

## Challenges of Implementing SDGs at Country Level: Data Issues and Beyond

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Center for Global Development  
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Washington, DC

### Agenda

**9:30 – 10:00 am**      **Arrival and light breakfast**

**10:00 – 10:30 am**      **Welcome and Introduction**

Amanda Glassman, Center for Global Development  
Minh-Thu Pham, United Nations Foundation  
Debapriya Bhattacharya, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs and Distinguished  
Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**      **Post-2015 Data: What does the data landscape tell us about national level  
challenges for implementing the post-2015 agenda?**

- What are the implications of poor or uneven data quality, availability, accessibility and usability for national planning and policy-making to implement the goals?
- What do data challenges tell us about national differentiation within a universal framework?

*Chair:* Amanda Glassman, Center for Global Development

*Presenter:* Kate Higgins, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs  
(NPSIA)

*Discussants:* 1. Maam Suwadu Sakho-Jimbira, Initiative Prospective Agricole et  
Rural (IPAR) – Senegal  
2. Mehmet Arda, Turkey Research Team – Turkey  
3. Tony Pipa, USAID

*Open Discussion*

**12:00 – 12:30 pm**      **Lunch** (take food and return to seats for a working lunch)

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

**Beyond Data Issues: What are the national level challenges for implementing the SDGs?**

- What will be needed at the country level to implement the SDGs?
- How can the national priorities of developing countries be reflected in the universal framework of SDGs and how will this framework be mainstreamed in ongoing national processes?
- What role can different stakeholders (e.g. private sector, academia, civil society, international development partners) play in implementation and monitoring?

*Chair:* John Norris, Center for American Progress

*Presenter:* Debapriya Bhattacharya, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs and Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

*Discussants:* 1. Daniella Ballou-Aares, U.S. Department of State  
2. Samuel Braima, University of Sierra Leone – Sierra Leone  
3. Sam Worthington, Interaction

*Open Discussion*

**2:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Wrap-up**

*Chair:* Minh-Thu Pham, United Nations Foundation

*Summary by:*

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Shannon Kindornay, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA)