A New Global Deal to Advance and Implement
the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
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Towards the Summit of the Future and Pact for the Future

Joint Renner Institute and FEPS Expert Meeting

25 April 2024, 15:00 to 19:00 CET

Address: Karl-Popper-Strasse 8, 1000 Vienna

In recent years, there has been general backsliding and increasing inequalities in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Many countries lack the means to do so. As proposed in the Secretary-General's report, "Our Common Agenda," a New Global Deal is necessary to enable all countries to implement the SDGs. Furthermore, the UN Secretary-General convened a Summit for the Future in September 2024 to adopt a Pact for the Future with commitments about policy goals and solutions to deliver the SDGs.

To contribute to global reflections ahead of the Summit of the Future, FEPS, the Karl Renner Institute and its partners decided to publish a book 'A new Global Deal. Reforming World Governance' prepared by a high-level group of experts. The book aims to open a dialogue across Europe and between Europe and the other continents on the priorities of reforming global governance regarding policies and UN reforms to implement SDGs but also to address the current global challenges, notably climate change, poverty, digital transformation, and finance.

This expert meeting will reflect on the key findings from the book and discuss the opportunities presented by the Summit of the Future to address today's and tomorrow's global challenges for sustainable development. Followed by a discussion of strategic scenarios to accelerate the SDGs' implementation and the role of global supply chains therein, the expert meeting will reflect how critical global governance reform proposals should inform a New Global Deal and the Pact for the Future. It will dive especially into crucial policies such as social and digital policy, and a more coherent UN governance system for SDGs.

Program

15:00 – 15:05	**OPENING & INTRODUCTION**
	• Maria Maltschnig, Director Karl Renner Institute
15:05 – 15:15	**KEYNOTE**
	• Maria João Rodrigues, President FEPS (online)

| 15:15 – 16:30 | **SESSION I: THE STATE OF SDGs IMPLEMENTATION IN TIMES OF GEOPPOLITICAL TENSIONS** |

Presentations by Experts followed by exchange of views & Q&A:
- Nathalie Spittler, Postdoctoral Researcher Center for Global Change and Sustainability at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna and Sustainability Analyst at the Millennium Institute:
  "*SDGs for All: Strategic Scenrios – Earth4All System, Dynamics Modelling of SDG Progress*"
- Werner Raza, Director of the Austrian Foundation for Development Research:
  "*Global Supply Chains and Sustainable Development Goals*"
- Gerhard Stahl, Economist, Visiting Professor at Peking University HSBC Business School and former Secretary General of the European Committee of the Regions:
  "*Development of Global Supply Chains in a Multipolar World*"

Moderation: Sebastian Schublach (Renner Institute)

| 16:30 – 16:45 | **COFFEE BREAK** |

| 16:45 – 18:00 | **SESSION II: REFORMS IN SOCIAL AND DIGITAL POLICY AND OF THE UN INSTITUTIONS FOR SDGs** |

Presentations by Experts followed by exchange of views & Q&A:
- Azita Berar Awad, Chair of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and Director of Policy at the Global Labour Organization:
  "*Reducing inequalities and promoting social inclusion: a new social contract through a New Global Deal*"
- Francesco Lapenta, Founding Director of the John Cabot University of Future and Innovation Studies (online)
  "An Alternative Model and Vision for our Tech-Driven AI Future"
- Jo Leinen, Former Member of the European Parliament and chair of several European Parliament Committees
  "Global Governance 2.0: A More Democratic and Efficient UN and more Coherent Global Governance System for SDGs"

Moderation: Christian Salm (FEPS)

| 18:00 – 19:00 | **CLOSING DISCUSSION & NETWORKING RECEPTION** |