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Summary

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SDG Action Segment for Goal 13

Organized as part of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

Summary and recommendations for action

Introduction

The SDG Action Segment for Goal 13, organized as part of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, convened stakeholders from various sectors to explore innovative approaches to accelerate climate action and advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation. With a focus on fostering inclusive, rights-based partnerships, the session aimed to galvanize momentum toward achieving SDG 13 and addressing the disproportionate impact of climate change on marginalized communities, particularly Indigenous Peoples and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) populations.

Background and Objectives

Climate action is integral to the 2030 Agenda, and targeted partnerships are crucial in accelerating progress across multiple Sustainable Development Goals. People and ecosystems are inseparable. At times, solutions being implemented to address the climate crisis exacerbate the adverse impacts that Indigenous Peoples and other marginalized communities are facing brought about by development imposed in their territories. The session aimed to highlight partnership approaches that employ innovative strategies to advance climate action, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and key multilateral environmental agreements, while emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and rights-based approaches. Key objectives included showcasing successful initiatives, amplifying the voices of marginalized groups, and identifying key messages and recommendations to scale up impactful multi-stakeholder partnerships.

Key Issues Discussed

Throughout the SDG Action Segment for Goal 13, participants engaged on critical issues surrounding partnerships for climate action. Panelists emphasized the interconnected nature of climate action as well as what still needs to be done to avoid missing opportunities to use these interconnections to advance the achievement of multiple Sustainable Development Goals. They highlighted successful initiatives, such as community-based disaster response and management and climate-resilient agricultural practices and partnerships focused on marginalized communities, showcasing the transformative potential of targeted collaborations. They also identified systemic issues hindering potential replication of these initiatives, and suggested pathways to address these.

A significant focus was placed on the challenges associated with securing sufficient finance for climate adaptation and resilience projects. Participants discussed strategies to mobilize resources effectively while addressing the current limitations in accessing climate finance. Leveraging data to

accelerate global climate action emerged as another key theme, with discussions centering on data-driven approaches to address climate challenges and enhance decision-making processes.

The session shed light on the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable groups, including Indigenous Peoples and people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, gender characters, and sexual expressions (SOGIESC). Panelists highlighted the urgent need to address the specific needs of these communities through collaborative partnerships that integrate their perspectives and experiences into climate action initiatives. Additionally, human rights issues in climate-related infrastructure projects were discussed, underscoring the importance of including vulnerable populations' voices and experiences in decision-making processes.

Key Messages and Policy Recommendations

Inclusive climate partnerships, anchored on respect for human rights and Indigenous and local knowledge, are essential for disaster risk reduction and building resilience to climate change. Efforts should be made to ensure the meaningful inclusion of and direct partnership with marginalized groups, including Indigenous Peoples and LGBTI populations, in climate crisis actions and partnerships.

Effective partnerships are catalysts for fostering policy frameworks vital for sustainable development. These frameworks should extend beyond technological solutions to include access to climate services and information, thereby empowering communities to participate in climate action initiatives actively.

Meaningful youth engagement in climate policy-making processes is critical and greater efforts must be made to involve young people in decision-making at all levels, including within UN processes. The COP28 Global Youth Statement could be useful for this purpose.

Tech companies play a vital role alongside governments, civil society, and international organizations, in driving innovation and scaling up climate solutions, exemplified by initiatives leveraging AI and satellite imagery to prevent climate disasters and enhance resilience.

Key Messages for the 2024 HLPF Thematic Review

The SDG Action Segment for Goal 13 emphasized key messages and policy recommendations essential for informing the 2024 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) thematic review. Participants highlighted promising partnerships for advancing SDG implementation, supporting synergies with other goals, and accelerating progress through deeper collaboration among governments, civil society, the private sector, and international organizations.

Inclusive climate partnerships, anchored on respect for human rights and Indigenous and traditional knowledge, is crucial for disaster risk reduction and resilience-building. The meaningful inclusion of and direct partnership with marginalized groups, including Indigenous Peoples and LGBTI populations, is vital for addressing the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable communities.

Effective partnerships are catalysts for fostering policy frameworks essential for sustainable development. These frameworks should include access to climate services and information, empowering communities to participate in climate action initiatives actively. Youth engagement in climate policy-making processes is critical, and young people should be meaningfully involved in decision-making.

The session's insights and recommendations, combined with the rapporteur's statement, underscored the urgency of climate action and the importance of inclusive partnerships in achieving SDG 13. These messages will be shared in a detailed report to be included in the forum's outcome report for Member States, fostering continued collaboration towards a more sustainable future.