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**TIAS WEBINAR:
BEYOND SDG INDICATORS
PART 2: INTEGRATED MODELS SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION,
STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION PLANNING**

**TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2016
3-5 PM GMT (4-6 PM CET, 9-11 AM EST)**

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The Integrated Assessment Society (TIAS) & the International Institute for Sustainable Development

Focus of the SDG Webinar

Sustainable development goals (SDGs) have been approved by the UN General Assembly as key elements of the post-2015 development agenda. The goals represent a significant challenge for the science and policy community, given their broad scope, diversity, inherent uncertainties, the vested interests involved, and growing urgency for action.

As a crucial element of their implementation, there is significant interest in defining SDG indicators, given their potential role in monitoring and progress review. However, beyond having suitable statistical instruments for measuring progress, moving SDG into the mainstream will also require analytic tools and methods that can address SDGs as a system, analyze their relationships, and allow policymakers, experts and the public to identify and test hypotheses about implementation options in the context of scenarios. The hypothesis underlying this webinar is that the conceptual approach, tools and methods of IA make it an interesting candidate to play a role.

The presenters in this 2nd and final webinar in the SDG series will address **where the need for assessment in the different stages of SDG implementation may arise, how it can build on the work on indicators, and the related institutional and capacity issues.** To illustrate these general issues, the speakers will discuss ongoing work on integrated modeling and key conceptual, technical and institutional capacity challenges that will need to be considered for making use of these IA tools and methods in practice.

An audio-visual recording of the webinar will be made available within one week of the event.



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3:00	Welcome and introductory remarks <i>Laszlo Pinter (chair), Professor, CEU and Senior Fellow & Associate, IISD</i>
3:15	Applying integrated assessment models to SDG planning (20 minutes) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Paul Lucas, Researcher, Sustainable Development and International Climate Policy, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)</i>
3:45	Strengthening national capacities to use modelling tools for sustainable development policies (20 mins) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Marco Sanchez-Cantillo, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Development Policy and Analysis Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)</i>
4.15	The Integrated Sustainable Development Goals Planning Model (iSDG) (20 mins) Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Matteo Pedericini, Director of Planning, Millennium Institute</i>
4:45	Roundtable discussion and wrap-up (15 minutes)
5:00	Close of Webinar

Registration

Space is limited. Therefore, registration is encouraged as soon as possible. To register, please follow the link: <http://www.tias-web.info/webinar-registration/> **Registration closes on Friday 8 April.** Registered participants will be provided the link to virtual meeting room for the webinar and guidelines for participation together with their registration confirmation. This information in this announcement is also available from: <http://www.tias-web.info/tias-activities/webinars/>
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TIAS Beyond SDG Indicators Webinar II - About our Presenters

Paul Lucas, Researcher, Sustainable Development and International Climate Policy, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)



Paul Lucas is a policy researcher and Integrated Assessment Modeller working in the Sustainable Development team at PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency. His work focusses on the role of the environment in sustainable development. He did extensive work on post-2012 climate regimes and mitigation strategies. His more recent work focusses on the integrated assessment of achieving long-term sustainability targets, addressing simultaneously environmental and development issues. He advised the Dutch government in the process of creating the SDGs and currently on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Netherlands. He is a member of the Planetary Boundaries research network and contributed to the Global Monitoring Report series of the World Bank and was involved as a lead author for UNEP's fifth Global Environmental Outlook (GEO). Furthermore, he has written various scientific articles, addressing climate policy, energy dynamics and more broad sustainable development issues.

Marco Sanchez-Cantillo, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Development Policy and Analysis Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)



Marco V. Sanchez Cantillo is a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Development Policy Analysis Division (DPAD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA). He joined DPAD in April 2006. Previously, he was associated with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean sub-regional headquarters in Mexico (2004-2006). He served as consultant to the United Nations Development Programme, International Food Policy Research Institute and Inter-American Development Bank (2000-2004), and was a lecturer and researcher at the National University of Costa Rica (1995-2000). Marco holds a PhD in Development Studies and a Master in Development Economics from the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University in the Netherlands. He also earned a Bachelor and a Licenciatura in Economics from National University of Costa Rica.

Matteo Pedericini, Director of Planning, Millennium Institute



Matteo Pedericini has been involved in the field of sustainable development since 1999, and holds a PhD and a Masters in System Dynamics from the University of Bergen, Norway. Over the last 13 years he has worked for the Millennium Institute, where he is currently director for capacity development and modelling. He has developed several simulation models for municipal, national, regional, and global sustainable development planning, and has collaborated with governmental and international institutions in the preparation of long-term planning strategies. He teaches system dynamics for development planning at the University of Bergen and other MI's partner universities, and has been leading training programs for development professionals in many countries. Matteo has published in various fields, including integrated planning, medicine, agriculture, income distribution, migration, simulation and gaming techniques, software engineering, and others. He is fluent in Italian (native), English, French, and Spanish.

László Pintér (Moderator), Professor, Central European University and Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)



László Pintér is currently Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary and Senior Fellow and Associate at the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Canada. He joined IISD in 1994, and served as the Director of the Institute's Measurement and Assessment Program between 2003 and 2010. He has been with CEU since 2010.

Prof. Pintér is best known for his work on sustainable development indicators and strategies, integrated assessment, sustainability reporting and synthetic global outlooks. He works worldwide with governments, multilateral organizations, companies and communities that seek to translate sustainability from theory into practice. Currently his main interest is in the implementation strategies of sustainable development goals and related transition pathways that could help keep the Earth System and human society in a safe operating space. He has a PhD from the University of Minnesota.

Background Reading

More on the *Integrated model for Sustainable Development Goals strategies* **iSDG**: www.isdgs.org

Publications by PBL the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency:

[Roads from Rio+20. Pathways to achieve global sustainability goals by 2050](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals in the Netherlands](#)