

# Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for the 2030 Agenda

## How to improve and review their contributions

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# Structure

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The UN and multi-stakeholder partnerships:

- history and mandate
  - UN fit for purpose – lessons learned?
  - role of HLPF Partnership Exchange and other fora
  - build integrated architecture and coherent process
- plus
- evidence from national-level platforms
- multi-level platforms to improve & review partnerships

# UNGA Resolution (A/RES/70/224) “Towards global partnerships”



Definition: “voluntary and collaborative relationships between various parties, both public and non-public, in which all participants agree to work together to achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific task and, as mutually agreed, to share risks and responsibilities, resources and benefits”

## Mandate for UN:

- “discuss best practices and ways to improve (...) transparency, accountability and the sharing of experiences (...) the review and monitoring of those partnerships”
- “develop (...) a common and systemic approach”



- 2002: World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg
  - 2012: **CSD Partnership Database** listed 349 partnerships
  - Effectiveness: mixed record > Legitimacy: controversial
  - **2030 Agenda/SDG 17** on means of implementation:  
“complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the SDGs ...”
- >> lessons learned and how to proceed?

# UN & Partnerships for Sustainable Development

1. **Building** multi-stakeholder partnerships
2. **Reviewing** partnerships' contributions
3. **Learning**, improving, up-scaling (review = means)

>> UN fit for purpose?



# Multi-stakeholder Partnerships - UN fit for purpose?



SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THROUGH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS - ENSURING THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

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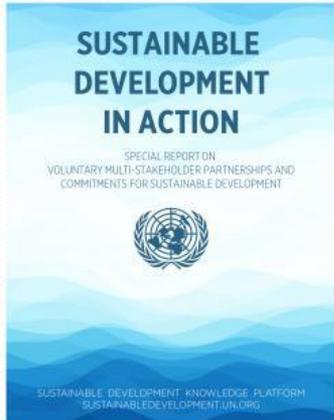


## PARTNERSHIPS FOR SDGs

[sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships)

REGISTER YOUR INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Commit to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UNITED NATIONS CENTRAL PLATFORM FOR THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF  
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

# High-level political forum



***Resolution 67/290, July 2013, para 8c, and A2030, Sept. 2015, para 84:***

- central role of *overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes*
- *[Reviews] shall provide a platform for partnerships*

***Purpose:***

- *review* partnership *contributions* (analyze *success conditions*) to
  - share *knowledge* among partnerships, inspire new ones
  - secure *lessons learned* for UN and inform HLPF's “*political guidance*” for future partnerships
- establish *evolving “learning” framework* on partnerships

# Reporting = evidence base for reviews

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## SDG-relevant partnerships and voluntary initiatives

- *Voluntary registration & self-reporting* through annual progress reports to “Partnerships for SDGs” online platform
  - SMART criteria; validity, reliability and analytical quality of information?
  - proposal for voluntary common reporting guidelines for major groups and other stakeholders to report to the HLPF on their implementation efforts
- *HLPF Partnership Exchange* discusses reports, success and failure cases (mapping *plus* analytical evaluation)

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## UN-led partnerships

- *Mandatory reporting* to UNGA/ECOSOC/HLPF
  - *ECOSOC Partnership Forum* could discuss lessons learned and evaluate the effectiveness of guidelines and policy frameworks
- **Add: Synthesis report** by UNDESA or independent expert (panel) as comprehensive and digestible input for HLPF

## Also mainstream → other review fora and templates

- ***National Voluntary Reviews***
- ***Thematic Reviews***
- ***FfD Forum***
- ***STI Forum*** (Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation)
- ***SIDS Partnership Framework***
- ***Business, civil society, independent third-party reports***

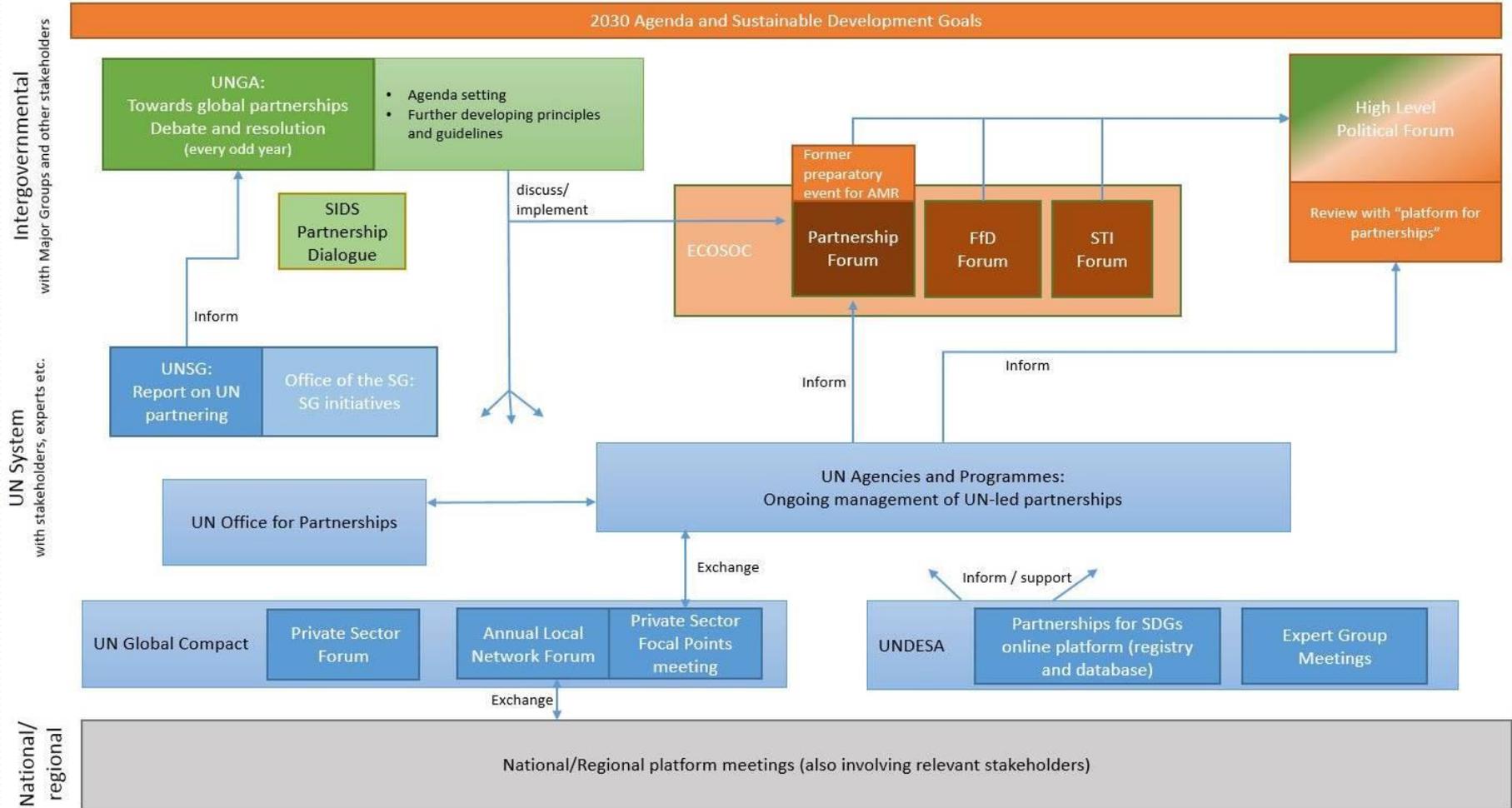


### → ***HLPF political guidance:***

evaluate reports and other input and reflect in ministerial declaration on future tasks in terms of criteria or guidelines for transformative partnerships for implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

# UN integrated architecture and coherent process

## Partnerships for sustainable development and the United Nations: Current state



# Add evidence on partnerships' national and local level impact ... leaving no one behind



Local capacity development  
in urban informal settlements





## ***Local project management:***

- participatory bottom-up approach
  - continuous monitoring
  - adaptive best-fit design and flexible customizing of services
  - capacity development measures and building sustainable long-term business case for local actors
- Partnerships need to be **learning institutions** to fit the task
- **National-level platforms** can support this
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# Multi-level Platforms to review & improve partnerships

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- **multi-level and multi-stakeholder**  
effectively interact, include those often left behind
- **tasks:**
  - registration and mapping
  - convening and facilitating, enhancing partnering capacities, knowledge sharing and coordinating
  - (templates for) reporting, evaluations and (peer) reviews
  - support members to improve performance
- **challenges:** secure funding and stay relevant

# SWP Thank you!



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- Ola Göransson: UN online platform „Partnerships for SDGs“
- Mike Wisheart: National platforms

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