Roundtable discussion

Public-Private Sector Relations in SDG Implementation:
Challenges and Dilemmas

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Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, The Hague

Programme

Introduction
12.30 – 13.30 Informal walk-in lunch
13.30 – 13.40 Opening by moderator, policy recommendations research synthesis
(Jan Melissen, Senior Research Fellow at Clingendael Institute)
13.40 – 14.00 Interim findings online consultation channel
(Ernst Kuneman, Research Assistant at Clingendael Institute)

Three themes on SDG Implementation– roundtable discussion
I: Private sector perspectives on effective public-private partnerships
14.00 – 14.40
- During this discussion private sector representatives are invited to reflect on their experiences with (trans)national public-private partnerships. This is the first priority of the discussion.
- How are PPPs being built? What are conditions of effective partnerships? Can/should their effectiveness be measured?
- What is the challenge of building effective public-private partnerships with 17 SDGs and 169 targets?
14:40 – 14.50 Short break

II: Government capacity and private sector needs
14.50 – 15.30
- This session focuses on the role of the government. Previous research has made clear that government has (at least) four roles in relation to the private sector: legislator, grant provider, partner and ‘market manager’. All participants are invited to share their views on the capacity of government to fulfil these different roles.
- Do more multi-stakeholder partnerships for SDGs impact on government roles?
- Is there a common understanding of the division of responsibilities between government and other societal actors?
**III: Balancing future opportunities and risks**

15.30 – 16.10

- This discussion is oriented towards future SDG implementation and global governance.
- What opportunities and risks arise from current practice, and from the perspectives of the private sector and government?
- How could the private sector become more accountable in delivering the SDGs?
- Do the participants see any particular niche role for the Netherlands in building transnational multi-stakeholder partnerships?

**Conclusions**

16.10 – 16.30 Concluding discussion and wrap-up (Louise van Schaik, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Clingendael International Sustainability Centre)

- Comments on discussions under I, II and III
- Short discussion on the way forward, next steps.