



Concept Note

The Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies:

Strong Institutions for Gender Equality and Poverty Eradication: how reporting promotes partnerships, peace, and prosperity for all.

Side event at the High-level Political Forum 2017, 19 July, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Conference Room 3, UNHQ

What is the Global Alliance?

The Global Alliance is a coordinating platform for UN Member States, private sector, civil society, and international entities to work together to promote peaceful, just, and inclusive societies. Chaired by Qatar, led by Cabo Verde, Mexico, Norway, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, six major global corporations and civil society networks, co-facilitated by UNDP, UNESCO, and UNODC, and liaising with partners across the UN system, the Global Alliance brings UN Member States the assistance they need to report meaningfully on progress towards peaceful, just, and inclusive societies—and its links to the entire 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Objectives

Building peaceful, just and inclusive societies (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16) is at the core of the sustainable development agenda. To design, implement and monitor the plans, policies and programmes required to achieve all the SDGs requires strong, effective, transparent and effective institutions that are capable of leading inclusive processes, and delivering essential goods and services at local and national levels. Consequently, SDG 16 is a catalyst for attainment of the entire 2030 Agenda.

Emphasizing the principle of indivisibility of the SDGs, this side-event will present examples demonstrating how building strong and inclusive institutions (SDG 16) contributes to progress on key goals under review this year: gender equality (SDG 5) and poverty eradication (SDG 1). It will also demonstrate how inclusive reporting processes can be leveraged to create the partnerships necessary to achieve the entire 2030 Agenda (SDG 17). High-level representatives from Member States, civil society and the private sector will discuss challenges and opportunities of inclusive planning, monitoring and reporting processes, and how these can enable women and people who experience poverty to:

- Participate in the formation of laws, policies, plans and programmes (SDG 16) which promote the eradication of poverty (SDG 1), and the realisation of gender equality (SDG 5).
- Elicit accountability, transparency and support the implementation of pro-poor and gender-responsive initiatives.
- Realise the rights vindicated by effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels (SDG 16), so that they— girls and women (SDG 5), people living in poverty (SDG 1), persons with disabilities and all other marginalised groups—can enjoy peace, justice, and every opportunity to thrive (SDG 16).

Where are inclusive and effective institutions (SDG 16) delivering results for women (SDG 5) and people living in poverty (SDG 1)? What role is reporting playing in these outcomes? How do inclusive planning, monitoring and reporting processes drive achievement of the entire 2030 Agenda? Where are the (national, regional, global) reporting frameworks of the 2030 Agenda promoting the partnerships (SDG 17) and 'new ways of working' needed to transform the lives of ordinary people—especially girls, women and the poorest people—by 2030? This side-event will focus on presenting concrete country examples, creating a conversation between Member States, private sector, and civil society. It is moderated by a renowned international journalist.

Speakers

- H.E. Dr. Saleh bin Mohammed Al-Nabit, Minister of Planning and Development of the State of Qatar
- Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director of UNESCO Liaison Office New York
- Mr. Riadh Ben Sliman, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia
- Ms. Mette Gjerskov, Member of the Danish Parliament, former Minister and head of Council of ministers
- Ms. Michelle Breslauer, Director, Americas Program, Institute for Economics and Peace
- Ms. Theresa L. Jennings, Head of Rule of Law Development, RELX Group

