



Conference on Integrating Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Background:

Achieving sustainable development and managing the climate and bio-diversity crisis require transformative change this decade towards sustainable, equitable, climate resilient, net-zero development pathways in the Global North and the Global South.

Against that backdrop the Conference will facilitate dialogues between Danish and international stakeholders on the benefits of integrating sustainable development and climate change, i.e. on how the sustainable development goals, including poverty reduction, adaptation, mitigation resilience and equitable transition can become mutually supportive.

Objectives

The Conference dialogues will provide input to:

- A better understanding of the synergies, potentials, benefits, and dilemmas in integrating interventions on sustainable development and climate action.
- A refined methodology on how to integrate sustainable development and climate action,
- Upscaling immediate and simultaneous action across all levels and sectors on sustainable development and climate change,
- A new Danish Afrika Plan; a new Strategy for Development Cooperation and a Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy.
- Danish contributions for the UN Secretary General's 'SDG Summit' and 'Climate Ambition Summit' in 2023 as well as COP28.
- Danish contributions for a partnership with Global South actors on organizing international consultations on integrating sustainable development and climate for the UN Secretary General's 'Summit of the Future' in 2024.

Context:

The transformative change required must be implemented in a challenging global and geopolitical context:

- The latest IPCC Synthesis Report delivers scientific evidence for the required immediate and simultaneous action across all levels and sectors this decade to ensure sustainable, climate resilient, net-zero, and just and equitable development pathways. It is both necessary to keep the Paris Agreement temperature targets within reach and to avoid undermining the SDGs because of irreversible negative consequences of climate change to future generations, biodiversity, and the planet.
- The Russian war against Ukraine and increasing geopolitical tensions,
- Polycrisis, defined by interlinkages between uneven post COVID-19 recovery, increasing climate and biodiversity crisis, energy and food crises, increased debt in the Global South and the risk of a global recession, all of which has implications for security issues and policy,
- Wide-spread mistrust between the Global South and the Global North,
- Need to strengthen rules-based multilateralism to promote global peace and security, defend human rights and international law, and to promote multilateral solutions to global challenges.

- Need for win-win partnerships between the Global South and the Global North, incl both public and private stakeholders,
- Need for massively upscaling investments in sustainable development and climate action, including by innovative finance and domestic as well as international private investments, targeted risk mitigation as well as transparent, stable and predictable framework conditions.

Outcomes:

- Chair’s Summary and summary notes from the roundtable discussions.

Time and Place:

- 19 June 2023 in Eigtveds Pakhus, Copenhagen from 09.00 hrs. to 12.00 hrs.

Participants:

- International scene-setters and panelists as well as Danish stakeholders working on sustainable development and climate; CSOs, knowledge institutions, companies financial institutions, insurance companies, FDIs, Philanthropists, branch and industry organizations, cities and authorities working on international climate and development programmes and partnerships, members of the Advisory Committee to the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Action, relevant members of Parliamentary Committees and political party spokes persons on climate and development.

Programme

08.30 – 09.00	Registration and coffee
09.00 – 09.02	Welcoming remarks: Christian Ibsen. CEO CONCITO, (Confirmed). Introduction: Moderator, Jarl Krausing, Deputy CEO and International Director, CONCITO. (Confirmed).
09.02 – 09.10	Moderated opening remarks: Mr. Dan Jørgensen, Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, <i>‘The rationale for integrating climate and development.’(Confirmed)</i>
09.10 – 09.13	Recorded message from Sir Nicholas Stern, Chair of the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy at Leeds University and LSE. Stern is co-chair of the Global Commission for the Economy and Climate, <i>‘Integrating sustainable development and climate – an opportunity for sustainable growth and a just & equitable transition?’(Confirmed).</i> Moderated scene setting:
09.14 – 09.45	<i>Given the complex global and geopolitical context, the moderator requests scene setters to reflect on opportunities and challenges of integrating sustainable development and climate change?</i> Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and Co-Chair of UN Energy, <i>‘How can governance support integration of sustainable development and climate in general and in fragile contexts? (Confirmed)</i>

Dr. Fatima Denton, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa and IPCC Lead Author, (Confirmed),

'How can resilience in Africa be increased by integrating sustainable development and climate.'

Minister Jørgensen is invited to reflect on take aways from scene setter's interventions.

09.45 – 09.50

Q & A

09.50 – 10.35

Moderated panel debate

To achieve the sustainable development goals and address the climate and biodiversity crisis require transformational change globally towards sustainable, climate resilient, net-zero and equitable development pathways both in the Global North and the Global South. We need multi-stakeholder partnerships that can make green transition a win-win-situation for all. We need transformation in the way we think about development and climate by combining the NDCs, Long Term Strategies and development strategies. We need to scale up financial resources and finally, we need political leadership and all hands-on deck.

The moderated panel debate will explore different aspects on the issues outlined.

Panelists

- Director, NDC Partnership, Pablo Vieira: *Focus on linking NDCs, Long Term Strategies and development strategies in LDCs and SIDS, (Confirmed).*
- Dr. Fatima Denton, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa, and IPCC Lead Author: *Focus on mitigation and adaptation in an African sustainable development context (Confirmed).*
- Deputy Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA, Gauri Singh: *Focus on renewable energy, for reductions, adaptation, sustainable development and resilient livelihoods, (Confirmed).*
- Vice President, Head of Group Public Affairs, Danfoss, Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen: *Focus on private sector contributions to integrating sustainable development and climate change in a business context, (Confirmed).*

Q & A for Panelists

Reflections & take aways:

Dan Jørgensen, Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy.

10.35 – 10.45

Coffee Break

10.45 – 11.30

Roundtables based on the listed questions:

- How can adaptation interventions in water, agriculture, food security, cooling, climate resilient infrastructure and urban planning contribute to the sustainable development goals and issues such as reduced migration, and increased stability?
- How can emission reductions across sectors contribute to sustainable development goals and issues such as energy security, job creation, sustainable production, improved livelihoods, education, improved public health and nutrition?
- How can public and private finance and investments in the Global South and the Global North be increased to ensure mutually supportive development and climate dividends?
- What is the role of governments, Parliaments, private sector solution providers, CSOs, financial sector and knowledge institutions,

11.30 – 11.50

Report back from roundtables to plenary

11.50 – 11.58

Concluding reflections by Minister Jørgensen.

11.58 – 12.00

Closure of the conference by CEO of CONCITO Christian Ibsen