

Multi-stakeholder Partnerships in the Post-2015 Development Era: Sharing Knowledge and Expertise to Support the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

Expert Group Meeting organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations
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Guidance Note for Panelists and Discussants

All information material available at meeting website:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdinaction/partnershipsandknowledgesharing>

The meeting will be held in Conference Room B in the UN Secretariat building, New York, 16 June 2015, from 10 AM – 1PM, and 3 – 6 PM. Due to limited time, we kindly ask participants to arrive 15 minutes prior the start of the sessions.

If you do not have a UNHQ grounds pass, please let us know as soon as possible. We will have someone at the UN staff entrance on 46th and 1st avenue at **9 AM and at 12PM** to guide you to the meeting room.

The meeting will include three discussion sessions:

1. Existing knowledge-sharing mechanisms for multi-stakeholder partnerships working towards sustainable development
2. Multi-stakeholder partnerships: Sharing and building knowledge and expertise among and within the sustainable development goals
3. Designing a knowledge-sharing framework for multi-stakeholder partnerships in the post-2015 era: Empowering stakeholders and improving implementation through transparency

Kindly refer to *Programme* to locate the session and determine the role you have been assigned.

Refer to the *Issues Note* and the *Concept Note* to further familiarize yourself with the subject of the meeting in general and the subject of your session in particular.

Format

At the beginning of each session, the moderator will make short opening remarks to introduce the subject with a few bullet point-style messages. The moderator will then briefly introduce the panelists and discussants and give them the floor.

Each **panelist** will make a brief presentation of seven minutes maximum, which should focus on the subject of the individual session and be informal and frank. They should avoid long descriptions of issues or policies and, instead, identify things such as a key lessons learned, policy implications, and challenges at hand. Panelists are encouraged to use a few PowerPoint slides to illustrate their presentations. **Please send any presentation material you wish to use as soon as possible, but no later than 15 June 2015.**

Following these presentations, the moderator will invite each **discussant** to make comments and raise substantive questions about the issues of the session. Interventions should be limited to four minutes, and as with panelists, we urge them to be informal, focused, and frank.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact: Mr. Ola Goransson goranssono@un.org, or Ms. Silvina Weihmüller weihmuller@un.org
