

Official on-site side event of the  
UN High-Level Political Forum 2026

# From Doha to Action: Accelerating the 2030 Agenda

## Spillovers, Multidimensional Poverty and Integrated SDG Implementation

16 July 2026, 1:15 – 2:30 PM (NY Time)  
Room CR-1, UN Headquarters, NY

The Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the **Beyond Lab at UN Geneva**, and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) will co-host a discussion at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2026.

Limited progress on SDG targets demonstrates that siloed national and sectoral approaches are insufficient to address the complexity, interdependence, and scale of today's development challenges. Achieving sustainable development requires both a stronger understanding of how actions in one part of a system affect outcomes elsewhere, and more effective mechanisms to support those most vulnerable to interconnected risks.

This side event will explore innovative tools and programmes, developed following the Doha Political Declaration, that support evidence-based policy design and strengthen coordination at subnational, national, and global levels. These complementary systemic levers and **tools for accelerating coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda** include:

- **Spillover-conscious policymaking and the Spillover Innovation Learning Journey**, which seeks to identify, mitigate, and intentionally leverage the cross-border and intergenerational impacts of national policies and practices; and
- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)-informed social protection systems**, which enable policymakers to identify overlapping deprivations and target support to those most at risk.

Both approaches respond to a common implementation challenge: how to strengthen policy coordination, improve decision-making, and better manage complexity in an increasingly interconnected world.

## AGENDA

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 13:15 – 13:20 | <b>Welcome by Master of Ceremony</b><br>Dr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, Global Dialogue and Social Development Branch,<br>Division for Inclusive Social Development, UN DESA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 13:20 – 13:30 | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>H.E. Ambassador Thomas Zahneisen, Deputy Permanent Representative of<br>Germany to the United Nations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 13:30 – 13:55 | <b>Part I: Beyond Siloes – Spillovers, Policy Coherence and Collaborative SDG Implementation</b><br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD, Ernesto Soria Morales, Head of Programme for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development at the OECD's Directorate for Public Governance</li> <li>• Maria Stoll, Deputy Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda for Switzerland, Federal Office for Spatial Development of Switzerland</li> <li>• Kristin Faessen, Programme Management &amp; Strategic Partnerships Specialist in the Beyond Lab at UN Geneva leading on the Spillover-Innovation Learning Journey</li> <li>• Moderation by Gabriella Czarniak, The Beyond Lab at UN Geneva</li> </ul> |
| 13:55 – 14:15 | <b>Part II: MPI and Adaptive Social Protection – Reaching Those Furthest Behind</b><br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sabina Alkire, OPHI Director and Professor of Poverty and Human Development, University of Oxford</li> <li>• Dr. Claudio Santibañez Servat, Inter-Regional Adviser Social Development, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 14:15 – 14:25 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14:25 – 14:30 | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br>Mr. Charles Katoanga, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |