



2018 Integration Segment: Innovative communities: leveraging technology and innovation to build sustainable and resilient societies

The 2018 ECOSOC Integration Segment will take place from 1 to 3 May 2018, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. On 2 May, Dominic Allen, Chief of the New York Office of the United Nations Volunteers will be moderating a session on national strategies for resilience which will showcase experiences and best practices to boost resilience and sustainability working at the core of the 2030 Agenda.

The Segment will address the theme, “Innovative communities: leveraging technology and innovation to build sustainable and resilient societies”

The annual ECOSOC Integration Segment has been mandated to promote the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, both within and beyond the United Nations system.

The 2018 Integration Segment seeks to analyze pathways to build resilience through integrated policies, and will:

- (1) discuss how policy makers can use integrated policy approaches to enhance resilience and inclusion as key enablers to achieve the 2030 Agenda at the national, regional and global levels;
- (2) serve as a platform for exchange of best practices on how technology and innovation can be leveraged as tools to effectively design a resilient future, while leaving no one behind;
- (3) showcase policy instruments and mechanisms that support risk management and reduction across the hazard spectrum, including external shocks and natural disasters;
- (4) discuss how technology and innovation, particularly pro-poor and gender-sensitive solutions, can support efforts to strengthen the resilience of public policy and governance structures through inclusiveness, participation and transparency with the view to fostering sustainable and resilient societies

On 2 May, Dominic Allen, Chief of the New York Office of the United Nations Volunteers is moderating a session on national strategies for resilience. The focus of the session will be on sharing experiences and best practices regarding comprehensive strategies and policies at the national level, to boost resilience and sustainability working at the core of the 2030 Agenda. The session will also explore how technology and innovation can be leveraged to support the implementation of such strategies while leaving no one behind.

Panelists include H.E. Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands Mr. Royol Chitradon, Advisor, Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (HAI), Ministry of Sciences and Technology, Thailand Mr. Raúl García-Buchaca, Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Program Analysis, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and H.E. Mr. Romauld Sotario Ferreira, Minister of the Environment and Housing, Bahamas (TBC).

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