



The institutionalisation of the Multistakeholder SDGS advisory bodies to catalyse the SDGs delivery in Africa (SDG 17)

Proposed Date: 02 March 2022 Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm ; Medium: Virtual

Context:

This side event aims to foster learning and exchange between selected African countries on the institutionalisation of the Multistakeholder SDG advisory bodies and garner political support at national and regional levels. The side event is being organised by the African working group of the Global Forum for SDGs advisory bodies. And it will focus on the status of the MSP processes in Africa and give a strategic overview of the MSP architecture in seven participating countries (Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Benin).

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development commits to multistakeholder partnerships; this is mainly reflected in Target 17.16: “ Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multistakeholder partnerships that mobilise and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries”.

Multistakeholder Platforms (MSPs) have the potential to be catalysts for delivery on the 2030 Agenda by promoting a whole-of-society approach for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and could therefore act as national champions to accelerate action. MSPs can advise their respective national governments, provide knowledge quickly and straightforwardly, generate learning from their international partnerships, provide impulses for local initiatives and generally support their governments as strong knowledge partners.

Therefore, this working group aims to illustrate how MSPs can provide continuous support for SDG delivery for their national governments. It is envisaged and highly desirable to open the process for more regional actors in the future. As implementation of SDGs is a government responsibility and is taking place at the national level, this working group will contribute to meaningful replication of MSP approaches and bridging communities to accelerate implementation during the decade of action.

Objective: The side event aims to facilitate learning and exchange on the institutionalisation of MSP in Africa and seeks to strengthen the political buy-in at a regional level. The discussion will focus on findings on MSP status reports, including

1. How do current governance architecture, national sustainable development policy processes and existing stakeholder groups collaborate?
2. What is the role of an MSP-advisory body in the existing puzzle of institutions and policy processes?
3. What has been the experiences of the advisory bodies in trying to implement the SDGs using a whole-society approach?

Co applicants and panellists: Members of the Global Forum for SDG advisory bodies

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