

Concept note
Workshop : Implementing SDGs in and by Europe:
What role for NGOs in the new partnership?

September 19th, 10am to 5pm
MAS, 10-18 Rue des Terres au Curé, 75013 Paris



1. Background

In Europe as much as everywhere in the world, reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 will not be an easy task. To meet the challenge, governments insist on the need for all stakeholders to engage in the national implementation of these goals, in particular Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Two years after the adoption of the SDGs, we observe that the definition of this new partnership is not clear yet, and that the mobilisation of NGOs differs widely across countries and sectors. A recent study among NGOs showed that the awareness of national SDG implementation plans and processes is particularly low in Europe, with 54% of respondents not being aware of their countries implementation plans for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs (Together 2030, 2017).

In this closed, interactive workshop, actors from different European countries and sectors will interact in an informal setting in order to clarify expectations, exchange best practices and promote mutual learning. They will also discuss difficulties and barriers encountered in the mobilization of NGOs and identify concrete solutions to strengthen their participation and contribution to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 in and by Europe.

2. Format

The workshop will be interactive and discussion-based rather than presentation-based. All participants are expected to actively participate in the informal discussions and encouraged to share their experiences and expectations as regards the mobilization of NGOs around the SDGs at the national or EU level. If you want to prepare for the discussions, you may reflect on the questions here below :

How are NGOs mobilizing around the SDGs in your country? Who is mobilizing and why? Why are some NGOs not mobilizing?

How would you define the roles of NGOs in the new partnership for the SDGs?

What is needed to ensure meaningful and transparent multi-stakeholder partnerships for the implementation of SDGs?

Are you involved in a multi-stakeholder partnership for the implementation of the SDGs? What are the lessons learnt so far? What challenges do you encounter? What are the next steps?

Are you involved in an NGO coalition or platform that uses the SDGs for joint advocacy or accountability activities? What are the lessons learnt so far? What challenges do you encounter? What are the next steps?

You might also be interested in reading our [working paper on the mobilization of NGOs](#) around the SDGs in Germany and France to which you are welcome to react and comment upon.

3. Draft agenda

- 9 :30-10 :00 **Welcome coffee**
- 10- 10 :15 **Presentation of the objectives of the workshop**
- 10 :15- 11 :00 **Round table introduction of participants**
- 11 :00 -12 :30 **Thematic block 1) Holding the government to account**

During this session you will have the opportunity to share experiences from your country :

What is the state of the mobilization of NGOs in your country and how do they use the SDGs for their accountability and advocacy activities ?

It will also be the occasion to discuss collectively the value added of the SDGs for advocacy and accountability activities.

12 :30 -13 :30 **LUNCH BREAK**

- 13 :30- 14 :30 **Thematic block 2) Bringing NGOs from different sectors together**

During this session we will reflect on emerging NGO advocacy coalitions or platforms for the SDGs. For those who are involved in such initiatives, this will be the opportunity to share experiences and lessons learnt. Together, we will reflect on potential next steps for such initiatives.

14 :30- 14 :45 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 14 :45- 16 :45 **Thematic block 3) Implementing the SDGs on the ground via multi-stakeholder partnerships**

This session will be dedicated to the implementation of SDGs on the ground. Multi-stakeholder partnerships are often said to be key for a successful implementation of the SDGs. Based on the sharing of your experiences and the expectations of the different actors represented, participants will identify success factors for meaningful and transparent multi-stakeholder partnerships for the implementation of the SDGs.

- 16 :45-17 :00 **Conclusions and next steps**

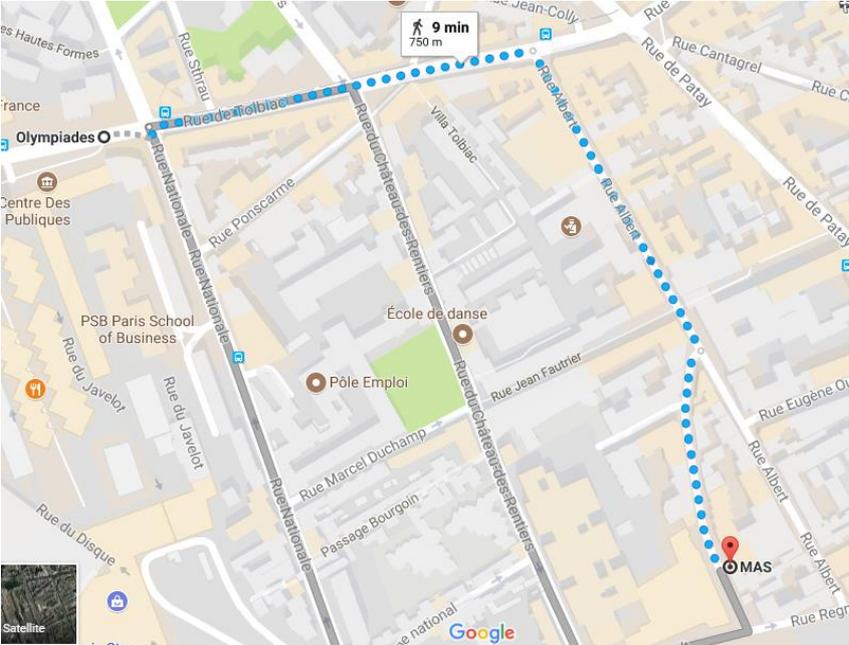
4. List of participants

Last name	First name	Organisation
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Darviot	Antonin	MAEAE- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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5. How to get there

The workshop will take place at Maison des Associations de Solidarité (MAS), a red building at 10-18 Rue des Terres au Curé, 75013 Paris.

To get there by public transport you can take the metro line 14 to Olympiades and then walk for 10 minutes (see map below).



You can also take the Metro line 7 to Porte de Choisy and walk for 12 minutes (see map below).

