



**Economic and Social Council
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Partnerships Driving Inclusive Implementation of the SDGs

Draft Programme

The 2019 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, co-organized by the DSDG/DESA, UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and UN Global Compact (UNGC), will showcase the innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships and partnership platforms led by national governments to draw concrete recommendations on ways to address existing gaps in inclusive implementation of the SDGs. The Forum also will aim to discuss ways to enhance the effectiveness of UN-associated partnerships in the context of ongoing UNDS reform.

Opening Session

10:00–11:00 am **Welcoming Remarks**

- H. E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President, ECOSOC
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy-Secretary-General, United Nations

Keynote Speaker:

- H.E. Mr. Ghassan Hasbani, Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon

High-level Conversation:

- Ms. Ann Cairns, Vice Chairwoman of Mastercard
- Ms. Alaa Murabit, SDG Advocate (TBC)
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (TBC)

Moderator: Ms. Laura Trevelyan, BBC Anchor/ Correspondent (TBC)

Session I: What It Takes to Build Effective Country-level Partnership Platforms?

As partnerships increasingly claim space in planning processes from global to country levels and in recognizing the need to support national demands for inclusive alliances in the implementation of the SDGs, the session will aim to present the good examples of country-level multi-stakeholder partnership platforms and identify the common enablers for building more inclusive and effective country-level partnership platforms.

11:00 am – 11:30 am **Dialogue**

- Government of Ghana (TBD)
- H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN
- Global Compact Local Network (TBD)

Moderator: Ms. Simona Marinescu, UN Resident Coordinator for Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa & Tokelau

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Q & A*****Focus Questions:***

- *What constitutes effective multi-stakeholder partnership platform at country level? How can such platforms **facilitate and harness the value-addition** of different stakeholders to enhance mutual accountability and synergy?*
- *How can such country-level partnership platforms effectively promote **results-based reporting** by different stakeholders and **inclusive, regular joint review** of progress in support of the SDGs? What are some innovative ways to **institutionalize learning mechanism** (e.g. monitoring and review) within partnerships and national policy framework at large?*
- *What are the **strategic roles of UNCTs and UN local networks** (e.g. **Global Compact Local Networks**) in fostering more inclusive and results-based country-level SDGs governance structures? (Is this question a better fit for the afternoon?)*
- *What are some ways to **meaningfully link the learning mechanisms of partnerships at country, regional, inter-regional and global levels** to facilitate more coherent knowledge-sharing and management?*

Lunch Break**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm****Session II: Multi-stakeholder Partnership as a Lever to Drive Inclusion and Impact**

The session will review the examples of innovative and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships in the implementation of the SDGs in focus at the 2019 July session of the HLPF -- education (SDG 4); decent work and economic growth (SDG 8); reduced inequalities (SDG 10); climate action (SDG 13); and peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16) with a view to understanding how the inclusion factor contributes to the success of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm **Showcasing Good Practices**

- Goal 4 (education): Ms. Sinead Andersen, Global Advocacy Team Lead, Global Partnership for Education
- Goal 8 (decent work and economic growth): Ms. Susana Puerto, Senior Youth Employment Specialist, Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth
- Goal 10 (reduced inequality): Every Woman Every Child (TBD)
- Goal 13 (climate action): Mr. Cyrille Pierre, Director for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France – representing the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development (TBC)

- Goal 16 (peace, justice, strong institutions): Mr. Louis Antoine Muhire, CEO, Rwanda Cooperation Initiative

Moderator: Mr. Robert Lawrence Skinner, Executive Director, UN Office for Partnerships

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Q & A

Focus Questions:

- *What are the concrete roles of multi-stakeholder partnerships in driving inclusion and impacts in the implementation of the SDGs in focus? What are the lessons learned?*

Session III: Raising Ambition for UN-associated Partnerships

After taking stock of findings from 2019 Partnerships Report on the state of play of UN-associated partnerships, this session will provide the update on the work of the UNSDG Strategic Partnerships Results Group and discuss ways to enhance the effectiveness and accountability of UN-associated partnerships, including the role of Member States and the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Opening Remarks

Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (Co-Chair of UNSDG Strategic Partnership Results Group) (TBC)

Dialogue

- Mr. Gianluca Rampolla, UN Resident Coordinator for Papua New Guinea
- Mr. Petru Dimitriu, Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit
- Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh (TBD)

Moderator: Mr. Robert Piper, Assistant-Secretary-General (TBC)

Focus Questions:

- *One of the recommendations of recent Expert Group Meeting on multi-stakeholder partnerships was to establish more **coherent review mechanism**, distinguishing different types of partnerships, with distinct requirements for UN-led partnerships. Are we ready for this endeavour? What would be the first concrete step forward?*
- *What are the **implications of UNDS reform on the possible system-wide review of effectiveness of partnerships**? What would be the **role of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the Member States** moving forward?*
- *How can we effectively **promote coherence** between the UNSDG-led inter-agency process on creating a system-wide approach to partnerships at operational level, and the system-wide governance processes at inter-governmental level? What would be the **role of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum**?*

5:00–5:30 pm Q & A

Closing Session

5:30 – 6:00 pm **Closing**

- Ms. Lise Kingo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact (TBC)
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations (TBC)
- H. E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President, ECOSOC

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