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Annex

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Country	VNR year	Description of good practices	Rationale
Armenia	2018	The United Nations and the Government of Armenia launched the Armenia National SDG Innovation Lab (SDG Lab) to support the SDG implementation at the country-level and develop a SDG barometer to monitor the financial support committed to public-private and civil society partnerships. This innovative platform is first of its kind to bring best practices to Armenia to implement Agenda 2030. Regarding supporting partnerships, the lab will unlock the potential of big data and develop an SDG barometer, which among others, monitor the financial support committed to public-private and civil society partnerships, in line with the SDG 17.7 . In addition, a current outreach activity of the lab is to partner with the youth to support their engagement towards sustainable development.	The lab adopts innovative approaches such as big data to monitor support towards partnerships. In addition, partnership support towards youth aligns with leaving no one behind.
Australia	2018	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Australia , New Zealand, and Pacific has launched a nationwide university commitment in Australia to implement the SDGs. Thanks to this commitment, a number of universities have started incorporating the SDGs in their strategic documents and curricula. In addition, the network issued a guide on Getting started with the SDGs in Universities , which not only includes specific guidelines and tools on what universities can do to implement the SDGs but also provides case studies on success stories and emerging innovative practices. Thanks to this nationwide effort, various universities have founded institutes and faculties with clear links to the Agenda 2030. The commitment underscores the role of universities as multi-disciplinary institutions in forging cross-sectoral partnerships.	The practice underscores the importance of action-oriented and implementable solutions. In addition, the practice aligns with the integrated nature of the SDGs via supporting cross-sectoral partnerships.
Bangladesh	2017	The Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh —a civil society platform in Bangladesh that generates knowledge to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda—has been useful for engaging the government and private sector on sustainable development issues, which has led to collaborative efforts. The platform brings together citizens in general and civil society organizations in particular under one umbrella via awareness-raising and knowledge building. In	The platform is a good practice on awareness-raising with regard to SDG implementation via its focus on transformative elements of the SDGs such as leave no one behind and intergenerational equity. It is also a good practice because such an entity can be used as a reference point for getting into collaboration

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		particular, the platform organized a national youth conference in 2018 and a citizen conference in 2017.	on development issues with diverse stakeholders.
Belgium	2017	The Shift is a Belgian multi-stakeholder partnership platform founded in June 2015 by the former networks such as Business & Society Belgium and KAURI. It is the Belgian meeting point for issues around implementing the SDGs. The Shift gathers around 410 companies, non-governmental and other organizations under its roof to stimulate partnerships and sustainable business models. Since its inception, the Shift has joined forces with the Global Compact Network Belgium, enlarging its network and outreach. The Shift's method of facilitating the transition to sustainable societies and business includes three steps: Connect, Commit, and Change. Among other activities, the Shift, together with the Belgian Development Cooperation launched the Belgian SDG Charter that demonstrates the commitment of the private sector, civil society and the public sector on advancing and internalizing the SDGs.	The Belgian case is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory. The magnitude of the initiative is an exemplary case of a good practice where multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral partnerships can be scaled.
Bhutan	2018	The importance of partnering with diverse stakeholders such as the private sector, civil society, local governments and the international community for the Agenda 2030 is acknowledged by the Royal Government of Bhutan. Special emphasis is given to the role of non-state actors, i.e. the private sector, civil society, and community in supporting prosperity, sustainability, and national sovereignty through development policies and plans. The 12th Five-Year Plan of the country underscores the significance of coordination, consolidation, and cooperation, "Triple C", which cuts across all relevant stakeholders in the country. Especially the elements of coordination and cooperation will ensure that development policies are made in an inclusive and participatory way. This will be achieved through creating business enabling environment and developing capacities for the effective engagement of local non-state actors, whose role became even more important with an eventual decline in external dependence such as official development assistance.	The case is a good practice primarily because it is participatory and inclusive. Besides, the Bhutanese 12th Five-Year plan goes beyond business as usual since it addresses not only inclusiveness but also enabling conditions for achieving inclusiveness such as improving capacities of local civil society and business enabling environment for effective SDG partnerships.

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Canada	2018	Canada acknowledges the role that partnerships play in achieving the sustainable development goals. To support partnerships, Global Affairs Canada underscores the meaningful partnerships with civil society sector and promotes a safe space for civil society to thrive. Canada's Policy for Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance sets out the country's approach in enhancing partnerships with national, local and international civil society actors to maximize the impact of cooperation. The policy outlines the principles guiding the engagement of the government with civil society and has a special focus on gender equality and feminist approaches. The principles underscore human dignity, inclusiveness, peace and security as well as inclusive growth and environmental action.	This approach underscores human rights and targets leaving no one behind through gender equality (Indigenous communities as well). In addition, the partnership principles are tailored to the integrated nature of SDGs and touch upon economic, social and environmental aspects of the Agenda 2030. Coalition examples, such as Alliance 2030 leverages what digital space can offer to realize the SDGs, and in that regard, it appears to be an innovative approach.
		Canada's SDG Unit provides grants to Canadian organizations to promote awareness of the 2030 Agenda, ensure coordination of different stakeholders around the SDGs and assist in consultations on Canada's 2030 Agenda National Strategy in 2019.	The case is a good practice of financially supporting activities leading to formation of partnerships with non-state actors. It is an inclusive and supports future participation of a range of stakeholders.
Czech Republic	2017	The Czech Republic 2030 (CR 2030) , the strategic framework of the country guiding SDG implementation, underscores the importance of partnerships and the participation of non-state actors such as the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders as well as individuals to take part in implementing the Agencies. According to CR 2030, the framework of voluntary commitments will be launched to meaningfully manage the whole range contribution of such actors and encourage forging cross-sector partnerships. A proposal for the voluntary commitments framework covers a wide range of issues including registration, monitoring, and reporting of voluntary commitments and how to support these processes financially and in-kind. The proposal also puts emphasis on guiding future partnerships of non-state actors for the SDG implementation.	Czech case is a good practice because it is participatory and inclusive. The framework for voluntary commitments stands out as an unconventional approach that can ensure effective management of diverse and decentralized contributions of diverse stakeholders. In addition, the practice can demonstrate action via incentive mechanisms such as the award.
Dominican Republic	2018	The "Academy for the 2030 Agenda" agreement signed by the United Nations System together with the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPyD), the Dominican Association of University Rectors (ADRU) and the	The case is a good practice because it emphasizes participatory and inclusive approaches.

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		Dominican Association of Universities (ADOU) is a coalition with the purpose of promoting initiatives from universities, around the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Through the agreement , the representatives of all the higher education institutions of the country committed themselves to contribute with the dissemination, research, and inclusion of contents in their programs on the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development. The agreement pursues objectives ranging from forging multi-stakeholder partnerships within academic institutions and beyond and creating a space for inclusive dialogue to participatory monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs at the local level.	
Finland	2016	Society's Commitment to sustainable development is an innovative partnership model from Finland. It aims to take concrete actions and create tangible development results in an inclusive way. The Commitment provides a space for an increasing number of stakeholders (the private sector, civil society, public institutions and the like) to make their own operational and action-oriented commitments to implement the SDGs. It creates an enabling environment for a participatory society for citizens.	Society's Commitment is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory. Besides, it puts special emphasis on concrete actions. The Finnish case is a good practice also because it puts emphasis on human rights and leaving no one behind.
Greece	2018	The Sustainable Greece 2020 Initiative was launched in partnership with social partners from all sectors of Greece (business associations, businesses, civil society, and local authorities) and accommodates the participation of 10,000 citizens. The initiative's objective is to encourage organizations to have systematic policies and practices of sustainability in their operations. In doing so, the initiative promotes monitoring and reporting practices and organizes dialogues between a range of stakeholders to encourage them on sustainable development, responsible business, and social responsibility.	It is a good practice because it is participatory and inclusive. Besides, the whole-of-society approach puts a special emphasis on awareness raising at all levels, which can support engagement even at the citizen level.

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		The BRAVO initiative is developing a major social dialogue and award contest on Sustainable Development, with the aim of highlighting the initiatives and actions developed by businesses, civil society, local governments, and schools. The initiative is supported by the Sustainable Greece 2020 Initiative and aims to incentivize organizations to adopt sustainable practices through dialogue between public and private actors and Bravo sustainability awards. The award highlights and celebrates the best practices that are measurable, socially responsible and can be applied to other contexts to motivate and disseminate actionable business cases related to SDG implementation.	The award showcases practices and promotes dialogue that can be leveraged in an actionable manner in SDG implementation.
Hungary	2018	The Roundtable of Hungarian Civil Society Organisations for the Sustainable Development Goals the website dedicated to implementing the SDGs. The website provides information on, among others, the current progress in implementing the Agenda 2030 at the national level. The progress is measured by 80 indicators and where Hungary is at among its peers. The website also demonstrates the commitments of more than 75 CSOs taking part in specific implementation activities and showcases good practices with specific recommendations for future implementation. The objective of the roundtable is to encourage stakeholders from other sectors too to engage in dialogue to discuss how to achieve the goals in a systematic manner. The roundtable, to date, could engage almost 100 civil society organizations with limited capacities to link their efforts to the SDGs.	The practice is participatory and inclusive. High engagement of civil society is indicative of a sector-specific good practice at scale.
Jamaica	2018	Jamaica has a longstanding tradition of policymaking on issues around sustainable development through participatory governance. This is visible in the whole-of-society approach adopted for planning and programming of development policies. Alongside the SDGs, the Vision 2030 Jamaica , calls for mobilizing strengths of all stakeholders to achieve sustainable development. So far, effective communication and participation on these two agendas have resulted in a Communication and Advocacy Roadmap 2018-2021 , informing communications and stakeholder engagement regarding the SDGs. Another roadmap for the SDG implementation in Jamaica published by the government	Jamaica's approach is a good practice because it is inclusive, participatory and focuses on leaving no one behind and demonstrates not only policy but also action. Engagement of the youth shows that the approach respects intergenerational equity.

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Japan	2017	The OPEN 2030 PROJECT is a business platform focuses on transforming production and consumption cycles towards sustainability and encourages innovation for implementing the SDGs. Established in 2015, the project has a specific focus on SDG 12 . It offers the member companies two main programmes: Business Development Consultation and Co-Established Business Laboratory. These programmes will be implemented with all relevant stakeholders representing diverse values, such as social entrepreneurs, civil society organizations, government agencies, companies, and local governments. In addition, given the importance of forging partnerships with the private sector, Ministry of the Environment of Japan is working towards creating guidelines specifically designed for small and mid-size enterprises to support them in implementing the SDGs.	The approach is inclusive and participatory. It is an exemplary case of forging partnerships that mobilize resources from the private sector for implementing the SDGs.
Laos	2018	Laos has committed to promoting partnerships for the implementation of SDGs at the country level. This evident on two grounds. First, the government of the Lao PDR and development partners formalized their commitment to forging enhanced partnerships to localize the SDGs in the 2016 - 2015 Vientiane Declaration of Effective Development Co-operation . Being a partnership agreement between the government and development partners itself, the declaration, among others, touches upon important issues ranging from enabling environment for inclusive partnerships to how the partnerships will be mobilized to achieve development results at the policy level. Second, Lao PDR has initiated a draft SDG roadmap calling for issue-based partnerships. Round table activities planned in the context of the roadmap aim to raise awareness and support multi-stakeholder partnerships on thematic issues to implement the SGDs at the country level. The draft roadmap underscores	The commitment promotes inclusiveness and participatory approaches. Through decentralising partnerships, it provides a space for tackling a variety of sustainable development issues at once, ranging from society and economy to environment, and thereby emphasising the integrated nature of the SDGs. This is an innovative approach that goes beyond business as usual. Furthermore, the Lao case underscores the importance of operationalizing the overarching policies.

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		effective partnerships that are not centrally planned, but rather, based on issues, aiming to institutionalize an integrated implementation of various sustainable development goals.	
Lebanon	2018	One of United Nation's Global Compact Network Lebanon's (GCNL's) most prominent activities has been to launch an SDG Council in 2017. The council members are representatives from the private sector from the Lebanese community who are committed to transforming societies. The council act as an advisory and advocacy body to make progress in the SDGs, culminating in the leadership and the involvement of the private sector. Moreover, the council forge partnerships and mobilize resources needed to implement the SDGs. In addition, GCNL is launching the SDG Pioneers Awards and the Sustainability Label in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in an attempt to incentivize private sector actors to help drive forward one or more of the SDGs.	It is a good practice because the practice can demonstrate action via incentive mechanisms such as the SDG Pioneers Award. In addition, the Lebanese case is a good practice of how to engage the private sector to mobilize resources for 2030 Agenda implementation.
Netherlands	2017	To support the SDG agenda, more than 100 institutions and organizations have signed under the SDG Charter of the Netherlands. Through the charter, organizations commit to forging partnerships to contribute to implementing the SDGs. Through an online community of the charter, the SDG Gateway, individuals and organizations in the Netherlands can demonstrate their activities online. The SDG Gateway also provides the stakeholders outside of the Netherlands with updates about the activities of their Dutch peers. Overall, the charter has many initiatives to scale up investment in sustainable development. These include the Human Cities Coalition, Community Life Centres in Africa, and the financing initiative, SDG Investing, to boost investments in the SDGs.	It is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory.
		The Netherlands has developed a SDG Partnership Facility to support advancements in developing countries on SDG 2 on zero hunger, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth and SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals. The facility provides support for selected projects on public-private partnerships on these thematic issues in developing countries to contribute to implementation of the Agenda 2030.	The Dutch case is a good example of mobilizing non-state actor contributions to implement the SDGs in developing countries.

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Poland	2018	Poland recognizes that building partnerships and working in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders are integral elements of implementing the SDGs. In 2017, the country launched the Partnership for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals to unite representatives from various stakeholders with diverse backgrounds. Being a partnership platform itself, it also promotes future partnerships across sectors and undertakes effective initiatives through joint and participatory planning. In doing so, the partnership aims to use modalities such as knowledge sharing, dialogue, awareness raising, and identification of good practices. More than 70 organizations from diverse stakeholder groups have joined the partnership, with more than 130 commitments.	It is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory. It also emphasizes the commitments of diverse stakeholders in implementing the SDGs. The platform has a multiplier effect in terms of supporting forging future partnerships through existing partnerships.
		A dedicated Task Force for the Coherence between the Strategy of sustainable development (SRD) and the 2030 Agenda was appointed to prepare Poland for the Voluntary National Review 2018. The Task Force includes representatives of ministries, social organizations, social and economic partners, civil society organizations, public statistics, civil society, academia and youth. Ministerial coordinators have been appointed for respective SDGs and descriptions of individual measures and examples of best practices have been developed in cooperation with external partners. The tasks of the Task Force include selection of national priorities for the SDG achievement in Poland, ensuring a participatory process of preparing the national report for the purposes of the Voluntary National Review of the achievement of SDGs, exchanging information, good practices and knowledge on creating conditions for effective SDG achievement, and monitoring the progress in the implementation of the directions of development defined in the SRD and the manner the implementation of these directions affects the achievement of SDGs in Poland. The Task Force comprises representatives of the regional and local level, including associations of voivodships, districts and municipalities of Poland, as well as organizations associating cities in the country.	The Polish case is a good practice of a structured, inclusive and participatory VNR preparation process.

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Portugal	2017	International development civil society organizations in Portugal worked with the United Nations Regional Information Centre to link with platforms that represent diverse stakeholders such as women, youth and trade unions under the 2030 Agenda, forming a civil society SDG Forum. The forum serves as a coalition of coalitions and has provided a basis for trust and relationship building between civil society groups. The platform will work towards preparing an action plan to reinforce CSO commitment to work collaboratively for sustainable development and to signal authorities their relevance in implementing the 2030 Agenda.	The Portuguese case is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory. Also it stands out as it uses existing networks and outreach of multilateral system to forge greater partnerships.
Slovakia	2018	To cultivate and amplify the voluntary contribution of the citizens to SDG implementation, the Government of Slovakia has initiated a micro-grant arrangement to support small projects implemented by local communities, schools, and civil society actors, addressing sustainable development challenges. Furthermore, the government incentivizes the voluntary engagement of citizens and local communities through the Volunteer of the Year award since 2018.	The Slovak case is a good practice because it is inclusive and participatory. The micro-grant programme is unique in terms of financially supporting grassroots in implementing the SDGs at the local level. The awards granted by the government can incentivize others to take action.
Uganda	2016	Uganda's civil society organizations collectively created the Agenda 2030 reference group, which brings together diverse civil society organizations representing youth, women, people with disabilities and citizens in general to enable an environment for civil society organization-led partnerships. The reference group, meets on regular basis to discuss issues such as localizing the SDGs, monitoring. The partnership also works on engaging the government, private sector and development partners through an annual reported prepared by leveraging evidence generated by the group itself.	This is a good practice of how civil society organizations can form large scale coalitions and come together to organize around the SDGs.