

**Global SDG Synthesis Coalition, SDG Summit event – 17 September 2023**

***What works to accelerate progress toward SDG-17, ‘partnership for the goals’? Lessons and insights from the Global SDG Synthesis Coalition***

**Event summary:**

The event launched and discussed the major insights of the Global SDG Synthesis Coalition derived from the Lessons to Accelerate the SDGs in the Partnership Pillar synthesis report. The co-hosts of the event - H.E. Ms. María Inés Castillo, Minister of Social Development in Panama and H.E. Dr. Agnes Mary Chimbiri-Molande, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations - highlighted the role of evidence in accelerating progress towards the SDGs. Representatives from Denmark, Spain, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom, highlighted how their respective countries were working towards the achievement of the SDGs, and described how they are making use of the Partnership Pillar’s findings. They were complemented by representatives from the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Campbell Collaboration, Southern Voices, and the evaluation offices of UNDP and UNICEF, who signaled how partnerships could be improved through the Coalition’s evolving evidence base on the components of the SDG 17: Trade, Finance, technology, Capacity Development and Systemic Issues.

**Key messages:**

- There is a significant need for improved partnerships before 2030. SDG17 is off-track, threatening the achievement of the other Goals. Today’s development and environmental challenges require collaboration to address their transboundary drivers.
- The Partnership Pillar Synthesis provides important lessons on how governments, civil society and the private sector can work together in the fields of trade, finance, technology, South-South and triangular Cooperation, capacity development and systemic issues to make significant progress towards achieving SDG 17.
- Partnerships can benefit from the inclusion of civil society organizations, think tanks, subnational authorities from the design stage onwards. All partners’ priorities should be recognized to avoid the power imbalances between the global north and south, and local actors should have the flexibility to steer course corrections.
- The value of evidence is in its use. The Coalition plans to build an interactive AI-enhanced evidence portal which will allow policy makers to filter the findings, insights and lessons of the Syntheses according to their own needs and interests.
- Four more synthesis reports are underway: Peace, People, Planet, Prosperity. The Coalition relies on further resources and support for the upcoming syntheses.

**Key recommendations:**

Participants were encouraged to:

- Turn the synthesis lessons into concrete actions, by applying the report’s insights within their multi- and bi-lateral relations, and with the range of stakeholder working towards the SDGs in their respective countries.
- Consider providing financial, evidence, and expert resources to the Coalition for the completion of the People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace Pillars.
- Seek out opportunities for communicating the lessons of the Partnership Pillar report within their regional and with the broader evidence synthesis community.

Access our website to see the Coalition Brief and two-pager summarizing the synthesis in 8 key insights, and for more access the full report containing 17 key lessons on how to accelerate SDG 17.