



2017 Partnership Exchange, 10.15 AM – 6.00 PM, 17 July 2017, Conference Room 1, UNHQ, New York

Theme: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world

Concept note and tentative programme

INTRODUCTION

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), the United Nations' central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), will be convened on 10-19 July 2017, under the theme: "*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*". The session will review, in depth, the following SDGs:

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| | GOAL 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere |
| | GOAL 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture |
| | GOAL 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages |
| | GOAL 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls |
| | GOAL 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation |
| | GOAL 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development |

Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, will also be reviewed in the session.

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) are an integral aspect of the High-level Political Forum and follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. They provide a broad platform for partnerships, enabling the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders and the exchange of experiences—including successes, challenges, and lessons learned, with the objective of accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

In support of the work of the High-level Political Forum and the Voluntary National Reviews, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP), is organizing for the second time a ***Partnership Exchange special event***, to enhance the global partnership for sustainable development. The event, organized on the occasion of the 2017 HLPF, will be open to all HLPF participants, with a special focus on reviewing the work of multi-stakeholder partnerships and other voluntary initiatives in driving implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17.

GUIDING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS AND VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES FOR REVIEW

SMART – does the initiative/partnership fulfil the SMART criteria?

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Resource-based, with
- Time-based deliverables

Relevance for 2017 Partnership Exchange

- Thematic focus – addressing one or more of the SDGs under in-depth review at the 2017 High-level Political Forum
- Lessons learned – are there any lessons learned that are relevant for other initiatives?

Effectiveness and long-term transformative impact

- Is the initiative/partnership adding concrete value to the implementation of the SDGs? If so, how?
- Does the initiative/partnership transfer technology or build capacities in developing countries? (where relevant)
- How well-established and recognized is the initiative/partnership? (e.g. years in operation, references in the press/academic papers)
- Is the initiative/partnership based on predictable and sustained resources for its implementation?
- Does the initiative/partnership have a potential for significant impact, and can it be scaled?

Approach and internal governance

- Mission – Does the initiative/partnership have specific and clearly defined, measurable, achievable and accepted, relevant and realistic, and time-bound objectives?
- Integration – is the initiative/partnership bearing in mind the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in its design and implementation?
- Local ownership and inclusiveness – does the initiative/partnership involve local governments and other relevant stakeholders during the planning and implementation process? If relevant, does it have sectoral and geographic balance? Does it also aim to support the most vulnerable and marginal communities?
- Governance structure – does the initiative/partnership apply a transparent, accountable, efficient, participatory, qualitative and equitable multi-stakeholder approach?
- Transparency and accountability – is the initiative/partnership designed and implemented in a transparent and accountable manner? Are there robust and transparent monitoring mechanisms and performance measures to ensure accountability? Is the initiative/partnership registered in an open registry, such as the Partnership for SDGs online platform?

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT - SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT

All stakeholders with registered multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in the **Partnerships for SDGs online platform** are encouraged to submit a short progress report of their initiatives through the online platform. These short progress reports will appear on the HLPF Inputs Database, and form the basis of an annual report by the Secretariat on how partnerships and other voluntary initiatives are driving the implementation of the SDGs. More information is available at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/reports/>

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS & PARTNERSHIPS

The Partnership Exchange presenters will aim to show how their multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments can address challenges and needs encountered by countries taking part in the Voluntary National Reviews, by sharing their expertise and lessons learned.

PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
INTRODUCTORY PANEL	
10.15 AM – 10.20 AM	Opening remarks – H.E. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council (tbc)
10.20 AM – 10.25 AM	Opening remarks – Mr. Wu Hongbo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) (tbc)
10.25 AM – 10.35 AM	Keynote address – H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71 st session of the General Assembly (tbc)
PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE DIALOGUE	
10.35 AM – 10.45 AM	Presentation - Partnership Data for SDGs Framework - Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Communication, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA
10.45 AM – 12 noon	<p>Partnership Exchange – Goals 1 and 2</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Introductory statement by a representative of VNR country (TBC)</p> <p>Partnership respondents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growing Together – Syngenta and VSO 2. Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM) – International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the European Commission (EC), the French Development Agency (AFD), the Italian Development Cooperation (DGCS) , the German Cooperation (BMZ/KfW), 3. Social Protection Systems and Floors Multi-stakeholder Partnership - ILO, a number of UN Agencies, World Bank, IMF, development partners (Irish Aid, EC, France/AfD, Luxembourg, Portugal, Belgium, Sweden/SIDA, UK/DFID, German cooperation, OECD, Finland, Inter-American Development Bank and more); NGOs (HelpAge, Oxfam, Save the Children, and more) 4. SDG 2 Advocacy Hub Peru – 19 Federal Ministries of Peru 5. Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) – The governments of SUN Countries (59), civil society, the United Nations, donors, businesses and researchers
12 noon – 01.00 PM	<p>Partnership Exchange – Goals 9 and 17</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Introductory statement by a representative of a VNR country (TBC)</p> <p>Partnership respondents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SDG Alliance Portugal –AEPSA; AIESEC; a number of local municipalities; UN GCNP, Foundations, NGOs, EU, UNICEF 2. Sustainable Stock Exchanges –UNCTAD, the UN Global Compact, the UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) 3. International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) –A partnership between a large number of organizations throughout the world working with people with disabilities 4. Gates Foundation: Integrated Service Delivery- Health Supply Chain Accelerator – WFP, Gates Foundation 5. Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development (APSD) - ICAO
LUNCH BREAK	
03.00 PM – 04.20 PM	Partnership Exchange – Goal 3 and 5

	<p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Introductory statement by a representative of a VNR country (TBC)</p> <p>Partnership respondents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working for Health: A Five-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth (2017 - 2021) –ILO, OECD and WHO 2. The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age –ITU and UN Women, together with GSMA, ITC and UNU 3. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Europe –UNFPA 4. Young people - The PACT –UNAIDS and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) 5. Using Data to Support Women's Rights: Property Markets and Housing Rights through a Gender Equity Lens –IHC Global, a coalition of 50 nonprofit, private sector and individual members from around the world committed to equitable urban development
04.20 PM – 04.40 PM	<p>Fire side chat- Accountability and monitoring of partnerships</p> <p><i>The session will feature an informal conversation between a moderator and a guest, with the objective of creating an informal and frank dialogue.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewer: TBC • Guest: Taona Kuo, Senior Manager, Every Woman Every Child Health Team, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General <p><i>Interview questions:</i> TBC</p>
04.40 PM – 05.40 PM	<p>Partnership Exchange – Goal 14</p> <p>Moderator: Andrew Hudson, Head, Water & Ocean Governance Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Presentation of SDG 14 Partnerships and Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments – Ola Göransson, Partnerships Coordinator, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA</p> <p>Voluntary commitments for The Ocean Conference are initiatives voluntarily undertaken by Governments, the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors - individually or in partnership - that aim to contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. By the close of The Ocean Conference, 9 June 2017, there were 1,380 voluntary commitments announced by all stakeholders.</p> <p>Panel discussion: Best practices for effective follow-up and review of voluntary commitments</p> <p>Open Dialogue – with respondents from floor from VNR countries (TBC)</p>
05.40 PM – 05.50 PM	Presentation – Guidelines for Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals (outline and process)
05.50 PM – 6.00 PM	Wrap up and closing – TBC

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