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## 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum Side Event

*Unleashing the power of public-private philanthropy partnerships for transformational development*

4<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, 08:00 – 09:00 EST, Online

Organized by: The Partnering Initiative, WINGS, UN DESA

### **Background on the event**

This side event explored the power of people-centric public-private-philanthropy partnerships (PPPPs) in delivering systemic change. The event featured the Laudes Foundation-initiated Regenerative Production Landscape Collaborative (RPLC) operating in Tanzania, Pakistan, Brazil, and India. RPLC aims to transform agricultural landscapes into sustainable ecosystems, improve production systems and environmental health, and connect farmers to international value chains. A panel discussion highlighted the catalytic role of philanthropy, enablers and barriers to multi-stakeholder collaboration, and strategies for scaling up systemic partnerships more effectively.

### **Key Issues discussed**

- **Multi-stakeholder collaboration:** The role of government, private sector, civil society, and philanthropy in partnerships for systemic change.
- **How the RPLC Model:**
  - Facilitates systems change, delivering environmental and social benefits by increasing the resilience of farming systems for the long term
  - Mitigates risk and creates win-win outcomes through its participatory model.
- **Philanthropy as a catalyst:** The critical role of philanthropic funding and convening in initiating and sustaining transformational partnerships.

- **The role of government:** The need for policy alignment, regulatory support, and funding to enable long-term sustainability.
- **Barriers to collaboration:** Limited domestic philanthropic engagement, regulatory constraints, and short-term funding cycles.

### **Key recommendations for action**

- **Partnerships across sectors are challenging** – they don't just happen: All organisations need to invest in their strategy and institutional capacity to partner and invest in the process of partnership development;
- **Strengthen long-term investment:** Encourage philanthropic organisations and governments to commit to funding beyond the usual annual funding cycles.
- **Build partnering capacity:** Invest in partnership training and capacity-building programs to equip stakeholders with the skills, frameworks, and governance structures needed for effective collaboration. Strengthening these capabilities reduces risk, enhances investment viability, and fosters long-term, high-impact partnerships.
- **Leverage philanthropy for systemic transformation:** Use philanthropy beyond its role as a funder to bring different sectors together, build trust, and de-risk investments.
- **Utilise blended finance:** Combine public, private, and philanthropic capital to drive sustainable, scalable solutions that generate economic and social value.
- **Develop enabling policies and incentives:** Governments should create regulatory frameworks that facilitate partnerships, provide tax incentives, and support sustainable investment.