UNCTAD-ISAR Workshop
Regional partnerships for the promotion of sustainability reporting

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Current Partnerships

Africa

- 50 Members
- 5 Observers
- 26 countries

Latin America

- 28 Members
- 3 Observers
- 14 countries

- **Objective:** To **share** the **experience** of the African and Latin American Partnerships to **identify best practices** and **lessons learned** in building Partnerships and **maximize** the **benefits** of its members.

Panel 1 Lessons learned from existing Partnerships in Africa and Latin America:

- What are the key steps to create a partnership?
- What should the cooperation framework of the Partnership contain?
- What is the best way to promote and increase the partnership membership?
- What are the lessons learned in building the Partnership programme of work?
- What would you recommend in order to promote exchange of good practices and lessons learned in the Partnership?

Panel 2 Looking ahead – Maximizing benefits from Partnerships:

- What would you recommend to further strengthen the existing Partnerships?
- What is the best way to maximize efficient collaboration in the context of the Partnerships?
- What would you recommend in order to promote the creation of Partnerships in new regions?
- How can the Partnerships better support members in strengthening capacity in sustainability reporting?
- One of the objectives of the Partnerships is to support members in preparing for/implementing ISSB standards, what is recommended for this process to be as efficient as possible?
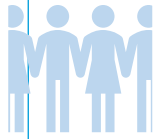
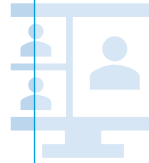# Partnership cooperation framework (1/1)

Objectives

- Establish and/or strengthen the national infrastructure to prepare high-quality sustainability reports by companies

- Measure the contribution of the private sector to the implementation of the SDGs

- Promote sustainable enterprise development

- Provide support in the implementation of international sustainability reporting standards

- Provide a regional voice in interaction with international standard setters

- Promote benchmarking activities between actors, give advice, and stimulate the development of national strategies for the adoption of reporting methodologies

- Promote harmonization in the region by sharing case studies, peer-reviewed experiences and tools to address national challenges
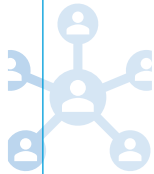
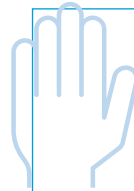## *Operational mechanisms*

Informal arrangement among 'friends of sustainability reporting'

Three to four meetings per year

Two to five entities per country (regulators, standard setters, entities responsible for sustainability reports or SDG implementation, PAO, …)

Consensus based Chair or Executive Committee

Application letter templates

Working groups

Observer status

Membership platform

UNCTAD-ISAR support

- Opening opportunities in its forums to listen to challenges and needs of the region, and to monitor achievements and progress

- Organization of cross regional forums to share experience

- Invitation to capacity building workshops, and making available materials, guidance, and tools

- Identification of technical assistance needs