What are the Intergenerational Dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

This is a day-long event that wants to raise awareness on the high value that youth and older persons can bring to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The event will comprise six Dialogues, each focusing on particular SDGs. The Dialogues will feature the voices of civil society and United Nations stakeholders highlighting younger and older populations. [Click here for the Programme Overview]

What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

On September 25th 2015, world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. These 17 goals are part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and each one has specific targets to be achieved by 2030. Governments, businesses and civil society together with the United Nations have started to mobilize efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030. Universal, inclusive and indivisible, the Agenda calls for action by all countries to improve the lives of people everywhere.

Why Intergenerational?

The UN adoption of the SDGs emphasizes the commitment to not leave anyone behind. The Intergenerational Dialogues on the SDGs is an event that wants to ensure that the aging and younger populations - two groups at risk of being left out of the conversation - also have an opportunity to actively participate in the process of achieving sustainable development. [More about intergenerational issues]
How will participants engage in all six Dialogues?

The six Dialogues will take place simultaneously in the morning (Session 1) and then repeat in the afternoon (Session 2). This will allow participants to attend at least two Dialogues and network with other attendees throughout the day. Please see the Programme Overview for more details.

Is there a particular Goal that the Dialogues will focus on?

The Dialogues will include discussions on all SDGs, however, SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals - is particularly relevant to the theme and the intergenerational approach of the event. Please see the Programme.

Is there an opportunity for informal discussion?

Participants are encouraged to continue the conversation at the Lunch Meetup! This is a self-organized initiative and participants should invite a few people of different generations to be part of their group (2-6 people). Pick a place to eat, in the UN or nearby, and enjoy lunch together. Learn about each other’s perspectives and generate ideas on how you can implement the SDGs in your organization and community through intergenerational collaboration. And of course, enjoy each other’s company! Please read more...

What are the expected outcomes of the Intergenerational Dialogues?

The Dialogues are an important constructive discussion to inspire action! All participants are encouraged to come up with commitments - whether personal or on behalf of the organizations they represent - and establish fruitful partnerships to work together with the aim to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the relevant areas of interest and concern.