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?
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
**Partnership cooperation framework (2/3)**

**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