



Partnership Exchange

The renewed [ECOSOC Partnership Forum](#) will be held on 2 February 2022 on the main theme of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) “*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda*”.

The Partnership Forum will include two virtual **Partnership Exchange** sessions which will seek to share knowledge and expertise around the design and implementation of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

All sessions will be recorded, and videos will be made publicly on 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum website as well as UN Sustainable Development YouTube Channel.

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Session: Experiences from partnering during the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of enhancing global collaboration and effective partnerships among all sectors and stakeholders. Multi-stakeholder collaborations are key mechanisms to tackle the challenges of COVID-19 and will be essential as societies look to build more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive societies. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the international community has made significant efforts to mobilize partnerships to accelerate the global response to COVID-19.

The session will feature speakers that can share their first-hand experience and lessons learned in building and managing partnerships during the pandemic and how these could be of use when tackling other urgent global challenges such as climate change.

Draft programme

Time (EST)	Agenda item
10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	Connecting to the call
11.00 AM – 11.05 AM	Opening of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Lisa Kurbiel, Head of Joint SDG Fund Secretariat, United Nations
11.05 AM – 11.20 AM	Keynote address (pre-recorded video message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Nabarro, Former Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change and WHO Special Envoy on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response
11.20 AM – 12.20 PM	Open dialogue: Experiences and lessons learned in building and managing partnerships during COVID-19 <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Analysis of partnerships for the SDGs</i> – Dr. Emily Clough & Dr. Graham Long, Newcastle University (10 mins) <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Senior Policy Analyst/Advocate on Global Economic Governance and Justice, Third World Network (TWN)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philipp Schönrock, Director, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI) • Ms. Jenny Ekelund, Director of Green Transition, The Partnering Initiative • Mr. Ben Davies, Executive Director, J&J Foundation <p><u>Guiding questions for speakers (speakers to choose what applies to your experiences):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the enabling conditions that led to successful and rapid partnership building during COVID-19? • What lessons can be learned to speed up future partnering efforts? • What was different about developing partnerships during COVID-19? • Are there any lessons-learned for partnership building response to other crises, i.e. climate change, ocean protection, etc? • How multi-stakeholder partnerships came about during the pandemic - who were the initiators? Government? Business? UN? Platforms for partnership? Donors? How were the partnerships supported? • What were the challenges and possibly success factors of multi-stakeholder partnerships during COVID-19? <p><u>Format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each speaker will have 5 minutes for their intervention • After interventions the moderator will facilitate a dialogue with panelists • The Secretariat will feed questions from the floor (chat) to the moderator
12.20 PM -12.30 PM	Wrap up by moderator (summarizing key take-aways)

Session: Fostering an enabling environment for collaboration

Fostering effective partnerships among a variety of stakeholders and sectors requires an enabling environment that is supportive of collaboration. This session will discuss and explore the policies that are needed to support multi-stakeholder partnerships, how to build capacities of stakeholders around partnering practices, how to support organizational change required to partner effectively, while also identifying good practices related to partnership platforms as mechanisms for brokering and catalyzing new partnerships for SDG implementation.

Draft programme

Time (EST)	Agenda item
02.30 PM – 03.00 PM	Connecting to the call

<p>03.00 PM – 03.15 PM</p>	<p>Opening of the session and introductory remarks for setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative
<p>03.15 PM – 04.15 PM</p>	<p>Open dialogue: Fostering an enabling environment for collaboration</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Garry Conille, United Nations Resident Coordinator- Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands • Ms. Josephine Satyono, Executive Director at Indonesia Global Compact Network (IGCN) (<i>pre-recorded video message</i>) • Mr. Arif Neky, Senior Advisor, Kenya SDG Partnership Platform • Ms. Susanne Salz, Head of Project, Partnerships2030 • Ms. Ariane Joab-Cornu, Senior Liaison to Office to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund <p><u>Guiding questions for speakers (speakers to choose what applies to your experiences):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we raise understanding of, and build the partnering skills among, all stakeholders on effective multi-stakeholder partnerships? • What are the elements of an enabling environment that is supportive of collaboration? • How do we best combine resources from stakeholders and sectors that lead to transformational partnerships for sustainable development? • How do we support and build organizational change required to partner most effectively? • What are some of the examples of effective partnership platforms for sustainable development, and how can we foster more platforms that engage stakeholders and business for catalyzing new partnerships? • What are the examples of mechanisms that align aid, foreign direct investment, philanthropy, domestic financing and other forms of capital in ways that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals? <p><u>Format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each speaker will have 5 minutes for their intervention • After interventions the moderator will facilitate a dialogue with panelists • The Secretariat will feed questions from the floor (chat) to the moderator
<p>04.15 PM - 04.30 PM</p>	<p>Wrap up by moderator (summarizing key take-aways)</p>