



Informal Spotlight Session
Bringing accountability to partnership not leaving anyone behind

31 January 2023, 4:15- 5:15 pm, EST

Concept Note

Organizers:

Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (MGOS CM)

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Problem statement:

The session will consider the role of partnerships on a wide range of issues with a view to addressing the deep-seated structural and systemic barriers, including power imbalances among actors, which hinder the efforts towards inclusive sustainable recovery and development.

Objectives:

- to examine partnerships on a wide range of issues to explore its effectiveness and meaningfulness in accelerating recovery from the pandemic and achieving the SDGs with the objective of strengthening partnership.
- to explore the challenging dimensions of partnership-building, such as systemic, structural barriers and asymmetric power dynamics among various actors as well as the role of the UN in facilitating more effective partnerships.
- to present some recommendations on how partnerships can be more accountable and as to what roles the UN could play to promote more results-oriented partnerships and be more effective .

Discussion questions:

How can partnership help achieve the SDGs and the post pandemic recovery?

What are the main challenges facing partnerships today in the context of multiple crises and uncertainties?

How will those challenges be addressed in order to strengthen accountability in partnership?

Proposed format:

The event will be organized in hybrid format with a panel discussion and open dialogue among speakers and the public if time allows.

Speakers/moderator:

Moderator:

Mabel Bianco, Co-chair, Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (MGOS CM)

Keynote speaker at opening

Ambassador Lachezara Stoeva, President of the ECOSOC

Speakers:

- Barbara Adams, Board Chair, Global Policy Forum
- Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director & Secretary to CEB, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)
- Lesley Ann Foster, founder and executive director of Masimanyane, International Network to End Violence Against Women and Girls (INEVAWG), and a Feminists for a People's Vaccine partner.