



## Informal Spotlight Session

[Informal Spotlight Session 3, “SDG Summit: Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to accelerate sustainable recovery and development”]

31 January 2023, [3:00pm – 4:00pm NY EDT]

### Concept Note

#### Organizers:

United Nations Foundation (lead organizer)

#### Focal point:

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#### Problem statement:

2023 will be a pivotal year for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, as the evidence points to a regression in SDG implementation. According to the [World Bank](#), the pandemic increased global extreme poverty in 2020 to 9.3% from 8.4% in 2019. Pandemic recovery has been uneven, with wealthy countries recovering faster than middle and low income ones. The road to a full recovery requires doubling down on the SDGs. As the midpoint to 2030, the SDG Summit represents an opportunity to recommit to the SDGs, and its success depends on effective and inclusive multistakeholder engagement and momentum building.

#### Objectives:

- Galvanize stakeholder attention towards the SDG Summit.
- Showcase concrete and forward-looking solutions and shine the spotlight on examples of successful SDG implementation.
- Bring forward multistakeholder perspectives to contribute to the process of building
- Reinvigorate commitment towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the central pathway in resilience and sustainable economies and preventing conflict and crises.

### Discussion questions:

- The evidence shows a regression in SDG implementation. Are the SDGs still achievable? What concrete actions need to be taken to get back on track? What successful examples exist?
- The 2022 SDG Summit is a pivotal moment in the road to 2030. How can the SDG Summit unlock a renewed sense commitment towards SDG implementation? How do we ensure effective and multistakeholder engagement in the lead-up and during the SDG Summit?
- We always talk about the need for partnerships. Are there examples of successful partnerships? Most importantly, which partnerships are we not yet seeing?
- At times we get caught up with an SDG tagging or wrapping exercise; however, are we seeing impact that is contributing to SDG implementation but not communicated as such? Are there ecosystems of impact supporting the SDGs that we are unaware of?

### Proposed format:

Hybrid format (CR5 & virtual)

### Speakers/moderator:

- H.E. Ambassador Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN
- Ms. Christa Schweng, President of the European and Economic Social Committee
- Ms. Inés Yábar, UN Foundation Next Generation Lead Fellow
- UN Resident Coordinator (TBC)
- **Moderator:** Ms. Sofia Borges, Senior Vice president and Head of NY Office, UN Foundation

Each session will have maximum 3 speakers, including one youth speaker. After the intervention of each speaker, interactive discussion will follow. Speakers may be connected virtually or in person (UNHQ, NY), while moderator are expected to be present at the venue. For dynamic discussion, speakers are strongly discouraged from having lecture-style presentation using PowerPoint slides.