

## UN @ 70 – A New Commitment to Action

### High-level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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*Partnerships for SDG implementation*

Realizing the ambitious, transformational and universal 2030 Agenda will require tapping into a more varied set of partnerships with all stakeholders as stated in Sustainable Development Goal 17. This session will address “how” new partnerships could be formed and existing partnership refined or scaled up, and “who” may be key partners to enable Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) implementation.

#### Meeting objective

- Articulate the qualities of partnerships that may enable innovative solutions to achieving the SDGs.

#### Format

This session will combine presentations and interactive discussion over the course of a two hour- lunch.

#### Focus

This High Level luncheon will focus on the potential for scaling up existing partnerships, especially in their transition from MDGs to SDGs, and provide new opportunities for public-private engagement in relation to the 2030 Agenda. To this end the latest research on the economic case for the SDGs and tools on how to incorporate the SDG framework into strategies will be shared. Heads of States and Governments, leader from civil society, philanthropy and the business sector, among others will have the opportunity to discuss how to carry out partnerships responsibly in accordance with transparent, inclusive and accountable frameworks. Finally new partnerships around the SDGs may be inspired.

#### Key Question:

- What are essential qualities of partnerships that may enable innovative solutions to achieving the SDGs.

Elements for consideration:

1. How can civil society, the public and private sector and other stakeholders work together in partnership to adroitly and meaningfully implement the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda?
2. What can governments do to support the development of responsible business and investment practices to align with the SDG financing needs?
3. How can companies engage with governments, stakeholders, and the UN to contribute to implementation of the SDGs? What market and investment opportunities emerge from the SDGs?
4. How can partnerships be built that work across different SDGs and contribute to other SDGs while still being impactful?
5. How can partnerships developed for implementing the MDGs and climate goals be transitioned to become universal and instrumental for addressing the SDGs.

*Note: High Level Partnership Lunch for invited guests only*