

ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2022

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Remarks by Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN, Ambassador Francisco Duarte Lopes

Mr. President,

- At the outset, let me thank you for convening today's Partnership Forum.
- Portugal welcomes the Forum's reinvigorated format, much like the European Union, with whose statement we fully align. Let me add a few remarks in Portugal's capacity as a Member of ECOSOC.
- Partnerships are at the center of the paradigm shift introduced by the 2030 Agenda. The "all-hands-on-deck" spirit promoted by the SDGs is embodied in the concept of "Global Partnerships".
- Let me give you three brief examples of how we try to accomplish that principle:
- First, Portugal is honoured to have been designated, along with Samoa, to co-chair the Steering Committee for SIDS Partnerships. Over the next two years, we hope to contribute to reinvigorate partnerships which accelerate the SAMOA Pathway, towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.
- Secondly, inclusive partnerships are at the center of our development cooperation efforts. Portuguese Cooperation operates jointly with a vast number of stakeholders, from civil society, academia, the private sector, the financial sector and local and regional authorities. The involvement, mobilization and diversification of those stakeholders, at all stages of the process, is actively pursued.
- Thirdly, we are in the year of the first ever International Migration Review Forum. Migration is an essential catalyst for Sustainable Development, as was recognized by the General Assembly and by this Council on multiple occasions. Portugal is committed to promoting inclusive partnerships in the management of migration, across sectors, namely with local authorities, Immigrant and Refugees Associations, Higher Education Institutions and Civil society organizations. The Portuguese Migration Council, which is composed by multiple stakeholders, is an example of this approach.

- In closing, I hope these three diverse examples showcase the equally diverse ways in which partnerships can foster sustainable development.
- Thank you.