Encouraging partnerships and collaborative work for a sustainable future

The role of the United Nations
The need for partnership

- Given the scale, complexity and interconnectedness of the SDGs, a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach will be indispensable for success.

- This means that meaningful multi-stakeholder partnership has to become the default option in the design, implementation, financing and evaluation of development solutions.
Partnership is in the DNA of the UN

We live in a complex world. The United Nations cannot succeed alone. Partnership must continue to be at the heart of our strategy. We should have the humility to acknowledge the essential role of other actors, while maintaining full awareness of our unique convening power.

Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Some examples...
Green growth knowledge platform
www.greengrowthknowledge.org

KNOWLEDGE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET
What is it about?

• Global network of experts and organizations dedicated to providing the policy, business, and finance communities with knowledge, guidance, data, and tools to transition to an inclusive green economy.

• Green Growth Knowledge Platform

• Green Industry Platform

• Green Finance Platform

UN entities involved

• UNEP (UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM)

• UNIDO (UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION)

• WORLD BANK
Impact in the Americas

• The project allowed to identify and tackle causes of deforestation in the production chain
• Design sustainable production alternatives with local communities: sustainable meat production
• To identify markets willing to invest in sustainable products
• Train local producers to improve their presence in international trade fairs and
• Create inclusive and equal quality employment opportunities
• Promote public-private partnerships
Global Alliance on SDG 16
www.un-globalalliance.org

FOR PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

WHO WE ARE
What is it about?

• Coordinating platform for Member States, private sector, civil society and UN entities to work together for peace, justice and strong institutions

• Supports governments in uniting diverse stakeholders to set, achieve, monitor and report progress on SDG 16+: the peace, justice and strong institutions that underpin all SDGs.

UN entities involved

• OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNODC, UN-Women
Impact in the Americas

• Supported global process on consultations to gather multistakeholder voices on SDG 16 the lead up to the High-Level Political Forum 2019 where SDG 16 was one of the in-focus goals. This included technical consultations for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama in April 2019.
UN Disability Partnership

Leaving no one behind

We work towards a society for all

The UNPRPD is a joint United Nations initiative to advance the rights of persons with disabilities

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What is it about?

• Unique platform that brings together UN system, governments and civil society to advance the rights of persons with disabilities

• Supports the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) by facilitating policy-dialogue, coalition-building and capacity-development at country, regional and global level

• Mobilized over 30 million USD but leveraged much more. Supported joint programmes in 38 countries

UN entities involved

• ILO, OHCHR, UNDESA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, WHO
Impact in the Americas

• Supported programmes in Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru

• These programmes are covering a wide spectrum of areas from labor inclusion of persons with disabilities, to gender-based violence against women with disabilities, to early childhood care for children with disabilities
Parliamentary perspective
Focal points of partnership

As representatives of the people, parliaments are in a unique position to be the focal points of partnership...

• ... as a way to strengthen capacity
• ... as a way to counter disenchantment
Key partnership directions

- **Citizen outreach**
  Strategies to improve parliament-citizen interface

- **Partnerships for oversight**
  Stronger collaboration with SAIs, NHRIs, anticorruption institutions

- **Partnerships for evidence-based policy**
  Stronger collaboration with NSOs, academia and other knowledge-generating institutions
Possible UN support

• UNDP has a long history of working in collaboration with institutions like ParlAmericas and others to promote stronger parliament-citizen interfaces through mechanisms such as:
  - LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LAW-MAKING
  - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OFFICES
  - PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - CITIZEN ASSEMBLIES
  - DIGITAL PLATFORMS
  - CO-CREATION LABS

• But beyond that, the UN system as a whole can leverage its existing relations and convening power to support the construction of institutional bridges
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!