Parallel Session: Successful experiences of partnerships at local level (SDG 17 in practice)

14 March 2019 (afternoon)

Objective(s): To hear examples of current multi-stakeholder partnerships at local level in order to draw lessons on what is working and what is not

Expected results:

- A better understanding of ongoing specific partnerships for SDG implementation
- A summary of working modalities worth replicating and areas to improve based on the good practices
- A further examination of multi-stakeholder partnerships as a tool to empower development actors and encourage the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at local level

Background:

Partnerships are key for achieving the SDGs. The huge improvement from the MDGs to the SDGs was that the need for strong partnerships was recognised in SDG 17. The EU has incorporated the importance of partnerships in its own policy frameworks, including in the EU Consensus on Development and in the EC proposal for the next multi-annual financial framework.

This session focuses on partnerships between different actors, such as local governments, communities, civil society organisations, business and trade unions, at local level, looking into what works and what does not, and lessons learned which can be replicated. In view of the fact that SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 10, SDG 13 and SDG 16, alongside SDG 17, are under review in 2019, the panel will focus particularly on partnerships on employment and decent work, education and skills, inequalities, climate change and strong institutions.

Guiding questions:

- How and where do you work in partnership and toward which SDGs?
- Which partners do you currently work with and would need to work with?
- What aspects are going well and which ones are challenging? How can we overcome these challenges?

Methodology:

A moderated panel starting off with short presentations by the panellists and then open to the audience.