

What Does Leaving No One Behind in Africa Actually Look Like?

Interactive Workshop Connecting Policy Makers to Best Practices & Analysis

Background

This workshop will provide an important opportunity to bring a practical lens to one of the main principles underlying the 2030 Development Agenda and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as agreed by the member states in 2015: Leave No One Behind. Evidence has shown that when policies are aimed at the furthest to reach first, there is a higher likelihood of achieving development aims for all. However, we have learned that policymakers would like to have more understanding of the ways to reach the furthest behind first in implementation of the SDGs.

Objectives

This collaborative workshop will bring together policy practitioners, policymakers, and policy researchers to explore and build understanding around the following questions:

- What does it mean conceptually to leave no one behind in the African context? How have Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) tackled this concept?
- What are the policies and plans that need to be put into place to reach the furthest behind first? What does past experience and evidence tell us?
- What are the barriers to reaching the furthest behind first? What can we do about them?
- How can the UN, peers, and research institutions better support governments in reaching the furthest behind first?

Target Audience

This will be a closed workshop for government officials attending the fourth session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), and to promote open dialogue will be held under Chatham House Rule.

Date & Venue Time

09:00-17:00, 2 May 2018

Salle Saint-Louis, King Fahd Palace Hotel

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