An Introduction

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“To unleash the power of partnership for a prosperous and sustainable future.”
SDGs are intrinsically... 

Prosperous society 
Prosperous environment 
Prosperous business
Societal system

- Public sector
- Parliamentarians
- Private sector
- United Nations
- NGOs
- Academia
- Media
- Civil society
- International NGOs
How can we systematically engage business as a partner in sustainable development and accelerate the number and effectiveness of partnerships to deliver Agenda 2030
Towards a supportive partnership eco-system...
Partnership Enabling System

- National and international policy supportive of collaboration
- Individuals with partnering knowledge and skills
- Organisations that are Fit for Partnering
- Platforms/mechanisms to systematically catalyse partnerships
- Partnerships built to good practice standards and delivering impact
Culminating in the concept...

Initiating partners: UNDESA, UN Office for Sustainable Development, UN Office of Partnerships
The Partnering Initiative
Supportive national and international policy

Strong understanding of the role of business and of partnerships in delivering the SDGs

Policies in place to support collaboration
Platforms to catalyse partnerships

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The SDG Partnership Platform aims to contribute to the Government of Kenya’s efforts to deliver the SDG Target 17.17, with an initial focus on the country’s Big Four agenda (health, manufacturing, housing, food security):

**Example: SDG Partnership Platform, Kenya**

- **Joint advocacy and policy**: Dialogue to create an enabling environment that helps partnerships thrive.

- **Partnersing at scale for impact**: Support to identify and broker large scale public-private partnerships and collaborations that align with the UNDAF to drive shared value creation.

- **Maximizing investments through innovative financing**: Support to raise required investments for the large-scale partnership initiatives through optimizing blended financing instruments and redirection of capital flows towards SDG implementation.

- **Knowledge Management**: Facilitating data management, learning and research to inform progressive policy and practice for SDG partnerships.
Platforms / mechanisms for partnership

**Year 1**

- Research on the current state of SDG partnership platforms: the models, challenges and effective practice
- Aim to both encourage their development and provide guidance for new platforms to be developed by member states and/or the UN.

**Future plans**

- Creation of a community of practice of platforms for partnership for exchange of learning and material.
- Support to UN and governments for the development of new platforms / linking to existing support available from UNDP)
Individual partnering competencies

- Mindset
- Understanding of other sectors
- ‘Soft’ skills
- Technical

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Guidance and training

Year 1

• New ‘living’ partnering for the SDGs guidebook
• New training course developed for member states, UN, NGOs, business for developing partnerships for the SDGs
• Delivery of training courses in four countries in English
• Translation and delivery in other languages where partners can be found
• Series of webinars on key topics

Future plans

• Major training-of-training programme to allow cascading of training down to the country level
• Complementary online training course
• Development of SDG-specific training courses building off the base
• Translation into other languages
Organisations that are Fit for Partnering

- Leadership, strategy and policy
- Systems and processes
- Staff competencies and support
- Culture for collaboration

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Building institutional Fitness for Partnering

Year 1

• Guidance on building institutional fitness for partnering will be developed and included in the guidebook.

• Support can be provided to individual institutions to become fit for partnering.

Future plans

• Creation of community of practice and scaling up direct support provided to UN agencies / governments / others to build their institutional fitness for partnering.
The Accelerator aims to build up the eco-system of support and capacity that will help to drive partnerships for the SDGs.

**It is ambitious:** It is being developed to deliver at scale, building on existing initiatives wherever possible, and learning from good practice globally.

**It is inclusive:** we welcome partners of all kinds who share the mission and can bring resources of all kinds.

**It is reactive and reflective:** the Accelerator will respond based on the needs of its stakeholders, and will adapt based on learning from experience.

**It is country-focused:** It aims to support member states deliver their development priorities more effectively and more sustainably.
Get involved!
Thank you