



Public Dialogue

Multistakeholderism and UN 2.0: Challenges and Alternatives for Developing Countries

08 November 2023 | 15:30 CET

Online Participation - Zoom

[Co-organized by the South Centre and the Transnational Institute](#)

Background

The preparations for the September 2024 Summit for the Future (SOTF) are well underway. In this process, further proposals are being made arguing for Multistakeholderism as a key instrument for the UN system and global governance. The increasing role of ‘multistakeholderism’ runs the risk of marginalizing States, especially those from the Global South, in making key policy and programmatic decisions. In addition, the role of civil society has been negatively affected, as the increasing participation of well-funded business’ associations in multilateral forums have reduced its ability to contribute to the development and implementation of the intergovernmental agenda.

In view of these developments, the South Centre and the Transnational Institute, are co-organizing a public workshop on “**Multistakeholderism and UN 2.0. Challenges and Alternatives for Developing Countries**” with developing countries’ representatives and civil society organizations in Geneva to discuss the new challenges arising from multistakeholderism and the alternatives that developing countries have in order to face them.

The workshop will present and discuss a new report commissioned jointly by the South Centre and the Transnational Institute (TNI) and elaborated by Prof. Harris Gleckman. The report shows how multistakeholderism limits the role of developing countries in global governance, and how it also undermines multilateralism by outsourcing global governance and leads to a decline in trust in the international community through the erosion of sovereignty. The workshop will also serve as an opportunity to discuss the recommendations from the report on how to deal with multistakeholderism and its risks for global governance and the participation of developing countries.

Objectives

- Examine, in dialogue with the Member States of the Group of 77 and China, and civil society organizations, the impact and challenges posed by the contemporary trend towards multistakeholderism in the context of intergovernmental processes.
- Identify and discuss the recommendations on how to deal with rising multistakeholderism in the United Nations and its risks for global governance and the participation of developing countries.

Agenda

15:30 – 15:40	Welcoming remarks - Prof Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre
15:40 – 16:10	Presentation of the Report Multilateralism and UN 2.0. Challenges and Alternatives for Developing Countries - Prof Harris Gleckman
16:10 – 16:40	Discussion Panel - Mrs. Gladice Pickering, Executive Director, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Namibia - Mr. Gonzalo Berron, Transnational Institute (TNI)
16:40 – 17:00	Open dialogue

Format

The workshop will be held online through Zoom. Participants will receive a link after registration.

Please note that all discussions will take place under the Chatham House Rules.

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