The essential role of multi-stakeholder partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals

An overview on partnerships as an essential mechanism towards delivering the 2030 Agenda, and introduction to the 2030 Partnership Accelerator
Partnership definitions

**United Nations General Assembly and ECOSOC**

Voluntary initiatives undertaken by Governments and relevant stakeholders, which efforts are contributing to the implementation of inter-governmentally agreed development goals.

Voluntary and collaborative relationships between various parties, both public and non-public, in which all participants agree to work together to achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific task and, as mutually agreed, to share risks and responsibilities, resources and benefits.

Be consistent with national laws and national development strategies and plans, as well as the priorities of countries where they are implemented, bearing in mind the relevant guidance provided by Governments.

Be based on the principles of national ownership, mutual trust, transparency and accountability.

Focus on the achievement of concrete results.

**UN Conferences**

- Specific
- Measurable & Monitorable
- Achievable & Accountable
- Resource-based & Results Focus
- Timeline For Implementation & Transparency By All Parties
Partnerships at the United Nations - a timeline

17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries

17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships

1996
ECOSOC governing inclusive NGO relations with UN

2002
WSSD
First time partnerships part of Conference outcome

2006
UN Office for Partnerships
Gateway for partnerships and effective engagement with the UN

2012
Rio+20
Established HLPF and started post-2015 negotiations

2013
HLPF
First HLPF (VNR from 2016)

2015
2030 Agenda
SDG 17 as means of implementation of 2030 Agenda

2016
Global Compact
Foundation for principles for responsible business

2017
SAMOA Pathway
Multi-stakeholder partnerships and GA Framework for follow-up

2020
Oceans & SDG14
UN Ocean Conference and 1,400 commitments for SDG 14
WATER FOR ALL
Transformative Partnership for Water Distribution in Bolivia

Plastiforte Company
Designing water distribution systems

SEMAPA - Public water supplier

Distribution System
Community Water Distribution System

Water Committees

Construction

Management

Loan

Pro-Habitat - Micro creditor

Distribution Enterprise

Revenue

Construction

Equipment

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Households

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SEMAPA - Public water supplier

Households
WHAT CAN GOVERNMENTS DO TO FOSTER EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGs

- Develop partnerships built to good practice standards
- National enabling policy environment supportive of collaboration
- Work with UN and partners to establish platforms to systematically catalyze actions and partnerships
- Create safe space for dialogue and trusted relationships across stakeholders
- Build capacity of stakeholders on partnership effectiveness, building a culture of collaboration and whole-of-society approach
1. Partnership between the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies, GIZ, and the national park of El Kala, for promoting biodiversity and developing organic products, working closely with rural women and other stakeholders

2. **Women for Growth Partnership**, through UNIDO, UNPD, ILO, for promoting women entrepreneurs

3. Partnerships with UNDP for developing guidelines for teachers and facilitators in environmental education
1. Developed Strategic Partnership Framework (SPF) in partnership with the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Bahrain

2. Partnership with UNIDO and Bahrain led to the establishment of the Arab International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Investment, aimed at strengthening indigenous capacities of selected countries in the Arab, Asian and region for promoting domestic investments and facilitating foreign direct investments
1. Ministry of Manpower and Immigration and American University in Cairo developed partnership aimed to enhance the participation of young, unemployed women with medium and higher education in the economy and to improve their security and rights.

2. The Asmarat Housing Project, a partnership between the Government, Al-Orman Society, and the Tahya Misr fund to provide safe and affordable housing.

3. Partnership between Nile Egyptian Schools and international Cambridge Assessment agency, aim at providing internationally renowned education.
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

1. Partnership with the World Bank in the formulation of a strategic roadmap for social protection
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

1. First Arab country to join the Open Government Partnership – ensuring citizen participation has as a role in shaping and overseeing governments
2. Joined the Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) - forum for collective innovation and action and a fund to support capacity building to scale up climate change mitigation
1. Partnership with UNDP and Women’s Research and Studies Centre at Kuwait University aimed at supporting SDG 5
2. Government working closely with CSO to collect data on human trafficking and to ensure the safe return of trafficked victims to their countries of origin.
1. Global Compact Local Chapter established at the American University of Beirut (AUB), promoting learning and responsible business practices
2. Adoption of a PPP law 2017 by Parliament - allow more transparent and effective partnership modalities.
1. Reform of the Investment Code and the adoption of the legal and institutional framework of Public-Private Partnerships have started to yield results with new public-private partnerships in aviation sector.
Objectives

- Accelerating effective partnerships across all stakeholders to deliver on the SDGs
- Support emerging Partnership Platforms
- Building partnership skills among stakeholders
- Foster national collaboration for the SDGs
- Transfer partnership knowledge to local level

Approach

- National multi-stakeholder partnership workshops
- Research and drawing out best practices
- Training of partnership trainers and supporting local partnership accelerators/makers
Objective

- Build understanding of the role multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs
- Introduce effective approach to developing partnerships
- Support to emerging partnership platforms
- Foster collaboration among sectors and stakeholders
- Support national priorities

Multi-stakeholder participation

Government officials, UN entities, private sector, academia, stakeholders in the country

Per request from Government or UN Resident Coordinator
PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH & GUIDANCE

Catalyzing transformative partnerships for the SDGs

EMERGING PRACTICE OF EFFECTIVE PLATFORMS FOR PARTNERSHIP

The New Partnering Guidebook
BUILDING MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS
Thank you

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