High-Level Webinar

*Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda: from walking to running*

December 7, 2017, 9:30 – 11:00am (NY time)

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This High-Level Webinar is organized in partnership with the United Nations Foundation

Background:

“We hit the post-2015 ground walking. We need to pick up pace as we move towards 2030”.

*Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Oct 6 2017.*

To fulfill the transformational promises of the 2030 Agenda, governments, civil society and stakeholders will need to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. As recognized by the UN Secretary-General in the 2017 *Sustainable Development Goals Report*: “the rate of progress in many areas is far slower than needed to meet the targets by 2030”.

The Sustainable Development Goals Report also shows that progress “has been uneven across regions, between sexes and among people of different ages, wealth and locales, including urban and rural dwellers”. Accelerated and more inclusive action is needed if we are to reach the SDGs and ensure that no one is left behind.

Implementation happens at the national, sub-national and local level and it is at those levels that the translation of aspirations into action are expected to happen. Action is already being taken in different forms and promoted by a diverse range of partners and stakeholders.

This High-Level webinar will reflect upon current implementation experiences and discuss recommendations on how to accelerate the pace of implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.

This webinar will also celebrate the Second Anniversary of Together 2030.

*Join this webinar for a discussion about accelerating the pace of SDGS implementation*
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| 9:30 – 9:35 | Welcome remarks  
Facilitator: **Ms. Minh-Thu Pham**, Executive Director for Policy, United Nations Foundation |
| 9:35 – 9:50 | How is the world implementing the 2030 Agenda and how can the pace of implementation be accelerated?  
- **Ms. Rosemary Kalapurakal**, Lead Advisor, 2030 Agenda, UNDP  
- **Ms. Hannah Cole**, Head of Unit for Communication and Transparency, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission |
| 9:50 – 10:00 | Discussions |
| 10:00 – 10:35 | From commitments to action – Accelerating the pace of implementation  
- **Mr. Mitchell Toomey**, Director, UN SDG Action Campaign  
- **Ms. Amanda Rives**, Director, External Engagement, Child Protection and Participation, World Vision  
- **Ms. Sowmyaa Bharadwaj**, Deputy Director, Research & Capacity Building, Praxis, India |
| 10:35 – 10:50 | Discussions |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | Wrap up and closing  
- **Ms. Naiara Costa**, International Secretariat, Together 2030 |

**Outcome:** Audio recording and presented materials will be shared with participants.