



**2018 Partnership Exchange, 13 July 2018, 10:00 AM – 06:00 PM, UNHQ,
New York**

Concept note and programme

Introduction

The 2018 session of High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held from 9-18 July in New York under the overarching theme of “*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*”. The HLPF will include voluntary national reviews (VNRs) from 47 countries on their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs.

The 2018 annual global *Partnership Exchange*, organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the United Nations Global Compact, will be held in the margins of HLPF.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides an immense opportunity for all stakeholders to work collaboratively across sectors and thematic areas, forging genuine partnerships for supporting implementation of the SDGs. Achieving the level and quality of partnering required to deliver the SDGs requires a significant and targeted effort to build the *enabling environment for partnering*: the institutional capacities, convening and supporting infrastructure, and policy environment that together can help mainstreaming collaboration.

The aim of the Exchange is twofold: 1) to showcase the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and 2) to explore, and build momentum towards, the creation of the partnering enabling environment.

A special focus will be on reviewing partnerships and voluntary commitments around the six SDGs that are under in-depth review at the HLPF, and showcasing and sharing best practices and lessons learned.

SDGs under in-depth review at HLPF in 2018:



Tentative programme

Expert Parallel sessions

Parallel session 1:

Building institutions and platforms that are Fit for Partnering

10.00 AM – 01.00 PM, Conference Room 11

Moderator: Dr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative

For organizations to be able to partner well and at scale, they need to have in place the right leadership and strategy, enabling systems and processes, strong staff skills and guidance, and a partnering culture. The first sub-session examines what it means in practice to be *organizationally Fit for Partnering* and how to build up an organization in this regard.

The second part of Session 1 what it takes to run effective partnership action platforms for convening societal sectors around SDG priorities, and for catalyzing implementation of innovative initiatives.

10.00 AM – 11.30 AM

Session 1.1: Building institutions that are Fit for Partnering

Presentation:

- Launch of publication: *Maximizing the value of partnerships for the SDGs* (UN DESA)

Panelists:

- Mr. Mario Boccucci, UN-REDD Programme
- Mr. Mike Wisheart, World Vision (tbc)
- Mr. Will Kennedy, UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP)
- Mr. Aitor Llodio, Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainability and Equality (ALIARSE)

15 MINS BREAK

11.45 AM – 01.00 PM

Session 1.2: Building country level action platforms to catalyze partnerships for the SDGs

Panelists:

- Mr. Philip Thigo, Office of the Deputy Vice President, Kenya SDG Partnership Platform (tbc)
- The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (SDG 7)
- Global Compact Local Networks
- Ms. Kate Brown, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) (SDG 15)
- Ms Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, ILO Director of the Partnerships and Field Support Department, Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth / ILO

- Ms. Carolien De Bruin, Ceo & Founder, C-Change
- The National Strategic Review Roadmap, World Food Programme

Parallel session 2:

Maximizing impact of partnerships at the national level

10.00 AM – 01.00 PM, Conference Room 12

Moderator: Mr. John Hendra, Senior UN Coordinator, "Fit for Purpose" for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (tbc)

How should partnerships report their activities and contributions to the SDGs? How can we monitor pledges and ensure they are turned in action and impact? This session will look at the current approach to monitoring to discuss what is working well, what is less effective and make recommendations for a future approach.

By combining complementary resources, partnerships have the potential to deliver far more than the sum of their parts. However, they usually entail significant development time and often have ongoing running costs, for example the costs of a dedicated secretariat. This session will look at how donors may need to adapt traditional funding approaches to become more supportive of partnerships. It will also look at what governments need to do to change policy / legislation to encourage partnerships.

10.00 AM – 11.30 AM

Session 2.1: Building an effective monitoring framework system for partnerships

Panelists:

- Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations, Co-chair of the Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships
- Ms. Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, SDG6 IWRM Support Programme, Global Water Partnership
- Mr. Jose Luis Martin Bordes, Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) of UN-Habitat
- Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) (SDG 15)
- Ms. Marianne Beisheim, German Institute for International and Security Affairs
- Mr. Felix Dodds, The Water Institute

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11.45 AM – 01.00 PM

Session 2.2: Building a conducive policy and funding environment for partnerships

Panelists:

- H.E. Pilar Gonzalo Garrido, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica (tbc)
- Swedish Leadership for Sustainable Development Platform (tbc)
- Mr. Gianluca Rampolla, UN Resident Coordinator, Papua New Guinea (tbc)
- Gülden Türköz-Cosslett, Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)
- Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development Partnership, Ms. Ebba Dohlman, Senior Advisor, Head of Policy Coherence Unit, OECD
- IFAD, Mars Incorporated and Government of Indonesia

LUNCH BREAK

Plenary segment, Conference Room 3

03.00 PM – 03.20 PM	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Her Excellency Marie Chatardová, President of the Economic and Social Council• Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
03.20 PM – 03.30 PM	<p>Keynote address by Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (tbc)</p>
03.30 PM – 05.00 PM	<p>Panel discussion: Building the enabling system to maximize partnerships in driving sustainable and resilient societies</p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, UN-ESCAP</p> <p><i>Lead discussants: Mr. John Hendra (tbc) and Dr. Darian Stibbe (reporting on key messages from morning expert sessions)</i></p> <p>Building on the two parallel expert sessions, the plenary panel discussion will explore the overarching enabling system that is required to scale up and mainstream collaboration for the SDGs: from supportive policy environments to the skills individuals require to partner effectively; from the need for platforms that can more systematically catalyze collaboration to organizations needing to be institutionally set up and operating in ways that support partnering.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dominic Waughray, Senior Director and Head of Environmental Initiatives of the World Economic Forum (tbc)• ITU representative, United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC)• Leanne Hartill, Board Member, International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) - Effective stakeholder engagement as a means for developing transformational partnerships• The Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) (tbc)• Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)• Ms. Di Pippo, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
04.45 PM – 05.50 PM	<p>Partnership Showcase</p> <p>Facilitated by Ms. Natalie Africa, Senior Director of Global Health & Private Sector Engagement, United Nations Foundation</p> <p>This session will entail rapid fire presentations by representatives of multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments aimed at driving implementation of those SDGs under review at HLPF. Each presenter will be given two (2) minutes and the use of maximum one (1) PowerPoint slide, to answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the name of the partnership?• Which SDGs and targets is the partnership addressing?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the partners and beneficiaries? • How is the partnership adding value to implementation of the SDGs? <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yoshioka Tatsuya, Founder and Director, Peace Boat Ecoship (SDG 7) • Global Partnership on E-waste Coalition, United Nations Environment Management Group and ITU (SDG 12) • Mr. Mario Morales Cabrera, Deputy Director General of Economic Cooperation of the Mexican Agency of International Cooperation for Development, Alliance for Sustainability (#AxS) • Ms. Chantal line Carpentier, Head of New York Office, UNCTAD, eTrade for All (SDG 17) • The Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA) (SDG 7) • PVH Sustainable Manufacturing Park in Ethiopia (SDG 6, 7) • Ms. Mai-Lan Ha, UN Global Compact, Business Alliance for Water and Climate (SDG 6) • Ms. Bianca Brasil, LIFE Certification, Brazil. Member of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity (SDG 15) • Mr. Peter Hynes, Clean, Fed & Nurtured Coalition (SDG 6) • Henry Gourджи, Head of Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships, ICAO, Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development (APSD), (SDG 9, 11, 12, 17) • A Plastic Planet (SDG 12) - tbc • Mr. Marcos Vitório Stamm, Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions (#SDGAction25185), ITAIPU Binacional (Paraguay-Brazil), UN DESA (SDG 6 and 7) - tbc • The IRENA Coalition for Action (SDG 7) - tbc • Mr. Carteron Jean-Christophe, Sustainable Development Goal 7 SULITEST module
05.50 PM – 06.00 PM	<p><i>Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Robert Skinner, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) • Ms. Lise Kingo, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact

Participation

The Partnership Exchange special event is open to all [accredited HLPF participants](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/PartnershipExchange). For those not accredited, may apply for a special event ticket online at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/PartnershipExchange> (deadline 1 May 2018).

The Partnership Exchange includes opportunities for presenting and reviewing innovative multi-stakeholder driven partnerships. Interested stakeholders may apply online at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/PartnershipExchange> (**deadline 1 May 2018**).

Presenters should aim to show how their initiatives are effectively driving implementation of one or more of the SDGs under review at 2018 HLPF. If possible, an effort should also be made to highlight innovative solutions and best practices that could inspire others, including the countries that are presenting their VNRs.

The *Partnership for SDGs online platform* (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/>) serve as the basis for identifying multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments that will be profiled during the Partnership Exchange. Initiatives up for review should be **registered** at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/register>.

Initiatives **already registered** should submit a progress update at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/progress>

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Partnership Exchange Expo onboard the Peace Boat, 12 July

On 12 July 2018, on the eve of the Partnership Exchange, a Partnership Expo will be held onboard the Peace Boat ship, which will be anchored on the west side of Manhattan in New York. The Expo will provide a venue for partnership exhibitions, dialogue and networking. More information and registration will be available in due time.



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