

Public Forum

The Privatization of the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Issues and Challenges in Partnerships with the 'Private Sector'

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Church Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 777 UN Plaza, New York City

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Partnerships for sustainable development are increasingly being promoted as a major, if not the primary, enabler for the implementation of the successor international sustainable development goals to replace the MDGs by 2015. However, a growing number of civil society groups warn against a partnership approach that places primary emphasis on enticing private sector participation and investments as this risks reinforcing the corporate capture of the post-2015 agenda.

This Public Forum aims to inform civil society organizations and member states with critical perspectives on the major issues and challenges associated with partnerships with the "private sector" for sustainable development.

Key questions for the discussion are:

- What are the risks and challenges associated with multi-stakeholder partnerships?
- Can multi-stakeholder partnerships be compatible or complementary to a renewed and strengthened Global Partnership for Development?
- Under what conditions can partnerships contribute to development?
- How to enhance transparency and accountability of partnerships?

Draft Programme

Welcome - **Levi Bautista**, United Methodist General Board of Church & Society

Introductory remarks by **Jens Martens**, Global Policy Forum

Keynote address by **Ambassador Guilherme Patriota**, Government of Brazil

Ambassador Pertti Majanen, Government of Finland/Co-Chair of the ICESDF (TBC)

A representative of the **Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia**/Chair of G77 (TBC)

Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network

Roberto Bissio, Social Watch

Plenary Discussion moderated by **Barbara Adams**, Global Policy Forum

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