Hearing from a broad range of stakeholders, the objective of this session is to further unpack the previous session’s discussion by focusing on the importance of trust-building approaches in providing an enabling environment for civil society and recognising their role in multi-stakeholder partnerships and locally-led development. The session follows a discussion at last year’s Effectiveness Summit on trust-building to strengthen the enabling environment for civil society and will look at how actors have taken action in 2023. The session will consider how and why civil society organisations are best able to reach where state institutions cannot, and the critical role they play in ensuring no one is left behind. It also represents an opportunity to introduce the “Thematic Initiative on Enabling Civil Society through Trust-Building”.