

## HLPF 2022 SDG Learning Session

### Building Strong and Global Partnerships to Achieve the SDGs



**Tuesday, 12 July 2022**  
**2pm to 3:45pm EST**

#### About:

Aligned with the 2022 HLPF theme of “Building back better from coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” this learning session addresses crosscutting, contemporary challenges in human security. It focuses on multilateral partnership building in the context of capacity building design and implementation of the SDGs.

#### Organizing Partners:

- . University for Peace (UPEACE)
- . Generation Amazing
- . SDG2030.me

#### Objectives / Scope:

Reflecting the specific objectives of HLPF 2022, this learning session approaches sustainable development in a cross-sectoral manner in the framework of a dynamic agenda, specifically promoting best practices and including diverse stakeholders who range from leading academics and UN and INGO representatives to grassroots activists and educators working in the field. The diversity of issue areas and participation contributes to an intergenerational narrative to **advance the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

**Part 1:** Led by the University for Peace (UPEACE), based out of Costa Rica, this panel aims to create a more holistic approach to capacity building on combating organized crime. With an emphasis on SDG 17 Targets 9 and 14, experts identify strategic synergies while discussing the versatility of organized crime and its threat to sustainable development. As international cooperation for training in this area requires the integration of multiple perspectives, the panelists analyze transnational criminal dynamics' impact on human rights, state fragility, freedom of expression and protection of journalists, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and gender violence and roles as potential areas for partnerships for capacity building.

**Part 2:** SDG2030.me (Austria) continues the SDG 17 focus with an interactive workshop reflecting HLPF topic of the day, "Vision of civil society: Leaving no one behind in recovering better." Showcased is a social hackathon model aimed at crowdsourcing human-centered and synergistic solutions while building multilateral partnerships. After the evidence-based workshop design is introduced and its related toolkit shared, a cross-sectional group of young activists collaborates to create a unique path linking localized, community-based, grassroots actions to the eventual implementation of gender-sensitive policy on human trafficking. Finally, capacity-building digital storytelling in the form of virtual learning is presented.

**Part 3:** Generation Amazing of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy of the Government of Qatar focuses on the role of global partnerships in promoting sustainable development through sports. Generation Amazing bases its work on the model it has used with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the resulting co-creation of a hybrid curriculum aimed at delivering sports and life skills training. Using the classroom and the football pitch as complementary to one another, Generation Amazing, with the support of IFRC National Societies in Argentina, Myanmar, Uganda, and Iraq, has designed these activities to strengthen youth capacity and expand knowledge while implementing sports-based, community-driven social impact programs.

#### Expected Outcomes:

The desired outcomes are the following:

1. Identify strategic synergies to design capacity building initiatives on the analysis of organized crime and its impact on sustainable development.
2. Analyze transnational criminal dynamics' impact on human rights, state fragility, freedom of expression and protection of journalists, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and gender violence and roles as potential issue areas related to organized crime for partnerships for capacity building.
3. Discuss how institutions can work in a collaborative manner to design strategies for capacity building in the field of transnational organized crime.
4. Extend the collaborative-institution approach via a workshop designed to crowdsource North-South, multi-stakeholder, and civil society input on action priorities and related solutions in light of the pandemic.
5. Share the replicable workshop's toolkit and lessons learned in a live format featuring peer-to-peer youth interaction.

6. Innovate intergenerational methods of building SDG capacity in and among overlooked communities from interventions at the local level to policy creation and implementation.
7. Highlight global South-to-South partnerships and mechanisms employed to share expertise and translate effective practices to local area needs.
8. Within the context of showcasing sports-for-good projects, demonstrate co-creation of a hybrid curriculum and co-delivery of the curriculum to participating communities using a hybrid approach in the COVID-19 era.
9. Provide concrete evidence on how capacity building activities through a train-the-trainer model can contribute to social and economic development of young people in vulnerable and at-risk communities.
10. Address other SDGs related to the Goal 17 currently under review (4, 5, 14, 15) with multiple capacity-building approaches in alignment with the HLPF focus on sharing experiences and providing evidence-based recommendations.

#### Structure:

The interactive format is based on three complementary components: a knowledge-building panel discussion with seasoned experts, followed by a live workshop featuring young scholars and grassroots activists, and finally, a related case study of social impact implementation. Training objectives and related materials will be shared in advance to facilitate participation.

#### Program:

##### A. Welcome and introduction | 6min

The organizing partners set the stage for this cooperative session. The representatives are

- Dr. Davies Banda of Generation Amazing
- Heather Wokusch of SDG2030.me
- Dr. Maurício Vieira of UPEACE

##### B. Part 1: UPEACE – Introduction to Human Security and Organized Crime | 25min

Facilitator:

- Dr. Maurício Vieira, Assistant Professor and Head of the Chair on Countering Illicit Trade and Preventing Transnational Organized Crime, UPEACE

Panelists:

- Dr. Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, Dean UPEACE
- Dr. Mariateresa Garrido, Assistant Professor UPEACE
- Dr. Irene Mia, Senior Fellow for Security, Conflict, and Development & Latin America, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

- María Biela Alonso, Regional Officer – STARSOM Project, UNODC

#### C. Part 2: SDG2030.me – Interactive Capacity Building on Human Security

| **25min**

Facilitator:

- Heather Wokusch, Executive Director, SDG2030.me

Panelists:

- Nour Barakeh, Syrian pharmacist, artist, and public administration specialist with lived refugee experience
- Starry Chung, Hong Kong native and intercultural expert with a focus on social and environmental issues
- Afnan Khalid, Sudanese lawyer and civil society activist working on refugee and IDP issues
- Ana Laura Velázquez Moreno, Mexican lawyer with a strong background in gross human rights violations and gender perspective
- Malaika Oringo, Ugandan human rights activist with lived experience in human trafficking and Founder and CEO of the survivor-led Footprint to Freedom (TBC)
- Christian Schmid, Bulgarian lawyer with experience in organized crime areas
- Marwan Yaghi, Palestinian lawyer and human rights activist focused on torture and arbitrary detention

#### D. Part 3: Generation Amazing – Capacity building through co-creation and co-delivery of a hybrid curriculum

| **25min**

Facilitator:

- Dr. Davies Banda, Academic Adviser at Generation Amazing and Director of Learning and Teaching at University of Edinburgh

Panelists:

- Michael Richardson, Master Coach at Generation Amazing
- Reema Chopra, International Master Trainer & Technical Lead for Youths as Agents of Behavior Change (YABC) & Football for Development (F4D) project at IFRC
- TBC, Red Cross/Red Crescent YABC
- TBC, F4D Facilitator / Trainer

E. Joint reflection discussion

| **10min**

Moderator:

- Dr. Maurício Vieira, UPEACE

Panelists:

- UPEACE
- Generation Amazing
- Les Simm, Executive Director, International Forum for Understanding

F. Q&A

| **10min**

Moderator:

- Nancy Houston Ouya, Human rights lawyer and Chevening Scholar at the University of Essex

Panelists:

- UPEACE
- Generation Amazing
- Heather Wokusch, Executive Director, SDG2030.me

G. Concluding remarks

| **4min**

Representatives of UPEACE, Generation Amazing, and SDG2030.me

**Supporting Materials:**

The co-created curriculum developed within this partnership promotes inclusion, engagement, and empowerment of marginalized youth, enabling them to lead social change in their communities. The programme has been delivered by on-ground facilitators trained in Generation Amazing's football for development methodology and the IFRC's Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change initiative toolkit.

**For more information**

- 1) **Launch of the programme:** [Generation Amazing and IFRC launch programme to support youth in four countries | Generation Amazing Foundation](#)
- 2) **Completion of the programme:**
  - Press article: [Generation Amazing and IFRC mark completion of joint programme \(gulf-times.com\)](#)
  - Website article: [Generation Amazing and IFRC mark completion of joint programme | Qatar 2022™](#)