

ECOSOC Partnership Forum

TEMPLATE – SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS SUMMARIES

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Summary of Spotlight Session: Providing affordable and quality public services at local level: how can multi-stakeholder partnerships help

31 January 2023, [12:00-13:00 EST]

Background on the event (one paragraph)

The 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum spotlight session on “Providing affordable and quality public services at local level: how can multi-stakeholder partnerships help” organized by United Cities and Local Governments, the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, and Public Services International ensured that local public service provision and local and regional governments were part and parcel of the discussions taking place at the ECOSOC Partnership Forum in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- **Transition from a production-driven to a creative-driven society**
- **Evolution of multilateral system into one that is networked and more democratic, involving all stakeholders**
- **Public service delivery and protection of public workers**
- **Role of social dialogue in fostering partnerships between governments and stakeholders**
- **Local and regional governments’ role in promoting public service delivery**

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- **Social dialogue needs to be at the forefront of partnerships, and is a cornerstone of the protection of service delivery**
- **Strengthening public service delivery and actors that deliver them is critical to achieve the development agendas**
- **Involving all actors in decision-making is key to improve ownership of the agendas, and build trust among communities.**
- **Participation of public workers in public policy recognises their rights and can contribute to a transformed economic model**
- **Collective bargaining and stronger, more democratic governments and workplaces can contribute to a stronger multilateral system.**