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Dear Global Forum members and friends,

We are delighted to tell you that the new Global Forum website is now live! This has been taking all of our time, which is why this is only a short newsletter, but we are excited to share this with you and get your feedback.

You can access the new website by following this [link](#).

We also want to thank members so much for sharing your organisational profiles – we hope you like how we are showcasing them. In case you would like us to make any changes, please let us know at info@sdgglobalforum.org. We are also waiting for a few more members to provide their information for the full profile.

We invite all members and friends to explore the website and take advantage of its features. You can contribute by writing engaging content such as blogs to be featured in our [news section](#) or adding your own events to be showcased on the website through [this page](#).

In the subsequent pages of this newsletter, we will introduce you to a new 'How to...' guide (page 4), share details about upcoming Global Forum events at HLPF (pages 2 and 3), and take a moment to reflect on the insightful Partnerships Campaign workshop held in May (page 4).

We will arrange an HLPF debriefing session in early September to hear from those who were at HLPF and discuss the upcoming SDF Summit. Watch out for a diary invitation soon and we hope to see you there!

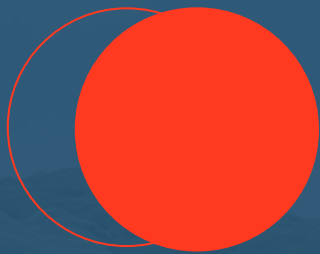
Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

With our best wishes as always,
The secretariat

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Global Forum events at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York

Enabling effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals

This training session is part of the campaign being organised by the Global Forum, UNDESA, TPI and Partnerships2030 to develop, improve and scale up multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of the SDGs. Participants will gain valuable insights and practical tools to effectively address the SDGs through successful multi-stakeholder partnerships, including an example from a Global Forum member in Tanzania.

The session is scheduled for 13 July, 15:00 – 17:00 EDT both in person and online:

To join the webcast online on the day, please follow [this link](#). To join the session in person in New York, please contact the Global Forum secretariat.

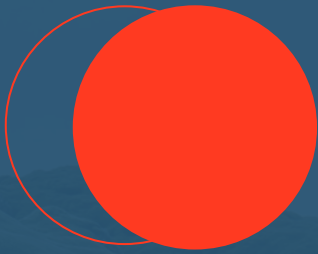
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Transformative initiatives: multi-stakeholder mechanisms to strengthen the implementation of the SDGs

Our Global Forum member from Colombia, the National Planning Department of Colombia (DNP), has organised an event at HLPF on the transformative power of multi-stakeholder partnerships. This will be a space for the exchange of best practices and knowledge sharing among Member States and stakeholders. Attendees will also hear from senior figures in the UN, including the head of the German delegation.

This is an official Colombian Government side event, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Colombia and the Permanent Mission of Germany. The session will focus on how to strengthen multi-stakeholder mechanism's role in fostering transformative action, recognizing that they are a concrete and practical tool to catalyze action across all sectors to scale-up the implementation of the SDGs at the national and local levels

The side-event is scheduled for 17th July, 8-9:30 am EDT in person (Conference Room 8). More information is available [here](#).



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VNR Lab on whole-of-government and whole-of-society VNRs in times of transformation

Based on the 2019 and the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), this VNR lab discusses the variety of approaches to integrate entry points for transformation into VNRs, as well as their relevancy for national policymaking.

The Learning Lab is organised by RNE and will also feature speakers from the Global Forum.

Follow [this link](#) to register to attend the session in person in New York on the 18 July, 6-7pm EDT.

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HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

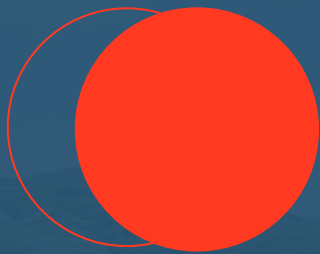
VNR Lab 15
Whole-of-government
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VNRs in times of
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18th July | UN Building
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New 'How to..' guide

We capture current best practice from our members in a new Global Forum guide: How to use multi-stakeholder advisory bodies to support an inclusive approach to VNRs and VLRs.

It is an output of the Global Forum Community of Practice focussing on how members use Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) to drive localization of the SDGs and inform Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). Some of the content also comes from the rich discussions at the network meeting in Cape Town in September 2022.

The guide aims to inspire Global Forum members and other organisations that are also supporting VNRs and VLRs. Follow [this link](#) to access the guide.

Tom Harrison, who compiled the guide, has also written [a blog](#) which explains how it builds on Global Forum members' unique role in addressing their country's sustainable development challenges.

Partnerships Campaign for the SDGs workshop

The Global Forum is a partner with Partnerships2030, UNDESA and TPI in a campaign to enable more multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSPs) that contribute to the SDGs.

As part of this collaboration, members of the Global Forum took part in an online workshop in May. This is part of the campaign's research, which also includes a survey filled in by many members. The results will be used to inform a report, and a call to action, to be launched in September 2023 at the SDG Summit in New York.

Workshop participants highlighted key issues, such as the political will and resource allocations that are vital for effective support for MSPs from government. They highlighted how technology can greatly support collaborative working, and stressed that making the SDGs resonate with citizens by focusing on issues relevant to their lives is crucial in all aspects of the SDGs. Finally, capacity building plays a pivotal role in enhancing MSPs and their outcomes.

Many thanks to all members who engaged in these insightful discussions.

Read a full report from the workshop [here](#).