

INNOVATION FRIDAY

What is it?

Innovation Day exposes United Nations staff to new ideas, processes, behaviours, and concepts. These weekly briefings cover a wide variety of innovative and creative topics. They include internal briefings on innovation across the UN system, as well as briefings by external experts. The sessions are linked to actual projects, mandates, and internal contexts. The discussions help staff link the new concepts to their day-to-day work and to find ways to apply innovation in mandate delivery. Participation is open to any UN personnel in any location ensuring broad application and discussion.

Structure

- Timing: 1-1.5 hours on Wednesday (usually kicking off at 9:30am)
- Format: Introduction, 20-30 min. briefing/presentation/demo, Q&A discussion with participants; can include quizzes, polls and other interactive tools
- Participants: Up to 300 people from across the UN system who vary in area of expertise and level of experience with innovation (averages around 130 per event)

Examples of past external speakers:

Grow in Purpose

Speaker: Anna Chojnacka, Senior Coach of [ScaleUp Impact](#)

Embedding Sustainability in Large Organizations

Speaker: Dr. Paul Shrivastava, Director of the [Sustainability Institute](#) at Penn State

Transformational Change

Speaker: Aaron Dignan, Founder of [The Ready](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please email newwork@un.org

