Training and Learning
Preparing for the Post-2015 Partnerships for Sustainable Development

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2002: World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg introduced **Type II agreements**

2012: **CSD Partnership Database** listed 349 SD partnerships

- effectiveness and legitimacy unknown and controversial

Post-2015 Agenda/SDGs: *The Future We Want and Zero Draft* again list partnerships as means of implementation:

**SDG 17**: “... complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, ...”

>> lessons learned and how to proceed in the HLPF?
Learning and Training for Sustainable Development

1. Learning and Training *through* Partnerships

2. Learning and Training *in* Partnerships

3. Learning *about* Partnerships: UN fit for purpose?
1. Learning and Training through Partnerships

- different actors pool their resources and provide a forum for knowledge sharing

- **Global Water Partnership**: encourage learning to promote integrated water resource management

- **Global Network for Energy for Sustainable Development**: capacity building and increase knowledge on energy accesss for the poor

- **Global Compact**: integrate 10 principles on human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption in business
2. Learning and Training *in* Partnerships

Local capacity development in urban slums: *needs-based approach* and institutionalized *bottom-up learning* needed!
2. Learning and Training in Partnerships

Success factors for partnerships’ local project management:

- participatory bottom-up approach,
- continuous monitoring and change management,
- adaptive best-fit design and flexible customizing of services,
- capacity development measures and building sustainable long-term business case for local actors

→ Partnerships need to be learning institutions to fit the task
3. Learning about Partnerships: UN fit for purpose?

What “lessons learned” on partnerships did the UN System secure and how does it attempt to enhance partnership effectiveness?

- CSD’s database and CSD’s annual Partnership Fair
- Rio+20 and ECOSOC Partnership Forum

So far, more “show-casing” success stories, hardly any systematic and critical evaluation and no follow-up!

Now new:

Work with it!
3. Learning *about* Partnerships: UN fit for purpose?

Resolution 67/290, July 2013:

(8) Decides that the forum, under the auspices of the ECOSOC, shall conduct *regular reviews*, starting in 2016, (...) within the context of the post-2015 development agenda, and further decides that those reviews (...)

(c) Shall provide a *platform for partnerships* (...)

- need to *review* partnership *contributions* and *success conditions*
  - inform HLPF’s “political guidance” for future partnerships
  - share *knowledge* among partnerships, inspire new ones
  - provide *training* for UN and partnership staff

- establish *evolving “learning” framework* for partnerships
Thank you!

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