



Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goal 17

12 June 2018 June, UNHQ, New York

A preparatory meeting in support of the review of SDG 17 at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Introduction

Sustainable Development Goal 17 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - "Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development" – seeks to revitalize and enhance the Global Partnership for sustainable development through an intensive global engagement of Governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors in support of implementation of all the goals and targets.

The meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2018, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, will be held under the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies". The set of goals to be reviewed in depth in 2018 will be the following:

- 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;

Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development - is considered each year of the forum, when held under the auspices of ECOSOC.

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.

Several of these targets are considered in depth through dedicated processes, for example the Financing for Development forum; and the multi-stakeholder forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs. These processes enhance the understanding of progress made and elicit good practices and useful lessons for implementation of the SDGs.

Among the various means of implementation stated in Goal 17, multi-stakeholder partnerships are recognized as a powerful and cross-cutting modality for accelerating progress on the SDGs.

In preparation for the thematic reviews at HLPF 2018, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSDG/UN-DESA), is therefore organizing a preparatory Expert Group Meeting (EGM) that will examine how best to stimulate multi-stakeholder action across the various other means of implementation in SDG 17, in particular actions that will speed up progress on the goals to be reviewed in-depth by the HLPF in 2018.

Thematic focus

The EGM will therefore focus on exploring and sharing best practices from innovative multi-stakeholder approaches and partnerships that advance the SDGs through the other means of implementation.

Under the theme of “*Multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*”, the meeting will look at elements and systemic issues (from SDG 17) that can support sustainable and resilient societies, particularly those that spur the implementation of SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15, while ensuring no one is left behind.

Venue/timing

The event will be held on Tuesday, 12 June 2018 as a one-day expert group meeting with participation of member States, relevant UN entities, relevant experts, and major groups and other stakeholders.

Draft programme

High-level plenary		
Conference Room 11		
10.00 AM – 10.15 AM	Opening and outline of meeting - highlighting the role of finance, science, technology, innovation in driving implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and presenting the outcomes of the 2018 Financing for Development Forum and the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for SDGs	
10.15 AM – 10.45 AM	Keynote address tbc	
Breakout sessions		
	Conference Room 11	Conference Room C
11.00 AM – 01.00 PM	<p><i>Session 1:</i></p> <p><i>Revitalize multi-stakeholder partnerships for driving SDGs 6, 7 and 11 through policy & institutional coherence, capacity building, data, monitoring, accountability and trade</i></p>	<p><i>Session 2:</i></p> <p><i>Revitalize multi-stakeholder partnerships for driving SDGs 12 and 15 through policy & institutional coherence, capacity building, data, monitoring, accountability and trade</i></p>
	<p>Guiding questions for both breakout sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we harness policy & institutional coherence, capacity building, data, monitoring, and trade including through multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive impact and implementation of the SDGs in focus? - What are the key challenges and best practices in this regard? What building blocks are required to create an effective enabling environments at all levels to spur implementation of SDG 17? to 	
High-level plenary		
Conference Room 2		
03.00 PM – 05.00 PM	<p>Panel discussion - <i>Revitalize multi-stakeholder partnerships towards sustainable and resilient societies while leaving no one behind</i></p> <p><i>Opening speakers: rapporteurs from breakout sessions</i></p> <p><i>Outcome of discussions will inform and prepare member States for their review of SDG 17 at the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</i></p>	
05.00 PM – 05.30 PM	Closing remarks (UN DESA)	

Outcome

The outcome of the EGM will be a detailed summary which will be made available on the 2018 HLPF website as input to the session.