



## Supporting partnership effectiveness in the Caribbean

*Side event to the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean*

26 October, 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Antigua and Barbuda time (GMT-4) **(held virtually)**

### Background

The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States was held in September 2014 in Apia, Samoa. At the Conference, member States recognized - through the outcome document, the SAMOA Pathway - that international cooperation and partnerships of various kinds and across a wide variety of stakeholders are critical for the implementation of the sustainable development of SIDS. Such partnerships are to be based on the principles of national ownership, mutual trust, transparency, and accountability.

On 26 October 2021, the 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator<sup>1</sup> - a partnership led by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and The Partnering Initiative (TPI) - in collaboration with Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, will organize a side event to the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A key objective of the Partnership Accelerator is to bolster effective country driven partnerships and partnership platforms in support of SDG implementation, including through national partnership workshops. Organized in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinators and national government and informed by in-depth needs analysis used to define their scope and content, these workshops offer training on the development of effective partnerships, and enhanced understanding of relationships across participants from different sectors.

Multisectoral partnerships have the capacity to enhance the effectiveness/impact of interventions and accelerate progress in achieving these development plans. There is a science and building blocks to effective partnering. However, while the need for partnerships is widely recognized, there exists limited formalized training in this area and a pool of professional trainers within the Caribbean.

### Objectives

The side event will serve as an opportunity to sensitize member States and other stakeholders of the value of effective multi-stakeholder and multi-sectorial partnering, and for launching a call for

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/PartnershipAccelerator>

expression of interest to become a *Caribbean Partnership Accelerator Trainer*<sup>2</sup>. Those selected will receive relevant material, virtual training, coaching, and take part in an in-person national partnership workshop in the region to gain hands-on training experience. The purpose of the trainers is to ultimately contribute to the replication of partnership support in the region.

The project is funded by the Government of Italy.

## Language

English

## Programme

Time	Session
5.00 – 5.15 PM	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, Co-chair of the Steering Committee on Small Island Developing States Partnerships</li> <li>• Dr. Joy St. John, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency</li> <li>• Ms. Diane Quarless, Chief, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean</li> </ul>
5.15 – 6.00 PM	<p><b>Partnering in Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Peisha Bryan Lee Programme Director Vision 2030 Secretariat Planning Institute of Jamaica</li> <li>• Ms. Jocelyne M.M. Croes, Special Advisor (Raadadviseur) on Multilateral Affairs, Chair National SDG Aruba Commission, Government of Aruba</li> <li>• Mr. Garry Conille, UN Resident Coordinator in Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, The Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands</li> <li>• Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated</b> by Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative</p>
6.00 – 6.15 PM	<p><b>Launch of the Caribbean Partnership Accelerators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cherril Sobers, Specialist, Resource Mobilisation and Partnerships, Caribbean Public Health Agency</li> <li>• Mr. Ola Goransson, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> </ul>
6.15 – 6.25 PM	<p><b>Questions &amp; Answers</b></p>
6.25 – 6.30 PM	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United</li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> The Partnership Accelerator Trainer is not an official position at the United Nations and does not provide any remuneration.

	Nations, Co-chair of the Steering Committee on Small Island Developing States Partnerships
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