

Side event: Climate Change Resilience – An Opportunity for Reducing Inequalities and Ensuring that No One is Left Behind

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: Conference Room E

On Wednesday, 20th of July, the Development and Policy Analysis Division (DPAD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) organized a side event in the context of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2016. Under the theme “Climate Change Resilience: An Opportunity for Reducing Inequalities and Ensuring that No One is Left Behind”, the event presented the main messages of the [World Economic and Social Survey 2016](#) (forthcoming) to a well-attended audience composed of representatives of NGOs and UN colleagues. The director of DPAD, Mr. Pingfan Hong, opened the event by introducing the team and the context surrounding the *Survey*, which is one of the oldest reports of the United Nations. The report’s team leader and unit chief, Ms. Diana Alarcón, proceeded to present the story line and key messages of the report, highlighting three main policy recommendations: i) strengthening policy options via integrated assessments, ii) building coherent and flexible policy frameworks, and iii) fostering more cooperation with regards to financing adaptation and the compilation of data and statistics. A lively interactive discussion with the public followed, with participation of the members of the writing team of the *Survey*.