



Challenges and Opportunities of Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

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MSPs and MSDs

- **MSPs: differentiation by purpose**
→ **dialogue as one possible purpose**
- **Differentiation by nature of communication**
→ **dialogue as one possible form**



Multi-stakeholder Processes ...

... are processes of decision-finding (and possibly decision-making) that aim to:

- bring together all major stakeholders in equitable representation;**
- achieve equity and accountability in communication between stakeholders;**
- are based on democratic principles of transparency and participation.**



Governance

MSPs:

- a new phenomenon in governance**
- responding to the need for inclusion and effectiveness**
- implying significant changes in institutional and political culture**



Different Kinds of MSPs

- **Scale:** global – local
- **Issues**
- **Participants**
- **Linkage to official decision-making**
- **Scope:** from dialogue to collaborative action (partnerships) to joint M&E



Principal Benefits

- **Quality**
- **Credibility**
- **Likelihood of implementation**
- **Outreach**

- **Democratic development; conflict prevention**



Principal Risks

- Undue & biased stakeholder influence
- Lack of transparency towards the outside
- Reputational risk of suboptimal processes
- Participants & their constituencies drifting apart
- Dialogue fatigue



Strengthen the Movement

- **MSPs as a political movement**
- **Strengthen networks, exchange experiences, share learning**