

Dialogue:

**Multi-stakeholder Partnerships and the 2030 Agenda:
How to improve and review their contributions**

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Organizers

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Description

In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations renew their commitment to multi-stakeholder partnerships as an important means of implementation. Since these partnerships showed a mixed success record in the past, in particular regarding the goal to “*leave no one behind*,” incentives and support for partnerships to become effective means for implementing the SDGs are required.

The resolution on the HLPF stipulates that the HLPF reviews “shall provide a platform for partnerships” (A/RES/67/290, para 8c). The 2030 Agenda calls upon non-governmental actors to engage in reporting (A/RES/70/1, paras. 84, 89). The recent General Assembly resolution under the agenda item entitled “Towards global partnerships” requested to discuss “the best practices and ways to improve, inter alia, transparency, accountability and the sharing of experiences of multi-stakeholder partnerships and on the review and monitoring of those partnerships” (A/RES/70/224, para. 15).

For the purpose of providing a platform for such activities and dialogue, the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) organize the first 2016 Partnership Exchange – special event - on the occasion of the 2016 HLPF. Within the framework of partnership exchange the main *purpose* of the proposed dialogue is to inform and further stimulate the debate, drawing on results from independent research and referring to the preceding presentations and discussions during the Partnership Exchange. The *structure* of the dialogue is as follows:

First, a presentation by *Dr. Marianne Beisheim* (SWP/DFG research project on partnerships), reflecting upon more than ten years of research on multi-stakeholder partnerships, identifies research results regarding their past performance, and how these findings translate into a need for an improved governance of multi-stakeholder partnerships at the UN, the national, and the partnership level.

For the UN level, *Ola Göransson (DESA)* will present how the Partnerships for SDGs platform may be used for reviewing contributions from partnerships.

For the country level, *Mike Wisheart (World Vision)* will briefly recap findings from a study on ‘In-Country multi-stakeholder platforms to catalyze multi-stakeholder partnerships for Agenda 2030’, with a focus on how these national platforms could help review partnerships’ contributions and ensure that they deliver for the most vulnerable.

All panelists will be asked to outline options for improving the overall governance of multi-stakeholder partnerships for implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

Two *respondents* from member states will comment:

Dr. Ingolf Dietrich, Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany, and

Mr. Morten Jespersen, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation, Denmark.

In the following *discussion*, the panelists and the audience will seek to explore supplementary and alternative options for further improvement of governance arrangements for more effective and legitimate partnerships. Contributions *from the SIDS Partnership Framework* and the *German Platform for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships*, as well as from interested agencies, partnership participants, Major Groups and other stakeholders will further inform the discussion. Thus the dialogue attempts to stimulate the debate on how an integrated architecture and coherent multi-level process for facilitating and reviewing partnerships’ contributions could look like.