



Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goal 17

“Harnessing the Means of Implementation through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Drive Transformation Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies”

12 June 2018, UNHQ, New York

Concept Note

Introduction

Sustainable Development Goal 17 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "*Strengthen the means of implementation (MoIs) and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development*" seeks to enhance the global partnership for sustainable development through intensive and systematic engagement of governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors in the implementation of other sixteen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Goal 17 cuts across all SDGs and is considered annually at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) when held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Five other goals will also be considered in depth at the 2018 HLP (see “Thematic focus” section below)

Goal 17 is elaborated by 19 targets in the areas of finance, technology, capacity-building, trade, and various systemic issues, including policy and institutional coherence, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and data, monitoring and accountability.

Currently, several of these targets are reviewed through dedicated processes including: the Financing for Development (FfD) Forum; Development Cooperation Forum (DCF); Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the SDGs; World Investment Forum; and UN World Data Forum. Building on these ongoing work streams, the envisaged Expert Group Meeting (EGM) is intended to provide a value-added, integrated policy space to bring together the experts of the different MoIs to discuss how these can be better harnessed through effective partnership efforts in support of implementation. Given the focus of the HLPF 2018, there will be a greater emphasis on the five specific SDGs taken up for review this year.

The EGM is organized by the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), in close collaboration with relevant offices of the department (Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for

Sustainable Development; Financing for Sustainable Development Office; and Statistics Division); United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP); and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as a preparatory meeting in support of the review of SDG 17 at the 2018 HLPF.

Thematic focus

The 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), convened under the auspices of the ECOSOC, will focus on reviewing the five goals with the theme of "*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*":

- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss;

Under the theme of "*Harnessing the means of implementation through multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*", the envisaged EGM aims to engage experts and practitioners working with these different MoIs on the ground to: **(i)** discuss ways the partnerships can bring concrete contributions to enhance and harness MoIs in the implementation of the SDGs in focus ; and **(ii)** identify some of strategic, inter-linked areas of MoIs to promote greater synergies and speed up progress on the SDGs.

Participation

The EGM will be a one-day meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 June 2018 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm in UNHQ in New York. The meeting is expected to be attended by a number of representatives of the Member States, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, philanthropic organizations, academia, local governments, parliaments, UN entities and major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

Outcome

The outcome of the EGM will be a detailed summary, which will be made available on the 2018 HLPF website. It will directly feed into the 2018 HLPF review of SDG 17 as well as the 2018 Partnership Exchange (13 July).

Draft Programme

Morning Session: **CLOSED MEETING**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Round Table Discussion

Take stock of good practices in mobilizing and managing partnerships to enhance the quantity and quality of Mols for the implementation of SDGs 6,7, 11, 12 and 15 and share innovative examples in inter-linked areas of Mols

Afternoon Session: **OPEN TO ALL**

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm Opening Keynote Address

- Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Dr. Alex Halliday, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm Debrief from Round Table

- Rapporteur: TBD

3:30 pm – 5:45 pm Panel Discussion on “Enhancing and harnessing the means of implementation through effective multi-stakeholder partnerships”

- Ms. Alice H. Shackelford, UN Resident Coordinator for Costa Rica
- TBD, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)
- Ms. Jenna Slotin, Senior Director of Policy, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Ms. Ana Blanco, Director, Public Policy & International Relations, Global System for Mobile Communications (GSMA)
- Mr. Marcel Alers, Head of Energy, UNDP - Global Environment Finance (GEF) Unit
- Mr. Wade Hoxtell, Head of Operations, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)

Moderator: Mr. Tomas Christensen, Chef de Cabinet to the President of the 71st session of General Assembly

Focus Questions:

- *What concrete contributions can multi-stakeholder partnerships bring to ensure that Mols are effectively mobilized and managed and that systemic changes are facilitated in support of the implementation of SDGs 6,7,11,12, and 15?*
- *How can the UN play more effective roles – at global, regional and country levels –in promoting more demand- driven, results-based and accountable partnerships and discouraging unnecessary parallel structures and fragmentation for the effective implementation of SDGs 6,7,11,12 and 15?*

Closing Session

5:45 – 6:00 pm Closing Remarks (UNDESA)

ANNEX: Participants of Round Table Discussion

No	Sector	Name	Title/ Contact	Suggested focus
1	National Govt Ministry for SDG 17 (Asia & the Pacific)	Ms. Jonahkriza Aglupus	Program Officer, Office of the Vice President of the Philippines	Based on experience contributing to developing ESCAP's Guidelines for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, share her view of enabling factors for optimal multi-stakeholder partnerships
2	National government in charge of development cooperation	Mr. Daniel Alcaraz (TBC)	Deputy Director for International, Development Cooperation at the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)	Perspective of MIC in mobilizing multi-stakeholder partnerships to enhance cooperation efforts both as a development partner and developing country.
3	Bi-lateral development cooperation org	Ms. Seomi Kang	Attache, Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)	Experience from relatively new OECD donor in engaging multi-stakeholder development partners to support developing countries in implementing SDGs in focus.
4	Mission	Mr. Arthur Andambi	Minister, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the UN	Challenges and opportunities in the context of African LIC in utilizing multi-stakeholder partnerships to strengthen and harness Mols.
5	UN system	Mr. Matthieu Veriygstraete	Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO)	Briefing the work of the UN system in the field of development finance and development cooperation (including ODA, technical cooperation, blended finance, South-South and triangular cooperation, multi-stakeholder partnerships, etc.)
6	Global initiative for SDG 6	Mr. Fany Wedahuditama	Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia, Jakarta, Indonesia	Ways to maximize the effectiveness of multi-stakeholder partnerships in the implementation of the SDG 6
7	National NGO for SDG 6	Mr. Samuel Malinga	Managing Director, Sanitation Africa, Uganda	Perspective of on-the-ground NGO specialized in the implementation of SDG 6 with regards to the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships to harness Mols for enhancing national sanitation infrastructure capacities
8	Environmental Consulting / Think Tank	Mr. Harris Gleckman	Center for Governance and Sustainability, UMass-Boston and Director, Benchmark Environmental Consulting	Governance arrangements inside partnerships and the nature of the functional links between a UN-related partnership and the multilateral process.
9	Private sector (interlinked Mols of technology + data) for SDG 7	Mr. Jeff Giery	Chief Growth Officer, Impact PPA	Example of the private sector company connecting communities, investors and suppliers to promote renewable energy for all using cryptocurrencies

10	UN system focal point for SDG 11, 12	TBD	SCP Secretariat, 10 YFP Secretariat	Observation from UN system re experience of mobilising and managing Mols using multi-stakeholder partnerships for SDG12
11	Multi-lateral development cooperation org	Mr. Ernesto Soria Morales Senior Policy Analyst	Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, Office of the Secretary-General, OECD	Perspective on viable policy environments (both global macroeconomic stability and domestic policy space) and systemic changes required in successful mobilization, allocation and management of Mols, including through strategic partnerships, for SDGs in focus
12	International org on SDG 15	Mr. David O'Connor	Permanent Observer of IUCN to the United Nations International Union for Conservation of Nature	How multi-stakeholder partnerships are mobilized and managed to trigger systemic changes in implementing SDG 15.
13	Multi-lateral Development Bank: all SDGs	Mr. Bjorn Gillsater	Special representative to the UN, World Bank Group Office in New York Nicholas Bian < nbian@worldbank.org >	Experience of MDB in engaging multi-stakeholder partners to support developing countries in implementing SDGs 6,7,11 Opportunity to announce the WB Partnership Fund for SDGs
14	UN system	Ms. Amber Barth	Senior Programme Analyst of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the UN (New York)	Perhaps on how the technical cooperation for capacity-building is enhanced through multi-stakeholder partnerships in implementing SDGs in focus.
15	UN system	TBD	UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)	Peacebuilding perspective on how multi-stakeholder partnerships are mobilised to enhance and harness the Mols for the implementation of the SDGs in focus in conflict-affected countries.
16	Youth representative	Mr. Marwan Bishtawi	Associate Coordinator of the International Movement of Catholic Students - Pax Romana's UN Advocacy Team in New York	