

IVCO 2017 Parallel Dialogues 1 – 12: Session Descriptions

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Day 1, Monday 23 rd October		PARTNERSHIPS AS A STRATEGIC DRIVER OF CHANGE
11:30 – 13:00	<p><u>Parallel Dialogues 1 – 3</u></p> <p>Innovative Partnerships and Enabling Environments at the National and Local Levels</p> <p>These dialogue sessions will focus on national and local level strategies that create effective partnerships or foster enabling environments for volunteerism to thrive. Participants will examine innovations, lessons learned, recommendations and practical implications for international volunteer cooperation organisations (IVCOs) and volunteer involving organisations (VIOs) in creating innovative partnerships or enabling environments at the national and local levels, including innovative partnerships that foster enabling environments and vice versa. Participants will highlight the ‘innovative partnership’ angle and/or the ‘enabling environment’ angle in each case.</p>	<p><u>Dialogue 1. National Policies, Laws and Institutions</u></p> <p>Exploring advocacy or lobbying strategies, elements in national development plans or legislation that fosters innovative partnerships or enabling environments for volunteerism</p> <p><i>Content (example): effectiveness of volunteer policy and legislation; national/local laws that enable volunteering</i></p>
		<p><u>Dialogue 2. V4D Code and Standards</u></p> <p>Exploring elements in V4D code and standards relevant for effective partnerships or enabling environments</p> <p><i>Content (example): Forum’s survey on V4D; code of good practice</i></p>
		<p><u>Dialogue 3. Ways to Engage Volunteers</u></p> <p>Exploring partnerships with national/local schools or universities, media, volunteer centres, alumni networks, etc. to engage volunteers</p> <p><i>Content (example): SDGs and human rights with various local/city governments; partnerships with universities/schools; youth engagement</i></p>

16:00 – 17:30

Parallel Dialogues 4 – 6

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(to be repeated on the morning of Day 2)

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***Note.** Presentations will be repeated on the morning of Day 2 so that participants can attend more than one session focusing on the Asia-Pacific region.*

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Dialogue 5. Prosperity (economic goals – SDG 1, 8, 9, 10, 12)

Content (example): tri-sector partnership in partner countries; corporate-community partnerships

Dialogue 6. Planet (environmental goals – SDG 7, 11, 13, 14, 15)

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Parallel Dialogues 7 – 9

Diversifying Volunteerism for the SDGs

This session is dedicated to sharing successes and challenges of IVCOs utilising diverse volunteer formats to deliver on specific SDGs. Through parallel dialogues, participants will showcase innovative examples and share practical tips/strategies involving a variety of formats (e.g. South-South/North-South cooperation, youth exchange, corporate volunteering, senior/retiree volunteering, etc.). A particular focus will be on discussing the value of a specific format in delivering specific SDGs at both strategic and practical levels.

Dialogue 7. Directionality (South-North, North-South, South-South Volunteering)

Content (example): exchange projects; diaspora volunteering

Dialogue 8. Use of Technology (E-Volunteering)

Content (example): online volunteering

Dialogue 9. Volunteer Characteristics (Youth, Senior/Retiree, Corporate Volunteering)

Content (example): senior volunteers/advisors; corporate volunteering; short-term programs; work camp in communities

Day 3, Wednesday 25th October **KNOWLEDGE AND SOLUTIONS**

<p>11:30 – 13:00</p>	<p><u>Parallel Dialogues (Labs) 10 – 12</u></p> <p>Partnering to Demonstrate Success towards the SDGs</p> <p>Speakers will share knowledge on good practices, case studies, research or theories by engaging in in-depth conversations focusing on IVCOs’ efforts that demonstrate their contributions towards the SDGs. Participants will discuss gaps and potential areas for partnership at strategic and practical levels to solve some of the challenges in demonstrating the value of volunteering.</p>	<p><u>Dialogue 10. Research or Case Study 1</u></p> <p><i>Content (example): IVCO 2017 framing paper on transformative partnership; SVWR; Monitoring & Evaluation study</i></p> <hr/> <p><u>Dialogue 11. Research or Case Study 2</u></p> <p><i>Content (example): IVCO 2017 subtheme paper on innovation; current measurement efforts or case study; participatory research; partnerships with government agencies on use of ILO Manual to collect data on volunteer works</i></p> <hr/> <p><u>Dialogue 12. Research or Case Study 3</u></p> <p><i>Content (example): IVCO 2017 subtheme paper on measurement; effective volunteer practices (SSHRC update)</i></p>
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