

**7th Regional Symposium on  
Effective Governance and Digital Transformation  
for  
Accelerating Progress towards the 2030 Agenda  
*Promoting Sustainable, Resilient, and Innovative Solutions***

## **AGENDA**

**17-19 OCTOBER 2023**

Organized by  
the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)  
Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)  
Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)  
with the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea (MOIS) and  
Incheon Metropolitan City

## DAY I – 17 OCTOBER 2023 (TUESDAY)

Time (KST)	Agenda
10:00 – 10:45	<p><b>High-level Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Kyuchang Ko</b>, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), UN DESA (3 min)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Li Junhua</b>, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video message) (3 min)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Sang-min Lee</b>, Minister of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (3 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jeongbok Yoo</b>, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea (3 min)</li> <li>• <b>Hon. Timothy Masiu</b>, Minister, Ministry of Communication &amp; Information Technology, Papua New Guinea (3 min)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Hendra Susanto</b>, Vice Chair, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (3 min)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Malini Mehara</b>, Chief Executive, GLOBE International (3 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ban Ki-Moon</b>, 8th United Nations Secretary-General (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Group photo (5 min)</b></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p><b>Health Break</b></p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Setting-the-scene session titled “The Mid-Way Point Towards 2030: From Government Commitments to Sustained Action to Deliver the SDGs: Key Accelerators and Innovative Solutions</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ms. Adriana Alberti</b>, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA</p> <p><b>Enhancing the role of parliaments, with parliamentarians not just as regulators but more as facilitators and partners, for accelerating SDG implementation (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Saber Chowdhury</b>, Special Envoy to the Honorable Prime Minister for climate change, Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, MP of Bangladesh</li> </ul>

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10:00 – 10:45	<p><b>Progress of SDG implementation: global and regional perspectives (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Yongyi Min</b>, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilitating partnership building with businesses, CSOs and other stakeholders (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Key outcomes and new commitments from SDG summit, introducing the 2023 Global sustainable development report with policy recommendations (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Astra Bonini</b>, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG, UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Key priority areas for repositioning the 2030 Agenda on the correct path (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Tapan Mishra</b>, UN Resident Coordinator for Mongolia</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session (10 mins)</b></p>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Special Session I: UN DESA Curriculum on Governance: National Experiences from Mongolia, Mozambique, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar</b>, IAS, Indian Administrative Service Commissioner, National Capital Region &amp; SDGs Government of Uttar Pradesh, Government of India</p> <p><b>Effective Governance for Sustainable Development in Mongolia (8 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Narantuya Judger</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, National Academy of Governance, Mongolia</li> </ul> <p><b>Risk-informed Communication for Reporting on Emergencies and Disaster Risk Reduction (8 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Tungalag Lkhagva</b>, Editor in Chief, MONTSAME – Mongolian National News Agency, Mongolia</li> </ul> <p><b>Accelerating Digital Government Transformation in Sri Lanka: Strengthening Digital Governance for Sustainable Development (8 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sameera Jayawardena</b>, Associate Chief, Digital Economy Officer, ICT Agency, Sri Lanka</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancing National to Local Institutional Coordination and Monitoring Mechanisms for NSDP/SDG Implementation in Vanuatu (8 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Wesley Aru</b>, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Strategic Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC), Vanuatu</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session (20 mins)</b></p>

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14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Learning Lab 1 - Behavioural science and changing mindsets in government for improved policies, leadership, innovation, digital government transformation, and partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Mr. Ramiz Uddin</b>, Head of Experimentation, UNDP Bangladesh Accelerator Lab</p> <p><b>Changing Mindsets in the Public Sector for Achieving the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Keping Yao</b>, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</li> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Health Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Thematic Session I. Strategic Foresight for Forward-Looking Policies and Programmes in the Context of Uncertainty</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Trish Lavery</b>, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD</p> <p><b>Applying Foresight in the Context of the Agenda 2030 (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Cat Tully</b>, Managing Director, School of International Futures (Video)</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Foresight for Policy Planning for the Future and Scenario Building (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Gonzalo Pizarro</b>, Regional Policy Adviser and Team Lead on SDG Integration, Regional Hub for the Arab States, UNDP</li> </ul> <p><b>The Use of Strategic Foresight within Public Institutions - The challenge and opportunities of developing a strategic foresight ecosystem in governments (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Trish Lavery</b>, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Foresight Indonesia Remade by COVID-19: Scenarios, Opportunities, and Challenges for a Resilient Government (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Bernardus Dwita Pradana</b>, Director General of Planning, Evaluation and Policy, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia</li> </ul> <p><b>Why Strategic Foresight in Parliament Matters for SDG Implementation (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund</b>, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Applying Strategic Foresight for Adaptive and Future-Ready SDG Strategies (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Masse Lo</b>, Founder &amp; Ceo, Institute of Leadership for Development , Executive Advisor, Business Development &amp; Strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session (30 mins)</b></p>
18:00 -	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>

## DAY 2 – 18 OCTOBER 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

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09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Thematic Session 2. Strengthening Digital Data Governance for Accelerating Digital Governance Transformation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao</b>, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p><b>Data integration for digital platform government</b> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Je Myung Ryu</b>, Head of Secretariat, Presidential Committee on Digital Platform Government, Republic of Korea</li> </ul> <p><b>Addressing digital divide to ensure inclusive and people-centered digital transformation</b> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Tiziana Bonapace</b>, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN ESCAP</li> </ul> <p><b>Introducing UN DESA’s Project on Developing institutional capacities for digital data management and cooperation to advance progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals</b> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Wai Min Kwok</b>, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Promoting data sharing and public value of data use</b> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Marelza Oliveira</b>, Director, Division for Digital Inclusion, Policies and Transformation, Communications and Information Sector, UNESCO (video)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ethiopia Country Case - Build the Effective National Data Governance Framework</b> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Habtamu Takele Yalew</b>, Senior Advisor for Development Policy and Planning, Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia</li> </ul> <p><b>Promoting data free flows with trust</b> (10 mins) (tbc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Yoichi IIDA</b>, Deputy Director General for G7 and G20 Relations, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session</b> (30 mins)</p>
10:30 – 10:40	Health Break
10:40 – 12:15	<p><b>Thematic Session 3. Innovation and digital transformation at the local level for better public service delivery</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund</b>, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Xingquan Wang</b>, Director of Research Center on Technological Innovation IIS, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China</li> </ul>

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10:40 – 12:15	<p><b>LOSI Methodology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Deniz Susar</b>, Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rwanda Case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ladislas Ngendahimana</b>, Secretary General, Rwanda Association of Local Authorities</li> </ul> <p><b>Indian Case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Sannyukta Samaddar</b>, IAS, Indian Administrative Service Commissioner, National Capital Region &amp; SDGs Government of Uttar Pradesh, Government of India</li> </ul> <p><b>Thailand Case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul</b>, Senior Expert Smart City Promotion Department, DEPA, Thailand</li> </ul>
10:40 – 12:15	<p><b>Youth Session. Leveraging Digital Transformation for the Acceleration of the 2030 Agenda with, and for Youth</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Carolit Grace Salvacion</b>, Associate Networking and Outreach Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Urté Petrulyté and Mr. Matheus Valois Serra</b>, Youth Representative, World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Homecoming Session: Voices of Youth—A Glimpse of Where We Stand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Sera Yun</b>, Winner of the 4th Youth Forum on SDG Implementation at UNPOG, Consultant, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ari Bima Putra</b>, Winner of the 6th Youth Forum on SDG Implementation at UNPOG, Student, Kookmin University</li> </ul> <p><b>The Importance of the 2030 Youth Advisors of MOIS to Boost Effective Youth Governance Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Wonyoung Lee</b>, Youth Affairs Manager, Office for Government Policy Coordination, MOIS, Republic of Korea (5 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>The Relevance of Data for Risk-informed Decision-Making to Accelerate the Implementation of the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Goma Karki</b>, Project Lead, Youth Innovation Lab, Nepal</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipping Young People with Digital Skills and Knowledge to Accelerate the 2030 Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Marko Paloski</b>, Coordinator, Youth IGF MKD, North Macedonia</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation from the 7th Youth Forum Winners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Paul Moon, Mr. Eric Cho, Mr. Colin Park</b>, Team SeoulIntMUN, Student, Seoul International School, Republic of Korea</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Preparation and Presentation of the Declaration</u></b></p>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch Break

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13:15 – 14:30	<p><b>Special Session 2. Promoting Women’s Leadership and Gender-Responsive Public Governance to Achieve the SDGs</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Minah Kang, Professor, Department of Public Administration, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Director, ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Office</li> <li>• Ms. Valentina Resta, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPIDG/UN DESA (Video)</li> <li>• Ms. Jeong Shim Lee, Director, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality</li> <li>• Mr. Ahmadul Haque, Head of Office, Director (Administration) and Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (2021 UNPSA winner)</li> <li>• Mr. Samuel Danaa, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:30	<p><b>Learning Lab 2. Harnessing Strategic Foresight for Effective Governance</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms. Trish Lavery, Strategic Foresight Counsellor in the Office of the Secretary-General, OECD</p>
14:30 – 15:45	<p><b>Thematic Session 4. Results-oriented climate action through effective policy-making processes, institutional arrangements, and multilevel governance approaches.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sara Castro-Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD/UN DESA</p> <p><b>Public Governance with focus on institutional coordination and multi-stakeholder partnership for Climate Actions (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Malini Mehara, Chief Executive, GLOBE International</li> <li>• Ms. Ma'u Leha, Director, National Planning Department, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Tonga (tbc)</li> <li>• Mr. German (Jerry) Velasquez, Director, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Climate Fund (tbc)</li> <li>• Ms. Remy Sietchiping, Chief of the Policy, Legislation and Governance, UN-Habitat</li> <li>• Mr. Prabin Maharjan, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/ UN DESA</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Health Break</b>

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16:00 – 18:30	Field Visit



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## DAY 3 – 19 OCTOBER 2023 (THURSDAY)

Time (KST)	Agenda
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Special Session 3. Risk-Informed Sustainable Development: Accelerating Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Digital Government and Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Samuel Danaa</b>, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p><b>Earth Systems Science, Technology and Governance frameworks for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and Sustainability (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. David Green</b>, Head of Disaster Programme of NASA, USA (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Loretta Hieber Girardet</b>, Chief of the Risk Knowledge Branch, UNDRR</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges and Opportunities in Strengthening Disaster Risk and Resilience in Local Communities (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Rajiv Garg</b>, Director (a.i.), Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), Industry and Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li> </ul> <p><b>Leveraging Innovative Approaches for Effective Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Renato Umali Solidum, Jr.</b> Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), The Philippines (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Governance (5 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Samuel Danaa</b>, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session (35 mins)</b></p>
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Health Break</b>

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10:40 – 12:00	<p><b>Local Governance and Partnerships Forum</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ben Olken</b>, Director, J-PAL, Scientific Director, J-PAL Southeast Asia, Co-Chair, J-PAL Affiliated Professor, Jane Berkowitz Carlton and Dennis William Carlton Professor of Microeconomics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kyu Chang Ko</b>, Head of UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanghan Choi</b>, President, Korea Institute of Public Administration, Republic of Korea</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Iljae Kim</b>, President, Korea Research Institute for Local Administration, Republic of Korea</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Dong-ho Oh</b>, President, Korea Island Development Institute, Republic of Korea</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Seung Jong Lee</b>, President, Saemaul Foundation, Republic of Korea</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jong Seol Lee</b>, President, National Disaster Management Research Institute, Republic of Korea</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jae-young Lee</b>, President, Korea Local Information Research &amp; Development Institute, Republic of Korea</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A Session (25 mins)</b></p>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Local Governance and Partnerships Forum (cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</b></p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Senaka Basnayake</b>, Director Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Abir Achour</b>, Task Manager, UCLG Africa</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Yeonhee Park</b>, Director, ICLEI Korea (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Health Break</b>

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15:30 – 16:00	<b>Youth Forum Awardees Ceremony</b>
16:00 - 16:20	<b>Closing Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker (tbc)</b></li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:30	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ko Kidong</b>, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (3 min) (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Kyu Chang Ko</b>, Head of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul>

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