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Agenda

Welcome words
Moderator: Patrizia Heidegger, SDG Watch Europe / European Environmental Bureau

Opening speech
Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery, Austria

Setting the scene: global trends on CSOs and coalitions participation in SDGs political processes
Shannon Kindorney, Forus / Canadian Council for International Cooperation

Experience sharing in break-out groups

Break-out Group 1: VNRs – best-practices and lessons learned for meaningful CSO engagement
Input from: Lisa Weinberger, SDG Watch Austria; Lubna Sayed Qadri, Wada Na Todo Abhiyaan
Facilitator: Nadège Lharaïg, European Environmental Bureau

Break-out Group 2: SDGs as the compass for COVID-19 measures - how to ensure civil society is not sidelined
Input from: Prof. Comfort Onifade, Civil Society Coalition for Sustainable Development; Marta Iglesias, Futuro en Común
Reaction from: Cillian Lohan, European Economic and Social Committee
Facilitator: Marie-Luise Abshagen, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

Break-out Group 3: Cross-sectoral coalitions as amplifiers to have all voices heard
Input from: Florence Syevuo Kenya SDGs Forum; Marie-Laure Vercambre, French Water Partnership
Facilitator: Sylvie Bénard, Association 4D

Discussion with government representatives
Ione Belarra, State Secretary for the 2030 Agenda, Spain
Antonella Mei-Pochtler, Head of Strategy Unit Think Austria, Special Advisor to the Federal Chancellor, Austria
Rose Keff, Office of the Special Adviser to the President on SDGs, Nigeria
Diane Simiu, Deputy General Commissioner for Sustainable Development, Ministry for Fair and Ecological Transition, France
CSOs representatives of the break-out groups

Summary and closure of the side event

Please register here before July 7 at 4pm CEST/10am EDT.
This side event will be held online. Details for connection will be shared with all registered participants.
Participation is limited and will be granted on a first come first served basis.