

EMG Nexus Dialogue Series on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) - A vehicle to address the triple planetary crisis and to promote a sustainable economic and social transformation

Paving the way towards a UN Alliance for SDG12

Dialogue 1: Digitalisation for Circular Economy and Green Jobs for Youth

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13.30 – 17.30 CEST

International Labour Organization, Room VII R2, Rte des Morillons 4, 1211 in Geneva.

13:30- 13:45

Welcoming Remarks

Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Director Priority Action Programme, Just Transitions towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies

Opening Remarks

Hossein Fadaei, Head, Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group

Session I

Digitalisation as a driver for circular economy and new business models: our responsibility and opportunities

13:35-15:15 CEST

Moderator: Adriana Zacarias Farah, Deputy Head of the 10YFP and Head of GO4SDGs, UNEP

Introduction by the Moderator

The Moderator will shortly introduce the importance of harnessing digital technologies to accelerate the shift towards circularity –and why it is relevant to address the triple planetary crisis for a new economic and social transformation in the post-COVID context.

13:45-14:20

Keynotes

- UNEP and CODES – **Impact Initiative on Digitalisation for Circular Economy** – enhancing digital transformation through Inter-agency and multi-stakeholder collaboration. (10min)
Mr. David Jensen, CODES Co-Champion and UNEP Digital Transformation Subprogramme Coordinator

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNIDO – Fourth Industrial Revolution and circularity – work for all, resting on four pillars: innovation, digital infrastructure, digital skills, and digital cooperation and partnerships. (7min) Mr. Marco Kamiya, UNIDO Chief of Digital Transformation and AI Strategies
14:20-14:45	<i>Panellist reactions and dialogue: Delivering as ONE UN - digitalisation for circular economy</i>
	<p>Dialogue on Digitalisation and Circular Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reyna Ubeda, ITU / Paolo Gemma ITU chairman/Huawei (TBC) Elisabeth Türk, UNECE Director of Economic Cooperation and Trade Division Reina Otsuka, UNDP Digital Innovation Lead for Nature, Climate Energy and CODES Co-Champion Mette Grangaard Lund, ILO Technical Officer Green Jobs
14:45-15:10	Open dialogue and questions and answers
15:10-15:15	Break

Session II

Upskilling and reskilling to create green jobs and decent work- challenges in the digital age

:15-16:45 CEST

Moderator: Steven Stone, Deputy Director, Industry and Economy Division, UNEP, and Chair Of PAGE

15:15- 15:20	<p>The Moderator will introduce the topic, providing an overview of the importance of a green economic and social transformation, especially by creating green jobs that unlock the potential for a digital and circular economy.</p> <p>“Moving towards a circular economic model enables major opportunities for job creation, decreasing the environmental impact of enterprises, enhancing resource efficiency and thereby rendering business operations more sustainable and competitive. The ILO estimates that global employment could grow between <u>seven to eight million jobs by 2030</u> in transitioning towards a circular economy¹ that includes activities such as recycling, repair, and re-manufacture - replacing the traditional economic model of “extracting, making, using and disposing”</p>
15:20-15:40	<p>Keynote speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILO: “Green jobs and decent work challenges for youth in the circular and digital economy”, Speaker Susana Puerto Gonzalez, Senior Youth Employment Specialist (7-10 minutes) “How to green skills effectively for the circular and digital economy? Key success factors and challenges, Ms. Olga Strietska-Ilina, Senior Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO (7-10 minutes)
15:40-16:20	<i>Panellist reactions and dialogue on strengthening efforts to create Green Jobs for Youth</i>

¹ [Work for a brighter future – Global Commission on the Future of Work \(ilo.org\)](https://www.ilo.org/global/commissions-and-committees/gcwf/2020/Work-for-a-brighter-future--Global-Commission-on-the-Future-of-Work-(ilo.org))

	<p>Dialogue on Green Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAGE: Asad Naqvi, Head of PAGE Secretariat • UNITAR: Ms. Amrei Horstbrink, Senior Specialist Climate Change and Green Development • UNWOMEN: Bindu Bhandari, Climate Change Analyst • UNICEF, Ingrid Sanchez – Senior Advisor for Education at UNICEF • UN Youth, Ms. Sudha Balakrishnan, Head of the Youth2030 Secretariat
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16:20-16:50	Open dialogue and Questions and Answers
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Working as ONE UN – towards a UN Alliance for SDG12

Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of the One Planet Network

16:50-17:10	<p>Working as ONE in a UN Alliance for SDG12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on promoting the relevance and co-benefits of circularity, and accelerate action on SDG12 across sectors (including digitalisation) • Question to audience: How can we work together at strategic inter-governmental fora - (<i>Global Digital Compact, including the 2023 SDG Summit, the G20 processes under the Indian (2023), Brazilian (2024) and South African (2025) presidencies; and the Global Dialogue on SCP</i>)? • Summarizing steps forward
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Closing Remarks
 Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of the One Planet Network
 17:10-17:15

Networking Cocktail
 17:15-18:30