

Engaging Stakeholders in implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda

A framework to analyze the quality of stakeholder engagement

VIRTUAL LAUNCHING

26 January 2021, 8:30AM – 9:45AM (EST)

Draft Concept Note and Agenda

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Background

One of the central aspects of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is the significant role that stakeholders have been assigned in their implementation, follow-up and review. While governments have the main responsibility for implementation, the 2030 Agenda calls on stakeholders from different sectors and at all levels to play different roles throughout policy-making, implementation and follow up efforts.

Six years into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, several countries' strategies to engage stakeholders are still in the early stages. Also, many stakeholder engagement practices are strong in some ways but weak in others, with little guidance available for a systematic analysis. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the challenge as many governments have fewer resources for, or dedicate less attention to, engaging stakeholders in implementation efforts. At the same time, it is more important than ever to ensure that there is dialogue between authorities and citizens to guide government action and maintain social cohesion.

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Against this backdrop, UNDP and UNDESA have developed a framework to enable governments, stakeholders, and development partners alike to examine and strengthen the quality of their stakeholder engagement practices.

It is hoped that this framework will serve as a useful tool to help improve stakeholder engagement practices, foster dialogue, and support the sharing of lessons learned and good practices.

Online Launching

UNDP and UNDESA will organize an online webinar on **26 January 2021, from 8:30AM - 9:45AM** (EST/New York Time) to introduce the stakeholder engagement analytical framework and user guide. The webinar will also include a discussion with national government representatives and

stakeholders on ways to strengthen stakeholder engagement in the 2030 Agenda implementation and follow up, including considering the impact of COVID-19.

How to Participate

Interested stakeholders should register on-line [here](#) by **25 January 2021**.

All interested can register to attend.

DRAFT AGENDA

26 January 2021, 8:30AM – 9:45AM

Facilitator: Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG, UN DESA

<p>8:30 – 8:40</p>	<p><u>Opening Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN DESA - Mr. Haoliang Xu, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support
<p>8:40 – 8:55</p>	<p><u>A Framework to Analyze the Quality of Stakeholder Engagement for the 2030 Agenda implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Julia Kercher, Senior Expert on Governance and Peacebuilding (SDG 16), UNDP Oslo Governance Center
<p>8:55 – 9:20</p>	<p><u>Panel: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement in the 2030 Agenda: Measuring quality and addressing crisis</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Naiara Costa, UNDESA</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can we strengthen stakeholder engagement in SDG processes and how can the analytical framework help?</i> • <i>What are specific challenges (or opportunities) for stakeholder engagement in the context of the current pandemic?</i>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Stephan Contius, Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda and Head of Division (United Nations, Developing countries, Emerging Economies), German Environment Ministry 2. Mr. Phurba, Senior Planning Officer, Perspective Planning Division, GNHC, Bhutan 3. Ms. Kathrine Sund-Henriksen, ForUM, Norway 4. Mr. Roberto Bissio, Social Watch, Uruguay
9:20 – 9:40	Questions and Answers
9:40 – 9:45	Closing Remarks UNDP UNDESA