Presentation of SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned at the 2021 HLPF

Concept Note

Wednesday, 7 July 2021, 9:00 AM

Background

In order to identify and showcase concrete and inspiring examples of SDG implementation efforts by governments and diverse stakeholders from around the world, UN DESA launched a first call for SDG Good Practices between November 2018 and February 2019. Following a review of a dedicated team of experts from different UN entities, over 500 SDG Good Practices were published and promoted through a dedicated online database.

Building on the success of the first call, DESA conducted a second open call for SDG Good Practices, success stories, and lessons learned, from 2 December 2020 to 14 March 2021. As a result, around 450 new initiatives have been approved by an Inter-Agency Team of experts from 24 UN Entities as examples of good practices, including ones that could be replicated or scaled-up by others across the globe.

The results of the second call will be made available online in June 2021 and will be broadly disseminated. Outstanding submissions will also be promoted through several channels and during events organized by DESA.

Presentation at the 2021 HLPF

To inform the 2021 HLPF proceedings of concrete SDG actions and solutions that are making a difference on the ground, it is proposed that there be a 7-minute long presentation of the SDG Good Practices initiative by the Assistant Secretary-General for Interagency Affairs and Policy Coordination of DESA on Wednesday, 7 July 2021, at 9 a.m. The presentation will be accompanied by a visually engaging power point presentation, which will be prepared with inputs from select SDG Good Practices.

---

1 The Inter-Agency Team included representatives from: CBD, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, FAO, IAEA, ILO, IMO, IOM, ITU, UNCTAD, UN DESA, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNODC, UNU, UNWOMEN, WTO.
Proposed practices to be highlighted:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Practice and Organization</th>
<th>Summary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>The EU External Investment Plan (EIP), including the European Fund for Sustainable Development - European Union</strong></td>
<td>The EU External Investment Plan is helping to generate jobs, growth and prosperity in countries neighbouring the EU and in Africa. It means public and private investors are more willing to bring in investment. And in doing so, to create jobs, boost economies - and offer people a brighter future. A major component of the Plan is the European Fund for Sustainable Development, which aims in its founding regulation at supporting investments primarily in Africa and the Union’s Neighbourhood as a means to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular poverty eradication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Partnership for Action on Green Economy</strong></td>
<td>PAGE unites five United Nations agencies — UNEP, the ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and UNITAR — to provide integrated and holistic support to countries on eradicating poverty, increasing jobs and social equity, strengthening livelihoods and environmental stewardship and sustaining growth, ensuring coherence and avoiding duplication of efforts. Launched in 2013 following the Rio+20 Conference, PAGE currently supports 20 countries, working with national and regional governments to build inclusive, green economy transitions. The work is demand-driven and aligns with national priorities to support concrete action and accelerate action on SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Yucatan Solidario - Technical Secretariat for Planning and Evaluation of the State of Yucatan</strong></td>
<td>The pandemic made us change the way we live and relate to others, showing us that the only way to move forward and leave no one behind is by joining forces. Through the sessions of the State Council of the 2030 Agenda in Yucatan, multiple stakeholders united with the purpose of being active participants in the creation and implementation of programs that helped reduce the consequences of the health and economic crisis for the Yucatecans. One of these multi-stakeholder alliances is Yucatán Solidario. This initiative was designed jointly between civil society, the business sector and government, to supply more than 80% of the state's municipalities with food and medicines during the lockdown</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### SINERGI Project - Inclusive Approach to Open More Access for Vulnerable Groups Including People with Disabilities to Training and Employment Opportunities - Rajawali Foundation

The project aims to improve multi-stakeholders’ coordination at multi levels – from grass root up to provincial level coordination in reaching out more young women and people with disabilities to participate in the training and employment opportunities. In Central Java, where people live in scattered areas, these vulnerable people need a hand to access better learning and working opportunities. On the other hand, training centers and companies need to assess their learning method and working environment to be inclusive and pro to gender equality and social inclusion. The project targets 18-34 years old beneficiaries who are poor and vulnerable, to include women and people with disabilities.

### Planet+ Program for Carbon Neutrality by 2022 @ SITA Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques (“SITA SC”)

As a UN Global Compact member, SITA firmly believes GHG emissions need to be reduced significantly and well ahead of 2030. SITA’s Planet+ program, is the bold initiative to become a carbon neutral certified business by 2022. It’s organized along three themes: • ‘Travel Smart’ aims to reduce our GHG footprint arising from business travels. • ‘Office Smart’ helps, reducing GHG related emissions through collaboration technology and renewable energy. • ‘Planet Smart’ uses carbon credits to offset remaining emissions; we partner with NCP to invest in credible and high-impact projects. This program provides benefits to our communities, our business, our employees and the air travel industry at large.

### Impact Investing - Merck

Impact investing is one of our core approaches to advancing sustainable global health systems and achieving the SDGs. Through impact investing, we are able to deploy financial resources in ways that may generate not only improved access to health care for underserved populations, but also financial returns and commercial opportunities—all while growing a sustainable global health ecosystem and attracting additional capital and partners. Our impact investing seeks to address five complementary facets of a sustainable and resilient global health ecosystem that align with SDGs 1, 3 and 17: physical infrastructure, financial inclusion, digital and diagnostic solutions, pharmaceutical and vaccine research and development (R&D), and emergency response.
Summary of outcomes from the second open call