

Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDGs

Workshop: Validating Guidelines for

Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDG Implementation

28 & 29 November 2017, Meeting Room E, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

Background

The 2030 Agenda calls for a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships are expected to play an increasingly important role in the implementation of the SDGs. Furthermore, Goal 17 seeks to encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

The United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) are currently developing guidelines on multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSP) for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. The main focus of the guidelines is to provide a practical guidance for ESCAP member States, policy makers and practitioners to build and sustain an effective MSP aimed at supporting progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The guidelines will help governments to identify, build and maintain partnerships to overcome challenges along the SDG implementation policy cycle. The guidelines will respond to the evidence-based assessment of the current performance of MSP and challenges faced in the region to achieve progress on the 2030 Agenda and will provide practical a step-by-step guidance to build and sustain effective MSP.

While the primary target group for the guidelines is government officials at the national level, they will be relevant to other stakeholders from civil society organizations (CSO), knowledge institutes, philanthropy and the private sector.

The regional guidelines are closely aligned with global efforts to guide partnership building.

Objectives

The objectives of the validation workshop are:

- To introduce the guidelines for multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSP) for SDG implementation being developed jointly by ESCAP and the UN University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), and
- To validate and complement issues identified in the guidelines such as needs, challenges, bottlenecks, good practices and other elements related to the process of implementing a successful MSP in the region.

Participants

- Government representatives involved in implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Civil society organisations
- Practitioners and academia and knowledge institutes
- Private sector

Programme

| Day 1: Tuesday 28 November Meeting Room E, UNCC | |
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| Time | Session |
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 09:30 | Opening remarks Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP Prof. Norichika Kanie, Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS (recorded message) |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Introduction of participants and group discussion: “what a successful partnership looks like in the context of the 2030 Agenda” |
| 10:00-10:15 | Coffee break |
| 10:15 -12:00 | Session 1: SDG-related Challenges and the need for MSPs Presentation: Why can Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships accelerate transformative changes needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda in Asia-Pacific, Caridad Canales, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP Group Activity: Identifying SDG challenges and the role of MSPs in addressing these challenges, Ms. Stella Pfisterer, Research Associate, The Partnerships Resource Centre Plenary discussion |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00-14:30 | Session 2: Challenges to MSPs Group Activity: What impede the formulation and implementation of a successful MSPs, Ms. Stella Pfisterer, Research Associate, The Partnerships Resource Centre Plenary discussion |
| 14:30-14:45 | Coffee break |
| 14:45-16:30 | Session 3: Critical success factors for MSPs Group discussion Question to be discussed: From your experience, what are the key success factors when working in partnerships? Presentation: Critical success factors for MSPs: preliminary findings, Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Plenary discussion |
| 16:30 -17:00 | Summary & Reflection Day 1 Presentation: Reflection of the day and main messages, Natalie Harms, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP |
| 17:30 – 19:30 | SDG Week Reception Ground floor reception hall |

| Day 2: Wednesday 29 November Meeting Room E, UNCC | |
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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome and Reflections on Day 1 Mr. Noboru Zama, UNU-IAS |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Session 4: MSP Framework for SDG implementation in the Asia and Pacific Presentation: MSP process for SDG implementation, Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Q&A session |
| 10:15- 10:30 | Coffee break |
| 10:30-11:30 | Session 5: Initiating MSPs for SDGs Presentation: What to take into consideration when starting a MSP in the Asia-Pacific region? Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Group discussion in breakout groups |
| 11:30-12:30 | Session 6: Formalizing MSPs for SDGs Presentation: What to take into consideration when formalizing a MSP in the Asia-Pacific region, Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Group Activity: Working towards agreement, Ms. Stella Pfisterer, Research Associate, The Partnerships Resource Centre Plenary discussion |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch break |
| 13:30-14:30 | Session 7: Implementing MSPs for SDGs Presentation: What to consider when implementing a MSP in the Asia-Pacific region, Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Group discussion in breakout groups |
| 14:30-15:30 | Session 8: Evaluating MSPs for SDGs Presentation: What to consider when evaluating a MSP and decide on its future, Dr. Mahesti Okitasari Research Associate, UNU-IAS and Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Lead Consultant, UNU-IAS Group discussion in breakout groups |
| 15:30-15:45 | Coffee Break |
| 15:45-16:30 | Session 9: Looking Forward Next steps to develop the guideline and resources for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships in Asia-Pacific, Caridad Canales and Natalie Harms, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP Group discussion in breakout groups |
| 16:30-17:00 | Closing ESCAP and UNU-IAS |