HLPF 2022 SDG Learning Session 10

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, specifically focusing on its impact on human security. 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, which all affect human security and are potential areas for partnerships for capacity building.
Part 2: SDG2030.me (Austria) continues the SDG 17 focus with an interactive workshop reflecting the HLPF topic of the day, “Vision of civil society: Leaving no one behind in recovering better.” Showcased is a social hackathon model aimed at crowd-sourcing 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, and 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 human security and sustainable development.

2. Link the three sessions and respective issue areas to a similar narrative on strengthening human security.

3. 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.

4. Discuss how institutions can work in a collaborative manner to design strategies for capacity building in the field of transnational organized crime.

5. Extend the collaborative-institution approach via a workshop designed to crowd-source North-South, multi-stakeholders and civil society input on action priorities and related solutions in light of the pandemic.

6. Share the replicable workshop’s toolkit and lessons learned in a live format featuring peer-to-peer youth interaction.

7. Innovate intergenerational methods of building SDG capacity in and among overlooked communities from interventions at the local level to encourage policy creation and implementation.

8. Highlight global South-to-South partnerships and mechanisms employed to share expertise and translate effective practices to local area needs.

9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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.

Representatives:

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


Facilitator:

- Dr. Mauricio 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 – Live, interactive capacity-building crowd-sourcing on human trafficking prevention and mitigation | 25min

Facilitator:

- Heather Wokusch, Executive Director, SDG2030.me

Panelists:

- Nour Barakeh, Syrian public administration specialist with lived refugee experience
• Starry Chung, Hong Kong native focused on social, intercultural and environmental issues
• Afnan Khalid, Sudanese lawyer and civil society activist working on refugee and IDP issues
• Ana Laura Velázquez Moreno, Mexican lawyer with emphasis on gross human rights violations and gender perspective
• Christian Schmid, Bulgarian lawyer with experience in handling organized crime topics
• Marwan Yaghi, Palestinian lawyer/human rights activist re. 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, Generation Amazing and Director of Learning and Teaching, University of Edinburgh

Panelists:
• Michael Richardson, Master Coach, Generation Amazing
• Reema Chopra, International Master Trainer & Technical Lead for Youths as Agents of Behavior Change (YABC)&Football for Development (F4D) project, IFRC
• Mrs. Hnin Phyu PhyuMyint - YABC-F4D Trainer & Deputy Director of Organizational Development Department, Myanmar Red Cross Society

E. Joint reflection discussion | 10min

Moderator:
• Dr. Maurício Vieira, UPEACE

Panelists:
• María Biela Alonso, Regional Officer – STARSOM Project, UNODC
• Dr. Davies Banda, Academic Adviser, Generation Amazing and Director of Learning and Teaching, University of Edinburgh
• Les Simm, Executive Director, International Forum for Understanding

F. Q&A | 10min

Moderator:
• Nancy Houston Ouya, Human rights lawyer, Chevening Scholar at the University of Essex

Panelists:
• Dr. Irene Mia, Senior Fellow for Security, Conflict, and Development & Latin America, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)
• Dr. Davies Banda, Academic Adviser, Generation Amazing and Director of Learning and Teaching, University of Edinburgh
• Heather Wokusch, Executive Director, SDG2030.me
Representatives of UPEACE, Generation Amazing and SDG2030.me

Supporting Materials:

Part 1: UPEACE, UNODC and IISS provide academic and policy-oriented contributions based on research and data gathering about organized crime, migrant smuggling, protection of journalists, and gender violence. These resources reflect a multidimensional approach for understanding causes and impacts of organized crime on human security at different levels of society.

For more information

1) UPEACE


Chapter, "Peacebuilding in the OSCE Region—An Analysis of the Juxtaposition Between the Conflict Prevention Center with the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund": [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-77489-9_2](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-77489-9_2)

2) IISS


3) UNODC

STARSOM project website: [STARSOM (unodc.org)](STARSOM (unodc.org))

New project on migrant smuggling: [New Project to Counter Migrant Smuggling (unodc.org)](New Project to Counter Migrant Smuggling (unodc.org))

Bilateral Meeting between Costa Rica and Bangladesh: [Costa Rica and Bangladesh cooperate against migrant smuggling and human trafficking between Asia and America (unodc.org)](Costa Rica and Bangladesh cooperate against migrant smuggling and human trafficking between Asia and America (unodc.org))


Post, “UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section”: [UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section- Gender in the work of HTMSS](UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section- Gender in the work of HTMSS)
Launch of the UNODC/UN Women Gender and Organized Crime Module

4) External publication:


Part 2: SDG2030.me gathers a unique and inclusive constellation of players in showcasing the SDGs every month. Our innovative method for crowd-sourcing solutions is replicable and the toolkit can be freely shared. In this context, SDG2030.me and the International Forum for Understanding (IFOUND) implemented a major event on human trafficking in Vienna in 2021 and will expand the model to London in July 2022.

For more information

1) SDG2030.me

SDG2030.me monthly initiatives: https://sdg2030.me/#monthly

SDG 5 Hub: https://sdg2030.me/sdg5hub

Overview of replicable workshop design and toolkit: https://sdg2030.me/sdg5hub/learning

2) IFOUND and SDG2030.me

The International Forum for Understanding: https://ifound.global

Joint initiatives for the World Day against Human Trafficking in Persons:
. July 2021, Vienna, Austria
  Breaking Free from Human Trafficking: An Interactive Event and Exhibition
  https://ifound.global/trafficking

  The SDGs and Human Trafficking: Lived Experience Leads (art exhibition, educational installation, broadcast event)
  https://ifound.global/0722

Part 3: 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 program 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 program: Generation Amazing and IFRC launch programme to support youth in four countries | Generation Amazing Foundation

2) Completion of the program:
• 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™