

GOAL 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

A Better World, Volume 7

A Human Development Forum publication on the crucial role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals

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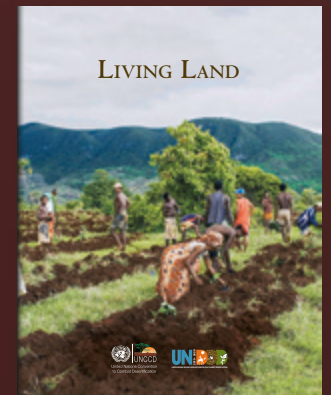
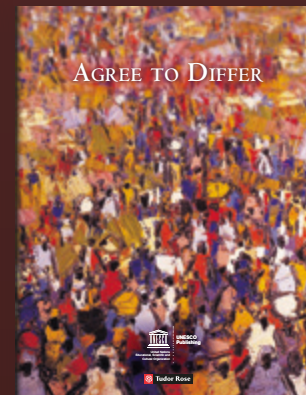
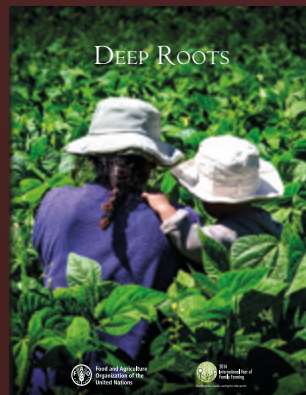


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The books are the result of close collaboration between individual UN agencies, UN member states and civil sector organisations, all committed to a better future for the world. With many published under UN copyright, they have widened the knowledge of people in vulnerable communities, giving them inspiration to better their lives in a sustainable way.

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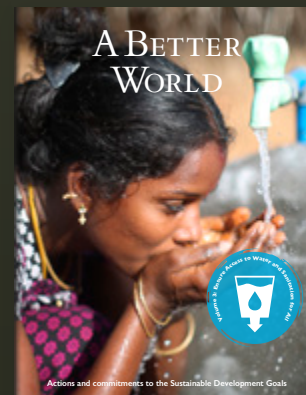
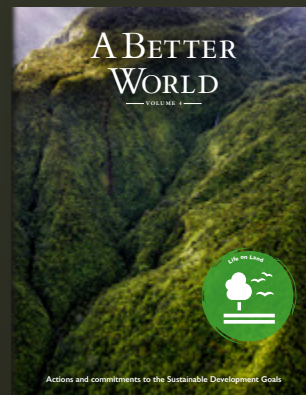
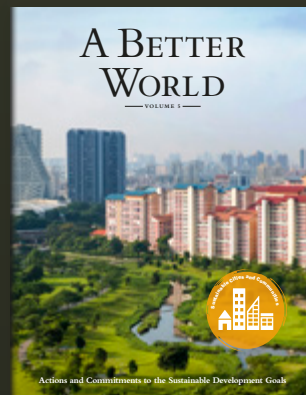
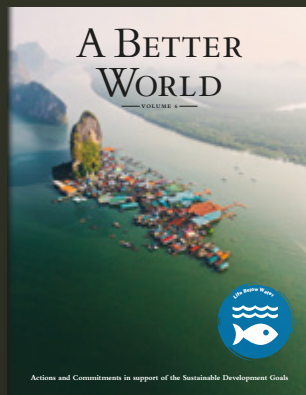
A Better World

With the establishment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, we launched *A Better World*. Each volume in the series is dedicated to celebrating progress of one of the 17 Goals.

The forthcoming volume will cover Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

This document is intended for prospective contributors to *A Better World*. It contains a summary of our plans for the publication and information on what you need to do to ensure your projects and initiatives are profiled in the Goal 17 edition. We look forward to working with you on this compelling volume.

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A Better World — Volume 7

Collaboration across societal sectors has emerged as one of the defining concepts of international development in the 21st century. Initially in part a response to the limitations of traditional state-led, top-down development approaches, partnership has grown to become an essential paradigm in sustainable development.

Our world has limited resources — whether financial, natural or human — and as a society we must optimize their use. The fundamental core of good partnerships is their ability to bring together diverse resources in ways that can together achieve more: more impact, greater sustainability, increased value to all.

The importance of partnership has been recognized fully by the United Nations, by business and by all leading institutions in international development. The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — the blueprint for global development — represent a fundamental shift in thinking, explicitly acknowledging the interconnectedness of prosperous business, a thriving society and a healthy environment.

They name all societal sectors as key development actors and require an unprecedented level of cooperation and collaboration among civil society, business, government, NGOs, foundations and others for their achievement.

WHEN WE ACT TOGETHER CHANGE HAPPENS.

And in this critical decade, acting together is precisely what we all need to do.

THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

From both before and after the launch of the SDGs, there has built up a rich tapestry of development partnerships: from the global level down to local communities; from international networks to bi-lateral arrangements; from multi-sector, multi-issue platforms, to single-sector, single-issue interest groups.

However, despite the rhetoric around collaboration, we are still not seeing sufficient impact coming out of partnerships as an essential mechanism for sustainable development. With the world working through the realities of the Coronavirus pandemic, these partnership weaknesses are more apparent than ever. Yet our challenges are so intertwined that we can only solve them together, with smart responses across countries, cultures and peoples. Put frankly, to solve any complex problem in the world you need to bring all the relevant

stakeholders together to sit together, be it global pandemic or any one of the individual issues championed by the SDGs. Reaching the targets of Goal 17 is now more crucial than ever before.

A Better World: Volume 7 will focus fully on the crucial role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. *A Better World* will be a fully illustrated 200-page book with over 80 authors relating their work in active efforts to make Goal 17 a reality. Their commentaries will draw upon experiences around the world at international, regional, national and local community levels of activity.

A Better World will reflect the progress and challenges in this essential topic, highlighting good practices in a wide variety of societies and disciplines.

Key subjects to be covered in the book

FINANCE

- Domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection.
- Developed country actions to implement fully their official development assistance commitments to developing and least developed nations.
- Mobilization of additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.
- Assistance for developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability.
- Progress in investment promotion regimes for least developed countries.

TECHNOLOGY

- International cooperation actions improving access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing.
- Advances in environmentally sound technologies for developing countries.
- Latest science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanisms for least developed countries, especially ICTs.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Improvements in international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries.

TRADE

- Equitable multilateral trading system for developing countries.
- Encouraging exports of developing countries.
- Updates on implementation of duty-free and quota-free market access for all least developed countries.

SYSTEMIC ISSUES

POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL COHERENCE

- Enhanced global macroeconomic stability, including through policy coordination and policy coherence.
- Enhanced policy coherence for sustainable development.
- Self-determined policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

- Enhancements in the global partnership for sustainable development.
- New advances in public, public-private and civil society partnerships.

DATA, MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Improvements in data sharing with developing countries.
- Building of measurements of progress on sustainable development that support statistical capacity-building in developing countries.

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“*Agree to Differ* looks great – superb layout, thanks a lot!
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