

High-Level Political Forum Side-Event

The Governments of Switzerland and Benin, and Development Initiatives, invite you to a panel discussion and drinks reception

The P20 and progress on the commitment to Leave No One Behind at country level

Date Tuesday 17 July 2018, 6.30–8.30 pm

Location The Japan Society, 333 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017

The Sustainable Development Goals set an ambitious agenda for change. They are universal – a challenge to all countries – and apply to subnational districts, cities, the public sector and business and civil society. The SDGs' challenging targets and indicators are also a departure from the past, as they include the commitment that no one should be left behind.

This requires a different approach – based on collecting and analysing disaggregated data – to look at people, not averages, to understand the characteristics of those groups and individuals that may be excluded. It also requires data on the whole population, otherwise we cannot know who is missing. For these reasons the UN called for a data revolution for sustainable development.

The P20 are the people in the poorest 20% of the population globally, and in every country and sector. For Agenda 2030 we need to measure whether those people are included in progress; to meet the 'leave no one behind' commitment, the progress of the P20 needs to be fast enough to narrow the gap between them and everyone else – otherwise they are left even further behind.

The Governments of Switzerland and Benin have been using the idea of the P20 to examine the extent to which the poorest 20% of people are included in progress in their own countries. The purpose of this event is to examine advances in implementing the commitment to leave no one behind at country level. Reflecting the universal nature of the challenge, Benin and Switzerland are looking in parallel at their own data, statistics and approaches to ensure that everyone is included in progress. Initial lessons, challenges and experiences from both countries will be shared at this event, and will inform the 2019 HLPF on Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality.

6.30–6.45 pm | Registration and drinks

6.45–7.30 pm | Panel discussion followed by lightning talks

Moderator Judith Randel, Co-founder of Development Initiatives

Panel

- Michael Gerber, Ambassador, Swiss Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development
- Abdoulaye Bio Tchané, Minister of State for Planning and Development, Benin
- Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee

Lightning talks representatives of CSOs and businesses from Switzerland and Benin; Action for Sustainable Development partners and others

7.30–8.30 pm | Leave No One Behind drinks reception an opportunity to network and share ideas

To let us know whether you are able to come, please [RSVP here](#). If there are other people you think we should invite, just get in touch with Amy Cox (amy.cox@devinit.org).

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