

Enabling effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals

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SDG Learning, Training and Practice Session 8

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By prioritizing and nurturing the various factors of successful multi-stakeholder partnerships we can foster transformative change that is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If we are to raise the game and become systematic in delivering far more, and far more effective partnerships to deliver towards the SDGs and beyond, we need to put in place a targeted effort to build the enabling accelerators for widespread, systematic partnering. These include inclusive mechanisms (such as national partnership platforms and SDG bodies) for multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement, institutional and individual professional partnering capabilities, partnerships utilizing best partnering practice in their development, effective monitoring and evaluation approaches in place, supportive policy and financing to drive incentives and create a pro-partnering enabling environment

The training will focus on 1) partnering capabilities of the individual, 2) institutional capability to partner, and 3) partnership platforms. The training, through group activity, expert lecture and real world examples, will provide practical tools to increase the individual capacity for partnering. Individual capacity will provide the basis to discuss the tools, skills and mechanisms required to partner at the organizational level and the national level through partnership platforms.

Through this training, participants will gain valuable insights and practical tools to effectively address the SDGs through successful multi-stakeholder partnerships. The session will briefly cover the following topics:

- Professional partnering capabilities for the individual: Sharing skills and tools that are required for individuals to scale up their professional development and partner effectively, focusing on the importance of partnering capabilities at the individual level.
- Organizations fit for partnering: Recognizing how organizations can be set up to increase their capacity for partnering and the role individuals can play.
- National partnership platforms: Exploring mechanisms to convene stakeholders and accelerate progress towards the SDGs

Draft Agenda

| Time | Agenda item |
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| 3:00 - 3:05 PM | <p>Welcome Dr. Tania Vorwerk, Dep. Director General Global Health, Resilience, Equality of Opportunity, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</p> |
| 3:05 - 3:55 PM | <p>Professional partnering capabilities for the individual</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative <i>with</i> Minu Hemmati, Advisor, GIZ Partnerships2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group activity: designing a partnership (20 minutes) ● Discussion (15 minutes) ● Introduction to individual partnering skills (15 minutes) |
| 3:55 - 4:25 PM | <p>Organizations fit for partnering</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are the obstacles and enablers for organizations to be able to partner? ● What does it take for organizations to become institutionally ‘fit for partnering’? <p><i>Featuring a real world example by World Vision (pre-recorded)</i></p> |
| 4:25 - 4:55 PM | <p>National partnership platforms</p> <p>Facilitated by Minu Hemmati, Advisor, GIZ Partnerships2030 <i>with</i> Mr. Reynald Maeda, Executive Director, United Nations Tanzania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are partnership platforms? ● How can partnership platforms accelerate progress towards the SDGs and what is needed for them to be successful? <p>Discussion among participants: when we consider the previous discussions on individual partnering skills and what makes organisations fit for partnering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How can individuals and organizations contribute to successful partnership platforms? ● How can partnership platforms contribute to building these skills and capacities? |

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| 4:55 - 5:00 PM | Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ola Goransson, Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, UN DESA |

More info:

<https://sdgs.un.org/events/session-8-enabling-effective-multi-stakeholder-partnerships-sustainable-development-goals>

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