

Fostering civic engagement: how UNDP, powered by its Accelerator Labs, is exploring the edge of participation



Brown bag lunch discussion

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UNDP Accelerator Labs represent the world's largest and fastest learning network on wicked sustainable development challenges.

Over the past five years, the Accelerator Labs have carried out a significant amount of work aimed at promoting meaningful citizen participation in public life – from reimagining indigenous peoples' consultation processes in Mexico to supporting dialogue on controversial energy transition issues in South Africa, among many others.

Key speakers:

- **Camilla Brückner**, Director, UN/UNDP
- **Emanuele Sapienza**, Global Lead, Open and Inclusive Public Sphere, UNDP
- **Alberto Cottica**, Research and Development Specialist, UNDP Accelerator Labs
- **Simone Smit**, Head of Exploration, UNDP South Africa Accelerator Lab

About the UNDP Accelerator Labs:

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Accelerator Labs is the world's largest and fastest learning network on wicked sustainable development challenges. Co-built as a joint venture with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany and the Qatar Fund for Development, along with Partners at Core for UNDP, the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security as action partner, and the Japan Cabinet, the Network covers 114 countries, and taps into local innovations to create actionable intelligence and reimagine sustainable development for the 21st century. This network is evolving into an open, globally distributed R&D capability for the Sustainable Development Goals.