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## Towards sustainable development: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities across the Continuum of Space

- **Background/Short Description of the Event:**

The main objective of this side event is to provide a platform for showcasing and discussing work and current projects for achieving sustainable development since the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During the event, examples of projects will be presented, and countries will share their experiences. The side event is conceptualized with two main focus areas:

1. Focus 1: Progress made in developing the technical mechanisms for monitoring SDG 11 indicators including country experiences and best practices for effective monitoring.
2. Focus 2: Focus on “Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages for sustainable development”. The side event will also present the UN Development Account (UNDA) project “Leaving No Place behind: Strengthening Urban-rural Linkages in Africa”, a project jointly implemented by UN-Habitat and UNECA and supported by UNCRD, IFAD and FAO. Panellists will share their initiatives and programmes that promote URL. The current work on the Guiding Principles for Urban-Rural Linkages will also be featured during the discussions.

The side event will feature concrete examples and projects and showcase how the Guiding Principles and Framework for Action can support Member States related to implementation of a wide range of targets, including those reviewed in 2018 (such as 11, 12, 15 and 17.)

- **Objectives:**

1. Informing the audience on the progress made for monitoring SDG by presenting mechanisms developed for SDG11 (which is under review this year.)
2. Showcasing work / tools and projects that underline the importance of developing strategies working with interlinkages of SDGs by presenting at least two examples

- **Expected Outcomes:**

1. Better understanding by Member States and stakeholders in SDG review process of the on technical mechanisms for SDG 11 monitoring;

2. The audience will be introduced to the concept that interlinkages among SDG and targets are part of the foundation for improved urban-rural linkages.

- **Target audience:**

Representatives of Member States and all relevant stakeholder in the SDG review process as well as national and local government authorities involved in policy/project development or implementation for an integrated territorial development and for strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages. Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and Academia are also targeted to better understand how they can play an integral part in influencing policy development.

In the discussion, the audience can share their strategies and cases, will can then flow into the drafting process as evidence.

- **Date, Venue and Time:**

**4 May 2018; King Fahd Palace Hotel, Amphi de Presse; 13:00-14:30**

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