



**Welcoming Remarks by
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Your Excellency Mr. Lykketoft, President of the General Assembly,

Your Royal Highness, Princess Haya,

Excellences, distinguished delegates and participants,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the Economic and Social Council Partnership Forum on the theme “From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda”.

In September last year, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



We committed ourselves to eradicating poverty, fighting inequality and injustice, and tackling climate change by 2030. This transformative agenda integrates the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships will be key for the implementation of 2030 Agenda.

Governments, the United Nations system, civil society, private sector, philanthropic community and academia must break down traditional silos for more and better cross-sectoral decision-making and solutions.

Partnerships must leverage the interlinkages between their goals and targets to enhance their effectiveness and impact. This morning's dialogue will explore ways to accomplish this task.

Distinguished Delegates,



We need multi-stakeholder partnerships that complement national efforts and the work of the United Nations system.

The partnerships, especially those led by the United Nations, must be transparent and accountable, and respect the values, mandates and principles of the international body.

Monitoring and review mechanisms for such partnerships would be important for ensuring they deliver the expected results.

The Economic and Social Council is mandated to serve as the platform to review global partnerships.

The Council engages non-governmental actors in the work of the United Nations and coordinates the activities of the United Nations development system.



Since 2008, the Council has placed increased its emphasis on ways to mobilize partnerships in support of the international development agenda.

As such, it is uniquely situated to provide guidance on partnership initiatives or commitments to support the implementation of UN mandates.

This afternoon's discussion will explore these issues, which I hope will help deepen our thinking of what is required to improve transparency and accountability of partnerships.

This is also what the General Assembly, in its resolution 70/224, has requested of the Council.

Distinguished Delegates,

Transforming our vision of “leaving no one behind” into action can help achieve the goals that we all share and build a better world for all.



Our strength is in our collective will to bring about innovative solutions to the many pressing global development challenges facing us all.

I look forward to a fruitful dialogue and thought-provoking proposals on how multi-stakeholder partnerships can help to advance the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you for your attention.