









**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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|    | <b>GOAL 1</b> End poverty in all its forms everywhere   |
|    | <b>GOAL 2</b> End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture              |
|   | <b>GOAL 3</b> Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages   |
|  | <b>GOAL 5</b> Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls   |
|  | <b>GOAL 9</b> Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation |
|  | <b>GOAL 14</b> 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
<b>INTRODUCTORY PANEL</b>	
10.15 AM – 10.20 AM	<b>Opening remarks</b> – H.E. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council (tbc)
10.20 AM – 10.25 AM	<b>Opening remarks</b> – Mr. Wu Hongbo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
10.25 AM – 10.35 AM	<b>Keynote address</b> – H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71 <sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly
<b>PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE DIALOGUE</b>	
10.35 AM – 10.45 AM	<b>Presentation</b> - Partnership Data for SDGs Framework – Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Communication, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA
10.45 AM – 12 noon	<p><b>Partnership Exchange</b> – Goals 1 and 2 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere &amp; End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Nicole Carta, Senior Partnership Officer, International Fund for Agricultural Development</p> <p><b>Introductory statement by a representative of a VNR country:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Partnership respondents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Social Protection Systems and Floors Multi-stakeholder Partnership</b> - Guy Rider, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)</li> <li><b>Growing Together</b></li> <li><b>Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM)</b> - Jesús ANTÓN, Senior Programme Manager, Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), Policy and Technical Advisory Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</li> <li><b>SDG 2 Advocacy Hub Peru</b></li> <li><b>Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)</b> - Katherine Richards, Head of Hunger and Nutrition, Save the Children UK and Vice-chair of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Civil Society Network (CSN)</li> </ol>
12 noon – 01.00 PM	<p><b>Partnership Exchange</b> – Goals 9 and 17 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation &amp; Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary General of United Nations and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</p> <p><b>Introductory statement by a representative of a VNR country:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Partnership respondents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SDG Alliance Portugal</b></li> <li><b>Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)</b></li> <li><b>Sustainable Stock Exchanges</b> - Ms. Chantal line Carpentier, Head of New York Office, UNCTAD)</li> <li><b>International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)</b> – Mr. Colin Allen, Chair of International Disability Alliance</li> <li><b>Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development (AP - SD)</b> – Mr. Henry Gourджи, Head, Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnership Office</li> <li><b>Global Water Partnership (GWP)</b> - Ms. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Chair at Global Water Partnership</li> </ol>
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
03.00 PM – 03.10 PM	<b>Keynote address</b> – Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations (tbc)

<p>03.10 PM – 04.20 PM</p>	<p><b>Partnership Exchange</b> – Goal 3 and 5 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages &amp; Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Will Kennedy, Officer in Charge and Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP)</p> <p><b>Introductory statement by a representative of a VNR country:</b> Czech Republic, Denmark</p> <p><b>Partnership respondents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age</b></li> <li>2. <b>Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Europe</b>, Mr. Ton Coenen, Chair of EuroNGOs and Executive Director of Rutgers</li> <li>3. <b>Young people - The PACT</b></li> <li>4. <b>Using Data to Support Women’s Rights: Property Markets and Housing Rights through a Gender Equity Lens</b></li> <li>5. <b>Every Woman Every Child</b> – Ms. Taona Kuo, Senior Manager, Every Woman Every Child Health Team, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General</li> </ol>
<p>04.20 PM – 04.40 PM</p>	<p><b>Fire side chat-</b> 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"> <li>• <b>Interviewer:</b> Ms. Mariarosa Cutillo, Chief of Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</li> <li>• <b>Guest:</b> Partnership for Maternal, Newborn &amp; Child Health (PMNCH)</li> </ul> <p><i>Interview questions: TBC</i></p>
<p>04.40 PM – 05.40 PM</p>	<p><b>Partnership Exchange</b> – Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development)</p> <p><i>This session will focus on partnerships and voluntary commitments that aim to contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. In the recent held The Ocean Conference, 1,380 voluntary commitments for Goal 14 were announced by all stakeholders.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Andrew Hudson, Head, Water &amp; Ocean Governance Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p><b>Presentation of SDG 14 Partnerships and Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments</b> – Ms. Marjo Vierros, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies and Traditional Knowledge Unit, United Nations University (UNU)</p> <p><b>Announcement of Winner of the of Voluntary Commitments Data Visualization Competition</b></p> <p><i>In the lead up to the Partnership Exchange, the Secretariat of HLPF and The Ocean Conference offered a unique opportunity to data visualizations specialists to showcase and present their skills to the international community by analyzing and visualizing data from all the voluntary commitments that were announced in the lead-up, and during, The Ocean Conference.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> Best practices for effective follow-up and review of voluntary commitments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Stefanie Schmidt, European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (tbc)</li> <li>2. Ms. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum, Professor of Marine Policy, University of Delaware</li> <li>3. Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (tbc)</li> <li>4. Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands (tbc)</li> </ol>

	<b>Respondents:</b> Sweden
05.40 PM – 05.50 PM	<b>Presentation</b> – Guidelines for Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals (outline and process), Mr. Ola Göransson, Partnerships Coordinator, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA
05.50 PM – 6.00 PM	<b>Wrap up and closing</b> – TBC

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