



IDWG Meeting 9 May 2023 – Online

Minutes

Attendees

- DECC – Niall McLoughlin, Emer Griffin, Anna Marie Gaines, Aisling Kirwan, Brenda Durkan, June Delaney
- D/Taoiseach – Luke Carroll
- DFA – Cian Kearns, Reachbha Fitzgerald
- D/Finance – Edward O'Loughlin, Pat Mulhall
- D/Justice – Pamela Uwakwe
- D/Education – Aoife Mitchell
- D/Transport - Anne Pickett
- D/Health - Colin O'Hehir
- DETE – Federica De Blasio, Osama Noujoum
- DPER – Fiachra Kennedy
- DFHERIS - Maeve Daly
- DCEDIY – Anthony Redmond
- CSO – Mary Smyth
- DHLGH – Orla Joyce
- DRCD – James Kenny

Agenda

1. **Presentation to members from Niall McLoughlin**
 - Introduced himself and new members of the SDG team
 - Went through meeting agenda
 - Presentation that included theme of VNR, update on latest NSF, key chapters in draft VNR Report



- Niall highlighted that stakeholder voices are captured in various ways throughout the report, including the unedited stakeholder chapter submissions
- Overview of format and structure of HLPF explained
- Key dates outlined for next steps regarding VNR Report – cabinet sign off is 30 May and UN deadline for submission is 09 June
- Niall also thanked Hannah and Justina for their previous work on the VNR and SDG goals overall

2. SDG Champions

- Presentation and update from Aisling Kirwan on SDG Champions
- Overview of organisations appointed, as well as current and future plans for the champions (e.g. social media promotion – video campaign; introductory workshop, quarterly reporting and meetings, upcoming events)
- Niall opened the floor for questions
- Question from Pat Mulhall regarding possibilities for interaction between the IDWG and the SDG Champions. Response from Aisling that this can be discussed further and once in place, the calendar of planned SDG Champion events can be shared with IDWG to see where there are synergies

3. AOB

- Floor opened by Niall for AOB
- Colin O’Hehir asked regarding support required from policymakers during the HLPF and if this would be required in real time. Update from Niall that there will be a request in due course to departments for briefing material to be included in Minister packs, to pre-empt any questions during the forum.
- Update from Reachbha on SDG Summit as Ireland are co-facilitators. Draft has been circulated and placeholders are there for HLPF outcomes from the Ministerial segment.