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Declaration by the Mexico Partnerships Forum Building transformative partnerships for sustainable development

We have reached the end of the 2022 Mexico Partnerships Forum, which counted with the engagement of more than 230 people, 20 federal, state, and municipal-level government agencies, and international and national private sector, civil society, academic, and professional organizations.

Over the course of two days participants engaged in lively debates and discussions to move forward in shaping and consolidating sustained alliances for development. We recognize that appropriate territorial governance is key to improving the prosperity and safety of our cities, communities, and population centers across the country.

On its road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Mexico needs innovative public policy, programme, and project proposals that will reduce inequalities, attract social investment, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and promote inclusive, prosperous, safe, and peaceful communities.

To achieve this, those of us involved in this Partnership Forum recognize the transformative role of multi-stakeholder and multi-sector partnerships as an essential starting point towards prosperity and sustainable development.

We also recognize that working within the context of multi-stakeholder and multi-sector alliances requires, among other things:

- Committing to strengthen the ecosystem of multi-stakeholder and multi-sector partnerships for sustainable territorial development.
- Generating a shared vision that allows for diverse perspectives to converge and seek a common goal.
- Defining a governance structure that clearly outlines each stakeholder's roles and responsibilities.
- Identifying the added value and contributions of each participating institution.
- Providing a relevant overview of the partnerships' priority work areas.
- Ensuring transparency and accountability to broaden the scope of trust and credibility-based collaborations.

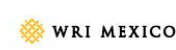
Those of us gathered in Merida are convinced that the Mexico Partnership Forum is the first milestone towards the creation of the **Platform of Partnerships and Innovation for Sustainable Territorial Development**. This Platform will bring together everyone who contributed to the Partnership Forum's process as well as those who decide to join us in the future to support its implementation and be part of the ensuing transformation.

Based on the aforementioned, and with the purpose of promoting the creation and consolidation of the **Platform of Partnerships and Innovation for Sustainable Territorial Development**, we who represent federal, state, and municipal-level governments as well as private sector, civil society, academic, and professional organizations, make the following commitments:

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Towards the creation of transformative partnerships for sustainable development

1. To work together to accelerate the social, economic, and environmental recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and, in doing so, to promote conditions for a better and more sustainable future for all people. This, with an end goal of reducing inequalities using human rights, gender, intercultural, course of life, and territory-based approaches.
2. To promote meaningful and collaborative participation among people, organizations, and sectors interested in forming participatory and inclusive alliances that will accelerate Mexico's achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. To foster public policies, programmes, and projects that contribute to territorial equity, reduce inequalities, and improve security in our regions, cities, and rural communities.
4. To implement a collaborative approach that recognizes climate change for what it is: the greatest global emergency facing humanity. This, to promote specific strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation that put people and their security at the center of each action.
5. To construct conditions of shared prosperity in our cities and communities based on their natural, social, and economic resources and their local territorial advantages. In addition, to promote endogenous development and safety processes that increase the likelihood of attaining continuous and sustainable economic growth.
6. To promote joint initiatives for sustainable development, based on participating the expertise of participating organizations and institutions, from a comprehensive public policy approach, which includes planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and accountability.
7. To strengthen a common welfare approach that prioritizes the best interests of the majority over those that are individualist and fragmented. In this manner, we will mainstream the benefits of sustainable development to reduce multi-dimensional poverty and inequality in all their forms, primarily in favor of populations in vulnerable situations.
8. To build an operational framework with specific objectives, including the definition of a multi-stakeholder governance structure, to implement actions for sustainable development using a public policy approach that allows for replicability and scalability over time.
9. To provide technical and human resources based on the capacities of each participating institution, agency, and organization, to catalyze the **Platform of Partnerships and Innovation for Sustainable Territorial Development**.

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10. To continue to create institutional mechanisms that will connect and involve more international and national organizations in the **Platform of Partnerships and Innovation for Sustainable Territorial Development**. These actions will recognize the value of the recommendations, experiences, good practices, and lessons learned during the Mexico Partnerships Forum. The results will provide those involved with the means, resources, and incentives to promote increasingly inclusive, prosperous, safe, and peaceful urban and rural communities for all.

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