

CSSI 2022

Panel Proposal

PARTNERSHIP BROKERING: Changing the Rules of the Game

From challenges to breakthrough

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Transformation is increasingly positioned as a central goal of many partnership initiatives. But what exactly do we mean by transformation? What are the challenges to ensuring the profound and major changes that transformation implies? Can partnership brokering assist in addressing these barriers or, conversely, can it impede transformational change? This panel, which will be run as a facilitated dialogue involving participants, will draw on both academic and practitioner insights to explore the kinds of transformation that partnership brokering aims to achieve in different contexts, what changes this implies and how far they encompass major shifts in the status quo.

Some of the questions for discussion will include:

- What kinds of transformation can be expected through partnership brokering?
- Is it possible to have transformational outcomes without a transformative process?
- Where can partnership brokering make a difference in challenging and changing the rules of the game? What are the main barriers to this and how can they be addressed?
- How can partnership brokering support partners in challenging power dynamics that impede inclusion and transformation?



CHAIR: BULBUL BAKSI (PBA)

Bulbul supports multi-stakeholder partnerships in India and South Asia as a partnership is a partnership practitioner based in India. She has worked for over 25 years with organisations that operate across sectors, including NGOs and CBOs, international

organisations, government bodies and the private sector. She is an Authorised Practitioner Trainer of PBA and Lead for Advanced Practice & Learning.



AMINE BELEMLIH (AFRICA BUSINESS SCHOOL)

Amine is professor at the Africa Business School, where he coordinates research and learning initiatives on the topic of complex transformations. He is also co-founder of Transilience Institute, Institute for territorial transformation and resilience. His areas of interest include social emergence both in organisational and cross-sectorial settings and brokering in transformational initiatives from practice and process perspectives.



JAVIER MAZORRA (itdUPM)

Javier is a Research Fellow at itdUPM where his work has a special focus on sustainable transformations, climate change and access to energy in low and middle-income countries. Currently the Coordinator of the Alianza Shire, a multi-stakeholder partnership for energy access in refugee camps in Ethiopia, Javier will highlight the key challenges involved in this work and how to navigate them in order to ensure transformational partnership approaches.



JAIME MORENO (itdUPM)

Jaime is Technical Director of itdUPM where he supports education and applied research projects that use an interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach to accelerate innovations in policies that facilitate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Jaime will share theoretical insights on key partnership brokering lessons from itdUPM's experience, including the contribution of university-based brokering and its benefits for the university.



LEDA STOTT (itdUPM AND PBA)

Leda is a specialist in multi-stakeholder collaboration and sustainable development. As well as working as a partnership expert with the European Commission, she is an Associate of both itdUPM and PBA. Leda is interested in understanding what transformation means in a partnership context, and how partnership brokering can enable or impede the profound change that transformation implies.



ROS TENNYSON (PBA)

Ros has been a leading practitioner in the world of multi-stakeholder partnerships since 1992. Working initially with the International Business Leaders Forum on partnerships with the corporate sector, she was co-founder of The Partnering Initiative and PBA. Ros will share her thoughts on the opportunities and challenges of partnership brokering in promoting transformation, what we can learn from this and why it matters.