

Side Event Concept Note

GPEDC side event at Post-2015 negotiations: Means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development

MORE THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTNERS: A DIALOGUE ON MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Monday, 20 April 2015, 13:15 – 14:45pm, Conference Room 11, United Nations, New York

Background:

Multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSHPs) are increasingly recognised as a necessary instrument for the implementation of development goals beyond 2015. The UNSG’s synthesis report emphasises the importance of inclusive partnerships as a “key feature of implementation at all levels: global, regional, national and local”. The Monterrey Consensus gravitates around the need for partnerships in order to achieve development, and the Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa confirms the imperative of establishing multi-stakeholder partnerships for development as an essential enabler for leveraging different types of co-operation including public and private flows, both domestic and international, for the implementation of the SDGs.

As the international community devises an ambitious global development framework calling for the mobilisation of a broad array of resources, there is need for strong partnerships to effectively manage the diversity of finance, resources and partners critical to achieving development progress going forward. The effective implementation of the post-2015 agenda will require an inclusive multi-actor dialogue that brings together governments, private businesses, civil society, philanthropists and academics, among others. All stakeholders should rally around the implementation of the SDGs and take responsibility for their own role in the process.

Objectives:

Knowledge on partnerships that actually work and provide the right incentives to all partners to engage and contribute to results is fragmented. This high-level event will serve to have an open debate on inclusive MSHPs. It provides an opportunity to identify the ingredients for successful partnerships for development. The event will also allow for the identification of confirmed good practices and lessons learned on what works and what does not work with MSHPs while assessing challenges and recognising areas for further improvement.

As a knowledge hub for experience on effective development, the GPEDC aims to benefit from the insights gained within this event.

Format and Participation:

Panellists will discuss what they consider to be necessary ingredients for MSHPs. The goal of the session is not to showcase success scenarios but to provide concrete examples and insights on what is needed to make a partnership work across a wide range of actors, using new and more traditional tools, while looking into leveraging existing partners further. There will also be room to learn from more or less positive experiences with MSHPs for development. This exchange of views is expected to lead to a discussion on how MSHPs can contribute to effective development at country level, and where some challenges remain. Minister Ploumen will then sum up the key messages and insights from the discussion. A moderator will ensure short, to-the-point pitches (5-7 minutes) and seek contributions from the audience.

Hosts

- Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

Speakers

- Jorge Montaña Martínez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
- Winnie Byanyima, Director, Oxfam International
- Parag Gupta, Founder/CEO, Waste Capital Partners Inc.
- Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York
- Dr. Zia Khan, Vice President for Initiatives and Strategy at the Rockefeller Foundation (*TBC*)

Moderator

- Karel J.G. van Oosterom, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York (*TBC*)