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BEYOND SDG INDICATORS PART 1: EXPLORING THE ROLE OF INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

TUESDAY, 02 FEB 2016
3 – 5 PM GMT (4 - 6 PM CET, 10 AM - 12 PM EST)

Focus of the SDG Webinar

Sustainable development goals (SDGs) have been approved by the UN General Assembly as key elements of the post-2015 development agenda in September 2015. The goals represent a significant challenge for the science and policy community, given their broad scope, diversity, inherent uncertainties, the vested interests involved, and growing urgency for action.

As a crucial element of their implementation, there is significant interest in defining SDG indicators, given their potential role in monitoring and progress review. However, beyond having suitable statistical instruments for measuring progress, moving SDG into the mainstream will also require analytic tools and methods that can address SDGs as a system, analyze their relationships, and allow policymakers, experts and the public to identify and test hypotheses about implementation options in the context of scenarios. The hypothesis underlying this webinar is that the conceptual approach, tools and methods of IA make it an interesting candidate to play a role.

The three presenters bring both an inside perspective of the SDG process and decades of experience in navigating the science – policy interface related to the imperatives of human well-being and sustainable development. They will address where the need for assessment and strategic analysis in the different stages of SDG implementation may arise, how it can build on the work on indicators and statistics, and the related institutional and capacity issues.

A **second part of this webinar in March 2016** will focus on leading efforts to support SDG implementation assessment and strategic planning through integrated modeling.

An audio-visual **recording** of both webinars will be made available within one week of each event.

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TIAS WEBINAR BEYOND SDG INDICATORS

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Organized and hosted by The Integrated Assessment Society (<http://www.tias-web.info>) and
the International Institute for Sustainable Development (<http://www.iisd.org>)

15:00	Welcome and introductory remarks <i>Laszlo Pinter (chair), Professor, Central European University and Senior Fellow & Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development</i>
15:10	From planning to monitoring and review: An institutional perspective (20 minutes) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Marc Levy, Deputy Director, Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Earth Institute, Columbia University</i>
15:40	SDGs as a network of targets (20 minutes) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>David O'Connor, Former Chief, Policy Analysis and Networks Branch, UN DESA</i>
16:10	From SDG statistics to addressing the decision support needs of governments (20 minutes) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Enrico Giovannini, Professor, University of Rome "Tor Vergata", Former Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Italy</i>
16:40	Roundtable discussion and wrap-up (20 minutes)
17:00	Close of Webinar

Registration and webinar access

Space is limited. Therefore, registration is encouraged as soon as possible. To register, please send your name, affiliation, email and telephone number to info@tias-web.info (Tel: +49 541 969 2505). Registered participants will be provided the link to the virtual meeting room for the webinar and guidelines for participation together with their registration confirmation. The event will be recorded and made available online afterwards.

TIAS “Beyond SDG Indicators” Webinar - About our Presenters

Marc Levy, Deputy Director, Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Earth Institute, Columbia University



Marc Levy is deputy director of CIESIN and an adjunct professor in the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, where he teaches graduate courses on environment-security linkages. He also co-directs Columbia’s Certificate Program in Environment, Peace and Security. He is a political scientist specializing in the human dimensions of global environmental change and utilizing interdisciplinary research to understand how humans can better manage complex, interlinked systemic risk. He is well known for his work on environmental security, global environmental governance, and sustainability indicators. His research has been supported by a number of agencies, including the National Science Foundation, U.S. Agency for International Development, National Intelligence Council, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, UN Environment Programme, UN Development Programme, and Skoll Global Threats Foundation. He has served as lead project scientist of the Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center since 1998.

Dr. Levy is a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Measuring Sustainability. He has co-led, with Daniel Esty, production of the Environmental Sustainability Index and Environmental Performance Index, which have been released regularly at the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland since 1999. He also serves on the high-level advisory board on Sustainability and Competitiveness of the WEF.

David O’Connor, World Resources Institute and Former Chief, Policy Analysis and Networks Branch, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)



David O'Connor has recently joined the World Resources Institute in Washington DC and is former Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. He lent substantive support to the negotiation of the Rio+20 outcome document, The Future We Want. Before joining the UN, O'Connor was Senior Economist at the OECD Development Centre, researching the many areas of sustainable development. He has also published extensively on climate policies and their co-benefits in developing countries. O'Connor and his team were centrally engaged in supporting the Rio+20 processes to define sustainable development goals (SDGs), to develop a financing strategy for sustainable development and to explore options for a technology facilitation mechanism to encourage international cooperation in development and transfer of clean and environmentally sound technologies.

Enrico Giovannini, Professor, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, Former Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Italy

Enrico Giovannini is an Italian economist and statistician and member of the Club of Rome. Since 2002 he is full professor of economic statistics at the Rome University “Tor Vergata” and Senior Fellow of the LUISS School of European Political Economy. From 2013 to 2014 he was Minister of Labour and Social Policies in the Italian Government. From 2009 to 2013 he was President of the Italian Statistical Institute (Istat).



From January 2001 to July 2009 he was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where he designed and implemented a thorough reform of the statistical system, organised the "World Forum on "Statistics, Knowledge and Politics" and launched the Global Project on the "Measurement of Progress in Society", which fostered the setting up of numerous worldwide initiatives on the issue "Beyond GDP".

Prof. Giovannini was member of the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Committee, established by the French President N. Sarkozy. He was also President of the Global Council of the World Economic Forum on the "Evaluation of Societal Progress", President of the Conference of European Statisticians, body of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, and Chairman of the Board of the World Bank International Project for the measurement of purchasing power parity.

Laszlo Pinter (Moderator), Professor, Central European University and Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)



Laszlo Pinter is currently Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary and Senior Fellow and Associate at the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Canada. He joined IISD in 1994, and served as the Director of the Institute’s Measurement and Assessment Program between 2003 and 2010. He has been with CEU since 2010.

Prof. Pinter is best known for his work on sustainable development indicators and strategies, integrated assessment, sustainability reporting and synthetic global outlooks. He works worldwide with governments, multilateral organizations, companies and communities that seek to translate sustainability from theory into practice. Currently his main interest is in the implementation strategies of sustainable development goals and related transition pathways that could help keep the Earth System and human society in a safe operating space. He has a PhD from the University of Minnesota.