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Session

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**CONCEPT NOTE**

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## **Background**

In the era of SDG implementation, we are all partners and beneficiaries. Transformational partnerships require multiple actors to bring together essential complementary resources, especially knowledge and data sharing. When combined, these resources create the levers required to transform systems from an unsustainable, undesired state to a more sustainable state that continues to provide benefits without continuous external inputs.

Achieving system transformation through multi-stakeholder partnerships requires a deep understanding of the intricacies involved in aligning diverse interests towards common, ambitious goals. The complexity of these partnerships often lies in effectively pooling resources, capabilities, and perspectives that no single entity could marshal on its own.

## **Challenge and objective**

The primary challenge this session addresses is the formation of system-transformative partnerships that leverage the strengths and resources of various stakeholders to achieve outcomes that individual efforts cannot reach.

This session will guide participants through the stages of developing such partnerships, emphasizing the alignment of interests, broad and deep stakeholder engagement, defining a shared vision, identifying incentives, and establishing win-win scenarios. The goal is to equip participants with the understanding, frameworks, and tools necessary to initiate and sustain partnerships capable of driving system-wide transformation.

## **Solutions**

The session will introduce a range of tools, solutions, examples, and guidance materials related to partnership building and stakeholder engagement.

## Format and audience

This interactive virtual session will last two hours and will include presentations, and a case study. Participants will engage in breakout sessions for hands-on experience in developing a partnership. The intended audience comprises stakeholders from various sectors who are actively involved in or are seeking to initiate large-scale transformational projects, such as government officials, business leaders, and representatives from non-profits and civil society. These participants are expected to bring a basic understanding of SDG-related challenges and a commitment to collaborative, impactful action.

## Resources

- 2023 Agenda Partnership Accelerator Partnership Learning Centre, <https://partnershipaccelerator.org/library/>
- Partnerships2030, <https://partnerschaften2030.de/en/>

## More and registration

For more information and to sign up to attend, please visit:  
<https://sdgs.un.org/2024/SDGsinPractice>

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## Programme

Time	Item
08.00 – 08.05 AM	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brief introduction by the organizers</li><li>- Overview of the agenda and objectives for the session</li></ul>
08.05 – 08.15 AM	<b>The Power of Partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Engagement Exercise</li></ul>
08.15 – 09.00 AM	<b>The Challenge – Let’s Transform through Partnering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction to Partnership Theory (10 mins)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the Issue to Tackle (5 mins)</li> <li>- Breakout Rooms for Designing a Partnership (30 mins), max 6 per group.</li> <li>- Group Reflections (20 mins)</li> </ul>
09.25 – 09.45 AM	<p><b>The Road to Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflection on Key Hinderances to Effective Collaboration</li> <li>- Presentation on Success Factors for Partnerships, including Self-Evaluation Tool</li> </ul>
09.45 – 10.00 AM	<p><b>The Road Ahead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wrap up &amp; Partnership Resources</li> </ul>

## SDGs in Practice

The SDG Learning, Training and Practice (or **SDGs in Practice** for short) is a series of capacity-building and knowledge-learning training sessions focused on essential topics related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, held annually as a Special Event in the margins of the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The training sessions are facilitated by the New York Office of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

The SDG in Practice aims to:

- Facilitate the acquisition by a wide range of practitioners of knowledge and skills needed for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Foster networking opportunities, encouraging the sharing of experiences and collaboration among peers.
- Provide insights into practical actions, tools, and innovative solutions for SDG implementation.