



2023 Partnership Exchange

30 January 2023, 08.00 AM - 01.00 PM (EST) (virtually)

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The 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held on 31 January 2023, under the main theme of the 2023 ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), “*Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels*”.

The Partnership Exchange, organized by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs virtually on 30 January 2023, the day prior the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, will provide a space for member States and other stakeholders to share knowledge and expertise in the design and implementation of partnerships that will contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Partnership Exchange will result in a detailed summary, to be submitted to participants of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

More information: <https://sdgs.un.org/PartnershipExchange>

Draft programme

Time (EST)	Session
08.00 AM – 08.05 AM	<i>Participants joining the call</i>
08.05 AM – 08.10 AM	Welcome remarks and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Lotta Tähtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for the Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
08.10 AM - 08.20 AM	Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

08.30 AM - 09.45 AM	<p>Session 1 - Building partnerships for unlocking financing for the SDGs</p> <p>To achieve the SDGs, a new wave of financing strategies and opportunities must be developed to unlock public and private capital. Partnerships are essential to bridge the SDG financing gap and leverage the necessary funds to drive implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>The session will focus on how effective partnerships can be forged to leverage and channel investments for the implementation of the SDGs.</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What in your experience are the key barriers and opportunities for partnerships to access financing? • What are some of the promising innovative approaches to funding and financing partnerships? • What are your insights and learnings on building successful and sustained multi-stakeholder collaborations to unlock financing for the SDGs? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Arif Neki, Senior Advisor, United Nations Strategic, Partnerships Coordinator, SDG Partnership Platform, United Nations Kenya</p> <p><u>Kick-off presentation:</u> Ms. Serena Li, Research Lead, World Resources Institute presents “Unlocking Early-Stage Financing for SDG Partnerships” (10 mins)</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lee Karuri, Trustee, KEPSA Foundation and Chairman of the Finance, Trade and Investments Network of Kenya FINTRINET • Ms. Lisa Kurbiel, Head of Secretariat, Joint SDG Fund • Ms. Marianne Mwaniki, Board Trustee, The Partnership Initiative • Ms. Serena Li, Research Lead, World Resources Institute • Mr. Julio Worman, Programme Analyst, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) • Ms. Abha Thorat-Shah, Executive Director, Social Finance at British Asian Trust
Break	
10.00 AM - 11.15 PM	<p>Session 2 - Building partnerships at the country level to leverage resources from all sectors of society</p>

To bolster effective country driven partnerships for SDG implementation, all stakeholders from various sectors of society must work in unison to leverage resources, knowledge and aspirations needed for transformational change.

This session will provide insights on how multi-stakeholder partnerships can be built at the national level, including through developing national partnership platforms that brokers and catalyzes new multi-stakeholder partnerships for advancing SDG implementation.

Guiding Questions:

- We hear a lot about global or even regional partnerships, but why are partnerships at the national / sub-national level so important to deliver sustainable development?
- What are some of the barriers for engaging different societal sectors in the SDGs and forging multi-sectoral partnerships at the national level?
- How can we more systematically leverage the unique resources of all sectors of society to forge partnerships that deliver impact for the SDGs?
- What are examples of national policies and other public incentives to incentivize and support multi-stakeholder partnerships?
- What are some examples of national partnership platforms as mechanisms to convene stakeholders around key sustainable development issues?

Moderator: Mr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative

Panelists:

- Ms. Shahamin Zaman, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Bangladesh
- Ms. Florence Syevuo, Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies Kenya
- Ms. Priscilla Jazmin Miranda Garcia, Development Coordination Officer, RCO Mexico
- Mr. Carlos Applewhaite, Development Analyst, Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Ms. Celeste Connors, Executive Director, Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub
- Mr. Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat
- Ms. Danielle Jean-Pierre Figueroa, Research and Partnerships Director, ALIARSE

Break	
11.30 AM - 12.45 PM	<p>Session 3 - Unleashing the creativity, knowledge, and energy of youth for multi-stakeholder partnerships</p> <p>Youth are a major force and key actors in achieving the SDGs. Young people have played, and will continue to play, a key role in shaping the implementation of the SDGs through their creativity, knowledge and energy. This session will focus on how to partner with youth to harness their resources in multi-stakeholder partnerships.</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key resources young people can bring into to the development and implementation of partnerships for the SDGs? What are specific examples? • What are the barriers and challenges for involving youth in partnerships for the SDGs? • In practice, what does it take to unleash the energy, creativity and knowledge of youth towards partnerships for the SDGs? • How can we avoid tokenism and create real and meaningful engagement of youth in SDG related partnerships? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Susanne Salz, Project Leader, Partnerships2030</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Christa Schweng, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) • Ms. Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales • Ms. Inés Yábar, Lead Fellow, Next Generation Fellows • Mr. Satish Bidaisee, Professor, St. George’s University, Grenada • Ms. Axelle Bodwell, SIDS Youth Aims Hub Seychelles • Mr. Emmanuel Cosmas Msoka, UNICEF Youth Advocate • Mr. Kimbowa Richard, Programme Manager, Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
12.45 PM - 01.00 PM	<p>Closing and launch of a Partnership Campaign towards the 2023 SDG Summit</p>