

The Deputy Secretary-General

Partnership Exchange Special Event

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Excellencies; Colleagues; Ladies and Gentlemen. I am really pleased to send greetings to the 2017 Partnership Exchange. In adopting the 2030 Agenda, we embraced a highly ambitious, universal and interlinked plan that reaffirms the importance of effective institutions, adequate financing and partnerships.

As reflected in Goal 17, sustainable development can only be realized through genuine partnerships, governments, the private sector, civil society and the United Nations need to work together to make the best of their respective capabilities and resources.

The United Nations has received an unprecedented number of partnership commitments in support of Agenda 2030. More than 3,600 voluntary commitments have been registered on the Partnerships for SDGs platform.

Today's Partnership Exchange provides a timely forum for Member States and civil society to share experience and expertise in the design and implementation of partnerships that will contribute to achieving the SDG's.

Many of the partnerships being profiled today represent new and innovative ways of mobilizing finance, technology and expertise that countries need to accelerate their national development strategies.

Forging effective and impactful multi-stakeholder partnerships is a crucial aspect of our ongoing efforts to help countries deliver on the 2030 Agenda and climate commitments, while tracking performance and getting feedback from beneficiaries, we can become more rigorous in measuring impact.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to provide peace, prosperity and dignity for all on a healthy planet.

The task is daunting, but nothing is impossible when we work together in partnership.

I wish you all a really productive meeting.

Thank you.