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Session

Partnership building and multi-stakeholder engagement for the 2030 Agenda

SPECIAL EVENTS

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

9 July 2024
08:00 AM – 10:00 AM (EDT)
Held virtually

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SUMMARY

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<u>Summary</u>

Insightful Actions and Innovative Solutions

- The session highlighted the importance of **multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSPs)** in tackling complex issues such as rising obesity and diabetes rates among children.
- **Innovative exercises** were conducted to illustrate the power of collaboration. An ice-breaker quiz showcased famous partnerships, emphasizing the strength found in unity and cooperation.
- Participants were divided into **breakout rooms** to design partnerships aimed at improving children's nutrition. This exercise showcased how different stakeholders, such as government ministries, local media, farmers, and UN agencies, can bring unique resources and perspectives to address a common goal.
- **Key initiatives discussed** included leveraging local media for advocacy, incorporating nutritional education in school curricula, and engaging farmers to shift to more nutritious crops.

Enhanced Knowledge and Skills

Key Learnings:

- **Stakeholder Mapping**: Participants learned the importance of identifying and involving relevant stakeholders who can contribute effectively to partnership goals.
- **Communication Skills**: Emphasis was placed on establishing a common language and respectful dialogue among partners from different sectors.
- **Context Analysis**: Understanding the social and political context was highlighted as crucial for aligning strategies and preventing duplication of efforts.
- **Leadership and Responsibility**: Participants developed skills in creating core groups and ensuring high-level support to drive partnership initiatives forward.

Practical Skills:

- Designing effective partnerships by combining resources from various stakeholders.
- Conducting context and stakeholder analyses to identify key players and resources.
- Creating frameworks for action, defining objectives, and ensuring shared responsibility among partners.
- Addressing power imbalances and fostering trust within partnerships.

Expanded Network and Collaboration

- The session facilitated networking through **interactive exercises** and **breakout room discussions**.
- Participants from diverse backgrounds, including government, private sector, academia, and civil society, had the opportunity to connect and discuss potential collaborations.
- **Case studies and examples** provided during the session illustrated successful partnerships, inspiring participants to consider similar approaches in their contexts.

Plans for Maintaining Connections:

- Participants were encouraged to use the resources and tools provided to **initiate and sustain partnerships**.
- Follow-up sessions and continued engagement through the **Partnership Accelerator and TPI** were recommended to maintain momentum and support ongoing collaboration.

Resources

- **Partnership Accelerator Website**: Offers comprehensive guidance, case studies, and learning modules.
- **Partnerships 2030 Self-Assessment Tool**: A tool to evaluate the development status of MSPs and plan further steps.
- **SDG Partnership Guidebook** - A central resource for understanding and implementing effective SDG partnerships.
- **Unite to Ignite Report**: A detailed analysis on accelerating the power of partnerships for SDGs.
- **TPI Knowledge Center**: Includes guidebooks, partnership tools, and research reports.
- **Web-Based Training by Partnerships 2030**: Self-paced training available in multiple languages, covering the basics of MSPs.

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