



**Economic and Social Council
2019 Partnership Forum
Thursday, 11 April 2019
Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York**

Partnerships Driving Inclusive Implementation of the SDGs

Programme

The 2019 ECOSOC Partnership Forum¹ will showcase how innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships and partnership platforms including those led by national governments can help drive implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and address existing gaps. 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

10:00–11:25 am **Welcoming Remarks**

- H. E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Keynote Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Ghassan Hasbani, Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon
- H. E. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

High-level Conversation: “The Role of Partnerships in Driving Inclusive Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Ms. Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chairman of Mastercard
- Ms. Alaa Murabit, High-level Commissioner on Health Employment and Economic Growth and SDG Advocate
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth

Moderator: Ms. Laura Trevelyan, BBC Anchor/ Correspondent

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

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 common enablers for building more inclusive and effective country-level partnership platforms.

11:30 am – 12 noon Dialogue

Chair: H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN
- Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
- Ms. Josephine Satyono, Executive Director, Indonesia Global Compact Network

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

12 noon – 1:00 pm Q & A

Focus Questions:

- *What constitutes effective multi-stakeholder partnership platforms at country level? How can such platforms **facilitate and harness the contributions** 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 made 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?*
- *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 showcase how innovative and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships are supporting the implementation of the SDGs in focus at the 2019 July session of the HLPF with a view to understanding, amongst others, how inclusiveness can contribute to the success of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Showcasing Good Practices

Chair: H.E. Ms. Kira Christianne Danganan Azucena, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN

Speakers:

- Goal 4 (education): Ms. Rebecca Affolder, Senior Advisor, 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): H.E. Ms. Mari Skåre, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN (representing Every Woman, Every Child Initiative)
- Goal 13 (climate action): Mr. Wasim Ahmed, Director of Islamic Financial Sector Development Department, Islamic Development Bank (representing Global Islamic Finance and Impact Investing Platform)
- Goal 16 (peace, justice, strong institutions): Ms. Karina Gerlach, Senior Program Advisor, NYU Center on International Cooperation (representing Pathfinders for Just and Inclusive Societies)

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

Lead discussant: Mr. Otmane Bennani Smires, Executive Vice-President - Corporate Affairs at OCP Group

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Q&A

Focus Questions:

- *How can multi-stakeholder partnerships help drive inclusion and impacts in the implementation of the SDGs in focus?*
- *What are the lessons learned?*
- *What have been the distinguishing factors between facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships on an international scale as opposed to regional or national levels?*
- *What feedback mechanisms do you have in place, and how have your respective initiatives incorporated these perspectives to create a more inclusive strategy? Have you witnessed any challenges with these methods?*

Session III: Raising Ambition for UN-associated Partnerships

This session will discuss ways to enhance the effectiveness and accountability of UN-associated partnerships, including the role of Member States and the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

4:20 – 5:00 pm Dialogue

Chair: H.E. Ms. Kira Christianne Danganan Azucena, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN

Speakers:

- Ms. Priya Gajraj, UN Resident Coordinator for Senegal (via video conference)
- Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, Strategic Advisor to Director of UN Development Coordination Office
- Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)

Moderator: Ms. Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, Director, Partnerships and Field Support, ILO

Lead Discussant: H.E. Mr Tareq Ariful Islam, Deputy Permanent Representative of Bangladesh

5:00–5:30 pm Q & A

Focus Questions:

- *One of the recommendations of a recent Expert Group Meeting on multi-stakeholder partnerships was to establish a more **coherent review mechanism for partnerships**, including distinguishing different types of partnerships, with distinct requirements for UN-led partnerships. Are we ready for this endeavour? What would be a 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 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**?*

Closing Session

5:35 – 6:00 pm Closing

- Ms. Lise Kingo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact
- H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN and co-facilitator for the 2019 HLPF political declaration
- H. E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC