

**Tentative Programme**  
**Regional Expert Consultation on Scoping Study for the SDG Help Desk**  
**16-17 October 2017, MR-H, UNCC, UN-ESCAP**

**Objectives**

1. *Filling the gaps of the scoping study and collecting additional feedback and inputs from the participants;*
2. *Receiving feedback from hands-on sessions, while testing key features of the SDG Help Desk and the user interface, as well as the ESCAP e-learning interfaces;*
3. *Familiarizing participants with meta search engines and information retrieval function;*
4. *Identifying further needs for targeted technical advisory services and on-line capacity development support;*
5. *Discussing the opportunities of multi-stakeholder partnerships for SDG implementation; and*
6. *Further assessing needs and challenges in SDG implementation and sharing good practice examples of multi-stakeholder partnerships.*

**Day 1: Monday, 16 October 2017**

**08:30–09:00 Registration**

**09:00–09:15**

***Welcome and rationale of the SDG Help Desk within the Asia-Pacific Regional Context*** by Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Section Chief, EDPS, EDD, UN-ESCAP [ 5 minutes]

**Group Introductions** by facilitator Martin de Los Rios [10 min]

**09:15-10:30**

***Session 1: What we've learnt from VNR and SDG Focal Points about the support that Member States require to implement the 2030 Agenda***

**Session Moderator:** Mr. Martin De Los Rios

Explanation of how we will record and answer questions for the Q&A at the end of the session [10 min]

**1.1 Help Desk Preliminary Needs Assessment: Presentation of Results** by Ms. Sara Libera Zanetti, Consultant, EDPS, EDD, UN-ESCAP [15 minutes]

**Q&A time** [5 min]

**1.2 Overview of the SDG Help Desk – Scope and Functionalities** by Ms. Aneta Nikolova, Environment Affairs Officer, and Mr. Joao Felipe Lopes Resende, Consultant, EDPS, EDD, UN-ESCAP [15 min]

**Q&A time** [10 min]

**10:30–11:00 Morning tea and group photo**

**11:00-12:30 *Session 2: Capacity Development Needs***

**Session Moderator:** Mr. Martin De Los Rios

**2.1 Introduction: what do we mean by capacity development, what we've learnt through the needs assessment and how this could work in the SDG Help Desk** by Ms. Aneta Nikolova, Environment Affairs Officer, EDPS, EDD, ESCAP and Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, Economic Affairs Officer, EDPS, EDD, ESCAP [10 minutes]

**2.2 Partner presentations on advice/support available** [60 min]

- UN DESA Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform [5 min]
- UN Environment [5 min]
- Urban Knowledge Platform [5 min]
- UNSSC Knowledge Centre for SD [5 min]
- Asia-Pacific Super Information Highway [5 min]

**Q&A [10 min]**

- ESCAP Social Toolbox [5 min]
- The Human Rights Guide to the SDGs [5 min]
- Author Café [5 min]
- ICT4SIDS [5 min]
- Millennium Institute - iSDGs modelling [5 min]

**Q&A [10 min]**

**12:30–14:00 Networking/Cocktail Lunch buffet style (Public Foyer, UNCC)**

**14:00-15:00 *Session 2 continued***

**2.3 Facilitated exploration of capacity development needs** by facilitator Mr. Martin de Los Rio

**15:00-15:30 *Session 3: Partnerships for SDGs implementation***

**Session Moderator:** Mr. Martin De Los Rios

**3.1 Presentation on Partnerships for SDG implementation** by Ms. Natalie Harms, Associate Sustainable Development Expert, EDPS, EDD, UN-ESCAP [15 min]

- **Q&A** [10 min]

**15:30-15:45 Afternoon tea**

**15:45-16:30 *Session 3: continued***

**3.2 Exploring successful partnerships and identifying challenges** by facilitator Martin de Los Rios [45 min]

**16:30– 17:00 Wrap-up**

## **Day 2: Tuesday, 17 October 2017**

**9:00 - 9:30 *Welcome back, regroup, and reconnect with work done in day 1*** by facilitator Mr. Martin de Los Rios

**Explanation of how the Interactive Hands-On Sessions 4.1/5.1 and 4.2/5.2 work**, introduce facilitators and the online worksheets by Mr. Martin de Los Rios

**9:30-11:00 *Session 4: Interactive Hands-On Session with the SDG Help Desk Platform***

This Session will divide participants into two groups. Group A will engage in a hands-on session exploring key features of the SDG Help Desk platform. Group B will remain in MR-H with Mr. Martin De Los Rios for an interactive working group session.

**4.1 Interactive Session of the SDG Helpdesk Platform [Group A]** at the UNCC Learning Centre

	<b>4.2 Workshop Session [Group B]</b> with Mr. Martin De Los Rios on National Work on the SDGs: Good practices and peer-learning
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:15-12:30</b>	<b>Session 5: Interactive Hands-On Session with the SDG Help Desk Platform</b> -like session 4 but groups switch focus and location.
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch (Public Foyer, UNCC)</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>Session 6: Interactive Session on Scoping of the SDG Help Desk</b> Moderated by Mr. Martin De Los Rios The Session will focus on further scoping the functionalities of the SDG Help Desk. It will build upon the feedback given by participants through the online worksheets at the interactive sessions 4&5.
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:45 - 16:30</b>	<b>Session 7: Next steps in the SDG Help Desk development process and the Partnership Guidelines –</b> By facilitator Mr. Martin de Los Rios <b>7.1 Next steps in the SDG Help Desk development process by Ms. Aneta Nikolova [10 min]</b> <b>Q&amp;A [5 min]</b> <b>7.2 General feedback on the workshop</b> by facilitator Mr. Martin de Los Rios [15 min]
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Wrap-up, closing remarks.</b>