

ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2023

Tuesday, 31st January 2023

Remarks by Portugal

Madame President,

- At the outset, let me thank you for convening today's Partnership Forum, and stress our full alignment with the statement delivered by Sweden on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.
- Partnerships are at the center of the paradigm shift introduced by the 2030 Agenda. The SDGs will not be accomplished unless we, Member States, partner up amongst us, and with different stakeholders.
- Let me give you one concrete example of how civil society entities in Portugal have come together to mobilize the contributions of local authorities.
- The **SDG-Local Platform**, launched in 2020, aims to mobilize and empower local communities (Municipalities, stakeholders, citizens) for the 2030 Agenda.
- It operates nationwide, and abides by four main principles: i) comprehensiveness; ii) local rooting; iii) connectivity; and iv) access to innovative and rigorous information. Currently there are nearly 500 projects and 1000 good practices on the platform.
- The platform monitors the performance of municipalities in relation to the SDGs' targets through indicators; it maps and disseminates reference projects, as well as good municipal practices; and it reflects and communicates the work done by municipalities. The platform also aims to facilitate the future preparation of Voluntary Municipal Reviews.
- To incentivize the establishment of more projects, the SDG-Local Platform also distinguishes the municipalities with the best performance through three initiatives: i) holding an annual national conference; ii) awarding the *ODS-Local Prize*, and iii) awarding the *ODS-Local Seal*.
- The SDG-Local Platform was born from a partnership between civil society, academic institutions and philanthropies, and it stimulated many more partnerships at the local level. We believe that true progress can only be achieved

through inclusive approaches, and that will be reflected in the Voluntary National Review we will be presenting later this year, at the HLPF.

- Before closing, let me draw your attention to the **side-event** that Portugal is convening with Samoa, IOM, DESA and OHRLLS, later today, on “Addressing the challenges of climate-induced mobility in SIDS through effective partnerships”. You are all most welcome to join us, at 1.15pm, in CR 5.
- Thank you.