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July

1:00 to 2:30 PM

## HLPF 2019 SIDE EVENT

### Driving Transformative Change: Foreign Affairs and the 2030 Agenda

*The relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to foreign policy and international security*

Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations,  
871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY

## AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcoming remarks by H.E. Dr. Christoph Heusgen**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
- 1:15 p.m. **Setting the scene: *Driving Transformative Change: Foreign Affairs and the 2030 Agenda* by Ms. Stella Schaller**, adelphi
- 1:25 p.m. **Panel discussion: The implications of the SDGs for peace and geopolitics**
- **H.E. Dr. Sima Bahous**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations
  - **H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations
  - **Ms. Anne Hammill**, Director, Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
  - **Ms. Jimena Roesch**, Senior Fellow the International Peace Institute (IPI); former Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the UN and lead negotiator in the negotiations for the SDGs and UN climate change policy
  - **Mr. David Steven**, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Center on International Cooperation at New York University (CIC-NYU)
- 2:05 p.m. **Open floor discussion**
- 2:25 p.m. **Closing remarks**
- Moderated by **Mr. Oli Brown**, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

*Light lunch and refreshments will be available as from 12:30 p.m.*

## Side event during the 2019 High-Level Political Forum

# **DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE: FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE 2030 AGENDA**

### **The relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to foreign policy and international security**

The challenges facing the international community are growing while the willingness to cooperate seems to be waning. Foreign policy must help bridge this gap. One way to accomplish this is by pushing forward a major achievement of multilateralism: the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The essence of the SDGs – greater welfare, security and sustainability for all – aligns with core foreign policy objectives. But what is the role of foreign policy in the global sustainability architecture? And what are the fields of engagement and areas of cooperation under a new “Sustainable Foreign Policy”?

The HLPF side event will address these questions with the goal of better understanding how to leverage the **SDGs to achieve core foreign policy objectives**. It will examine the **2030 Agenda's geopolitical implications and its links to peace and security**, exploring how foreign policy can support SDG implementation with a focus on the SDGs under review at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum. The discussion will draw on a recent study *[Driving Transformative Change: Foreign Affairs and the 2030 Agenda](#)*.

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