Implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Building the Backbones / Platforms for Partnering Around the SDGs

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Post-2015 development agenda: Multi-stakeholder partnerships as a means of implementation
Introducing the panelists

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Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative

Geoffrey Israel Kirenga, Chief Executive Officer, SAGCOT Centre Ltd.

Ernest Muwamba, National Coordinator, Zambia Business in Development Hub
What type of partnerships are needed to address complex problems like the SDGs?

Global challenges are **complex**...

**Examples:**

- Poverty
- Malnutrition
- Education Gap
- Climate Change

...and need effective **cross-sector partnerships**
Achieving large-scale change through collective impact involves five key conditions for success:

- **Backbone support**: Independent, funded team dedicated to the partnership
- **Common agenda**
- **Mutually reinforcing activities**
- **Shared measurement**
- **Continuous communication**
For global partnerships, a multi-layered backbone structure is required.

Example:
New Vision for Agriculture

Multi-layered backbone structure

Global

Regional

Local
A strong local backbone organization is critical for success

- Common agenda
  - Translate global strategy into local strategy and activities
  - Align existing plans/activities

- Mutually reinforcing activities
  - Mobilize actors and coordinate activities, convene partners
  - Raise funds to support activities

- Shared measurement
  - Collect, interpret and share data
  - Facilitate learning across partners

- Continuous communication
  - Encourage communication and knowledge sharing among local partners
  - Promote external communication

The right skills and adequate funding are essential
Darian Stibbe

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TPI’s framework to drive partnerships for the SDGs

1. Supportive national and international policy
2. Infrastructure in place to drive partnerships
3. Partnerships follow best practice
4. Organisations are fit for partnering
5. Individuals have partnering competencies
Why are backbones / platforms for partnership so important?
Why are they so hard to deliver?

**Driving forces**
- Inclusivity
- Government engagement / buy-in
- Need to deliver quick results to prove concept
- Connection into global priorities and support

**Restraining forces**
- Diversity of competing perspectives – hard to reach consensus
- Government bureaucracy / lack of capacity / risk of appropriating the process
- Partnerships can take a long time to develop
- Strong global leadership undermining local ownership / priorities
What do we know about how to make them work? The Platform Life-Cycle
Geoffrey Kirenga

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The Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania is accelerating regional development

**SAGCOT Goals by 2030**
- Enhance food security and nutrition, inclusiveness, and green growth
- Bring 350,000 hectares of land into profitable production
- Transition 100,000 small-scale farmers into commercial farming
- Create 420,000 new employment opportunities
- Lift 2 million people out of poverty

**Partners**
- Over 84 partners have joined since 2011

**Results-to-Date**
- Working with over 25,000 smallholders whose lives are being transformed
- Close to 30 SAGCOT partners pledged ~$1billion in investments

**Backbone staffed by a team of 12 people**
Discussion with Geoffrey Kirenga

- Success factors / challenges
- Global-local link
- Private sector engagement
- Role of government
- Measures of success
- SAGCOT Center
- Etc....
Ernest Muwamba

National Coordinator
Zambia Business in Development Facility
Zambia Business in Development Facility is a new partnership broker focused on four industries

Zambia Facility Goals
• To systematically support, catalyse and scale cross-sector partnerships in four primary sectors: Agriculture, Extractive, Manufacturing, and Tourism, since September 2014

Partners
• Partners include Sida, TPI, the Embassy of Sweden, and AMSCO, and are part of an international network of partnership hubs

Results-to-Date
• Seven partnerships across the four priority sectors are currently supported by the Facility

Four full time backbone staff and an estimated 2016 budget of $650,000
Discussion with Ernest Muwamba

Success factors / challenges

Partnering capacity

Funding model

Role of government

Private sector engagement

Measures of success

Etc....
Q&A

What questions do you have for the panelists?

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