“Discover Your World”
Celebrate Science Centers and Science Museums Worldwide

Thursday, November 10, 2016
Paris, France

9:00– 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony of the UNESCO World Science Day for Peace and Development 2016:
“Discover Your World: Celebrate Science Centers and Science Museums”
In presence of Getachew Engida, Deputy Director General, UNESCO

- Statement on behalf of Science Center and Science Museum Networks, Linda Conlon, Chair of the Board, Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC)
- Signature of Letter of Agreement of Cooperation between UNESCO and ASTC
- Display and announcement of science center and museum activities in celebration of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Statement by Vaughn Turekian, Science and Technology Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State

9:30– 10:15 a.m. Opening of the International Science Center and Science Museum Day Forum:
“The Promise of Science in a Rapidly Changing World”

- Introductory remarks by UNESCO, International Council of Museums (ICOM), and International Council for Science (ICSU)
- Forum goals and expectations for the science center and science museum field: Introduction by Moderator Anthony (Bud) Rock, President and CEO, ASTC
- First Global Science Centers Live, with Australia; Questacon–The National Science and Technology Centre and guests during a celebration of the SDG trail opened October 24

10:15– Break
10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. “From MDGs to SDGs: Process of Global Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals”
Guido Schmidt-Traub, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Solution Network

Plenary session A: The Science Behind the SDGs: Validating the Call to Action
- Nick Ishmael Perkins, Director, SciDev.net
- Guéladio Cissé, Head of Unit, Ecosystem Health Sciences Unit (EHS), Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH)
- Lori Hunter, Professor of Sociology, Institute of Behavioral Science, Programs on Population, Environment and Society (UCB)
- Representative from “Future Earth” Stockholm (Speaker TBC). Future Earth is a major international research platform providing the knowledge and support to accelerate transformations to a sustainable world.

Plenary session B: Science and the Public: Trust and Engagement in Support of the SDGs
- Lucilla Spini, D.Phil., Head of Science Programmes, ICSU
- Paulo Gadelha, President, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), and member of the UN expert group to support the technology facilitation mechanism towards the implementation of the SDGs
- Etienne Klein, French physicist and philosopher of science. He holds a DEA in theoretical physics, as well as a Ph.D. in philosophy of science. (TBC)
12:30–
Second Global Science Centers Live, with Austria; ScienCentre Netzwerk and Ms. Margit Fisher, former First Lady of Austria:
“Around the World in 17 SDGs”

12:55 p.m.–
Lunch

1:50 p.m.

2:00–
Third Global Science Centers Live, with South Africa, during the annual conference of the Southern African Association of Science & Technology Centres (SAASTEC) at UniZulu Science Centre, focused on the SDGs

2:15–
Panel summaries and introduction of breakout sessions, Linda Conlon, ASTC Chair of Board:
“The roles of science centers and science museums in advancing public engagement in the SDGs, with emphasis on the challenges and opportunities in serving increasingly diverse communities”

Discussion group breakout sessions:
● Chair of Session A:
(TBC)
● Chair of Session B:
(TBC)

3:15–
Break

3:35–
Summary reports of the breakout sessions

4:30 p.m.
● Report on the Global Experiment, showing the NASA animation of citizen science cloud observation

4:30–
Fourth Global Science Centers Live, from Washington, D.C.: A collaboration among the U.S. National Academy of Science (NAS), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and Office of Science and Technology of the President (citizen science program) and the UN Information Center

5:00 p.m.
Closing remarks

6:00 p.m.
Reception