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“Inspire 4 Tomorrow – I4T” Innovative Partnership:

Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Development

United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room E
February 5, 2025, 13:15 -14:30 EST

Overview:

This side event, aligned with the 2025 theme of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, aims to highlight the “Inspire 4 Tomorrow (I4T)” initiative, an innovative partnership conceived as an outcome of the UN Summit of the Future (side event #062). The I4T partnership is designed to mobilize commitments and actions that advance the implementation of the “Pact” and 2030 Agenda by promoting inclusive and sustainable development, gender equality, and human rights, while addressing emerging global challenges.

Objective:

1. To showcase the unique and transformative approach of the “Inspire 4 Tomorrow (I4T)” partnership in fostering a “collaboratory” —a collaborative innovation platform— uniting diverse stakeholders such as the UN, Member States, Indigenous Peoples, academia, youth, women, civil society, and industry.
2. To highlight the innovative solutions and best practices generated by the I4T partnership.
3. To mobilize support and encourage further participation in the I4T initiative.
4. To foster dialogue and knowledge sharing among stakeholders on accelerating the implementation of the Pact and the 2030 Agenda.

Key Themes:

The event will focus on:

1. **Inclusivity and Equal Access to S&T Advancements:** Prioritizing STEM4Women, Indigenous knowledge, and digital cooperation.
2. **Gender Equality and Youth Empowerment:** Highlighting the role of women, youth, and marginalized communities as drivers of sustainable development.
3. **Innovative Solutions for Emerging Challenges:** Addressing critical global challenges through technology, diplomacy, and cross-sectoral partnerships.

Alignment with HLPF 2025 Goals:

The event will emphasize contributions to High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2025 goals, including: **Goal 3:** Good Health and Well-Being, **Goal 5:** Gender Equality, **Goal 8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth, **Goal 14:** Life Below Water, and **Goal 17:** Partnerships for the Goals

Expected Outcomes:

- **Commitments to Accountable Partnerships:** Mobilizing diverse stakeholders to form accountable, results-driven collaborations that deliver tangible outcomes.
- **Bridging Technology, Diplomacy, and Innovation:** Encouraging practical and innovative approaches to address the "technology-access divide" and promote equitable progress.
- **Actionable Recommendations:** Generating new ideas and a roadmap of collective actions to advance the Pact for a sustainable and equitable future for all.
- **Key messages to 2025 ECOSOC Coordination Segment (6-7 February):** Providing inputs to the preparations of UN global events throughout 2025, including July 2025 HLPF, the 2025 Second World Summit for Social Development, the 2025 UN Ocean Conference, as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC.

Structure:

- **Opening Remarks:** Context-setting by key UN, Member States and Inter-Governmental Organization representatives.
- **Panel Discussions:** Perspectives from diverse stakeholders, including Indigenous leaders, STEM4Women advocates, youth representatives, and industry experts.
- **Interactive Dialogue:** Engaging participants to co-create actionable solutions for inclusive development. Explore incorporating a "Shark Tank"-style segment into the Partnership Forum, as suggested by Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA, and Members of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group
- **Example Insight:** Spotlight on successful global partnerships model ready to scale but facing barriers in connecting with global investors.
- **Closing Commitments:** Announcement of collective actions and future milestones.

Conclusion:

This side event will reinforce the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum's goals by demonstrating how inclusive and innovative partnerships like "Inspire 4 Tomorrow" can accelerate implementation of the Pact of the Future and progress towards the 2030 Agenda, by providing scalable solutions for emerging global challenges.

Program

Moderator: **Dr Milind Pimprikar**, CANEUS and I4T Foundation

A. Welcome:

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13:15 – 13:20

- **Dr. Simonetta Di Pippo**, President I4T Foundation, former UNOOSA
- **Mr. Sami Areikat**, UN DESA, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch

B. Keynote Remarks:

13:20 – 13:40

- **UN-DESA**
- **HE Marco Romiti**, Minister Counsellor, ECOSOC Ambassador Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
- **HE Marcelo Scappini Ricciardi**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the UN
- **Dr Myrna Cunningham**, VP, FILAC and Chair, Pawanka Fund

C. Setting the Stage and Raison d'être:

13:40 – 13:45

- **Dr Milind Pimprikar**, CANEUS and I4T Foundation

D. "I4T" Partnership's unique approach to achieve the accelerated implementation of the "Pact for the Future"

14:05

13:45 –

Moderator: **Dr. Myrna Cunningham**, VP, FILAC and Chair, Pawanka Fund

Key Issues:

- **Innovative Solutions for Emerging Challenges:** Addressing critical global challenges through technology, diplomacy, and cross-sectoral partnerships.
- **Gender Equality and Youth Empowerment:** Highlighting the role of women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and marginalized communities as drivers of sustainable development.
- **Inclusivity and Equal Access to S&T Advancements:** Prioritizing industry, STEM4Women, and digital cooperation.

Panelists:

- **Mr. Sami Areikat**, UN DESA, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch
- **Prof Elsa Stamatopoulou**, Director, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program, Columbia University
- **Mr. Giuseppe Santangelo**, Director, I4T Foundation, and CEO of Space Industries SpA

E. [Proposed Roadmap to accelerate initiatives and actions: Identifying collective actions needed for accountable and results-oriented partnership](#) 14:05 – 14:25

[Roundtable with Participants](#)

Moderator: **Dr. Simonetta Di Pippo**, President I4T Foundation, former UNOOSA

[Key Issues:](#)

- To foster a "**Collaboratory**" –a collaborative innovation platform—uniting diverse stakeholders covering the UN, Member States, Indigenous Peoples, academia, youth, women, civil society, and industry
- To mobilize support and **Commitments to Accountable Partnerships** in the I4T initiative.: Mobilizing diverse stakeholders to form accountable, results-driven collaborations that deliver tangible outcomes.
- To generate new ideas and a roadmap of collective actions for **Actionable Recommendations** to advance the Pact for accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and a sustainable and equitable future for all.

[Expected Outcome:](#)

- **Proposed Roadmap for the "Collaboratory"**
- **Proposed actions for mobilizing diverse stakeholders**
- **Proposed new ideas** Explore incorporating a "Shark Tank"-style segment into the Partnership, as suggested by Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA, and Members of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group

F. [Closing Remarks](#)

14:25 – 14:30

Key messages to 2025 ECOSOC Coordination Segment

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- **Dr Myrna Cunningham**, VP, FILAC and Chair, Pawanka Fund
- **Mr. Sami Areikat**, UN DESA, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch

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