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

Focus on the achievement of concrete result.

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.

Timeline for Implementation & Transparency by all Parties

Resource-based & Results Focus

Achievable & Accountable

Measurable & Monitorable

Specific

UN Conferences

United Nations General Assembly and ECOSOC

Partnership definitions
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 NGOs**
ECOSOC governing inclusive NGO relations with UN

### 2000
**Global Compact**
Foundation for principles for responsible business

### 2002
**WSSD**
First time partnerships part of Conference outcome

### 2003
**CSD Guidelines**
Guidelines on partnerships

### 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)

### 2014
**SAMOA Pathway**
Multi-stakeholder partnerships and GA Framework for follow-up

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

### 2017, 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

Pro-Habitat - Micro creditor

Distribution Enterprise

Revenue

Households

Water Committees

Construction

Management

Loan

Clean Water and Sanitation
Sustainable Cities and Communities
Decent Work and Economic Growth

COMPATIBILITY

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From TPI case study
Partnership Platforms

Partnership brokering

Actively brokers partnerships between stakeholders

Enabling environment

Advocates, nationally and globally, for a common agenda across societal sectors, as well as strengthening the enabling environment for collaboration

Coordinated commitment to action

Enables stakeholders to commit to a common plan, which they hold themselves and each other responsible for delivering.

SDG-aligned investments

Align aid, foreign direct investment, philanthropy, domestic financing and other forms of capital in ways that contribute to the SDGs

Mechanism to systematically drive the creation multi-stakeholder partnerships for development.

Convene and align government, business, NGOs, donors and other development actors around a particular SDG

Facilitate innovative collaborative approaches and directly broker and support new partnership action.

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Now What?!!
Launched in 2017 - Government of Kenya and UN System in Kenya

**Purpose**: Accelerating SDGs in Kenya by enhancing multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral partnerships. Unlock private, philanthropic and intellectual capital for the Government’s priority SDG agenda.

**Involved partners**: Government, UN, development partners, private sector, civil society, philanthropy, academia, and faith-based organizations

**Contributing to Kenya’s Big Four**: Universal Health Coverage (SGD3), Food and Nutrition Security, Manufacturing and Skills Training, and Affordable Housing.

**Raised**: 5.8 million USD (multi-lateral, bilateral, philanthropic and private sector partners) *(as of May 2019)*

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Launched February 2020, by Government of Samoa and UN system in Samoa

**Purpose**: to ensure all children have access to vaccination through timely and safe routine immunization to avoid outbreaks and further enjoy a healthy life.

**Responding to need**: In Dec 2019, Gov launched the National Measles Response and Recovery Appeal

**Target**: To raise 10.7 million USD
WHAT CAN GOVERNMENTS DO TO FOSTER EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGs

- Develop partnerships built to good practice standards
- 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
- Work with UN and partners to establish platforms to systematically catalyze actions and partnerships
- National enabling policy environment supportive of collaboration
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

1. Partnership between the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies, GIZ, and the national park of El Kala, for promoting biodiversity and developing of 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
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

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 to provide 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
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

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.
PARTNERSHIPS FROM VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

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
PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH & GUIDANCE

Catalyzing transformative partnerships for the SDGs

EMERGING PRACTICE OF EFFECTIVE PLATFORMS FOR PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERSHIP ACCELERATOR 2030 AGENDA
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

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