Partnerships
Sustainability through innovative collaboration

What are Partnerships?
Voluntary multi-stakeholder initiatives which contribute to implementation of inter-governmental sustainable development commitments in:

- Agenda 21
- Programme of the Further Implementation of Agenda 21
- Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
Mandate on Partnerships

- Acknowledging that no single actor, government, civil society or private sector, could achieve sustainable development on their own.
  - In 2002, partnerships were recognized as an important complementary outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).
- The WSSD designated the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) as the focal point for discussions on partnerships for sustainable development.

Criteria and Guidelines

At CSD-11 in 2003, the partnerships criteria and guidelines were agreed.
What is unique?
As outlined in the Criteria and Guidelines, partnerships for sustainable development have:

- An integrated approach to addressing economic, social, and environmental aspects of sustainable development
- A sectoral and geographic balance
- A transparent and accountable design
- Concrete value addition to implementation of sustainable development

Partnership Registration Options

✓ Initiatives that have committed partners, and confirmed resources, and meet the remaining partnership criteria and guidelines are encouraged to register as a Partnership for Sustainable Development.

✓ Initiatives that are still at a proposal stage, and have yet to confirm partners and/or funding are welcome to register as a Partnership Proposal.
Benefits of Registering

Registered Partnerships can:

- Share information through the CSD Partnerships database.
- Network, present updates and showcase progress at the CSD Partnerships Fair.
- Provide input to summary reports prepared for the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Registration Options

Use the online Partnerships Registration Form by creating a profile at http://esa.un.org/dsd/public/

Use the MS Word version of the Partnerships Registration Form and send it to the Partnerships Team:

- Via E-mail: to beyondwssd@un.org
- Via Fax: to +1 917 367 2341
CSD Partnerships Database

The CSD Partnerships database currently lists 321 Partnerships for Sustainable Development.

Database Browse

The database has a variety of browse functions:

Browse Database

Browse the CSD Partnerships Database by an alphabetical listing of partnership titles, geographic scope or lead partner name.

- By Title
- By Geographical Scope
- By Lead Partner

Browse by Title - A

Browse by Geographic scope - Sub-regional

Browse by Partner - A


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Lead Partner: ASCAP Regional Center (Biodiversity Conservation (APCRO))
Lead Partner: UNESCO (Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits)
Lead Partner: Academy for Educational Development (AED)

- NetMark Plan: A Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Marine Protection
Database Search

The database has numerous search parameters:

- Keywords
- Partner name
- Sustainable development
- Themes

In addition, the advanced search option also includes parameters such as capacity-building activities, country of implementation, etc.

Fundraising Functions

The database makes it possible for donors to search for partnerships based on the type of additional resources required.

Search for Partnerships Seeking Resources

You have two ways of using this search. You can restrict your search to partnerships that need:

1. All of the criteria you select
2. Any of the criteria you select

Select one or more of the search criteria below. When you have made your selection, click on the Search button.

Click on the help icon for more information about this search criterion.

- **Non-financial resources**
  - Show partnerships which need any of the following non-financial resources:
    - computers
    - office space
    - staff
    - other
Analytical Functions

The database makes it possible for users to access trend statistics on partnership data.

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Water and Sanitation Partnerships

A total of 77 partnerships in the partnerships database have a primary focus on either water or sanitation.

- 53% have a global scope; 10% have regional scope; 23% have sub-regional scope and 13% have either national or local scope.
- 86% have an educational component
- 67% have a training component
- 59% involve technology transfer/exchange
Partnership Example: WAC

Water for Asian Cities

- Promoting urban water demand management and integrated urban environmental sanitation
- Income generation through community-based water and sanitation services
- Pro-poor urban water governance
- Monitoring progress towards achieving MDG targets in the water and sanitation sector in Asian cities

Partnership Example: Watergy

Watergy - Addressing Municipal Water Challenges through Energy and Water Efficiency Partnerships

- Building institutional capacity to improve water and energy resource management
- Promoting energy-efficient technologies and practices, in optimizing and modernizing municipal water supply systems
- Developing innovative financing mechanisms for projects to improve energy use in water delivery
Partnership Example: WASH

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for all Initiative**

- Promotes teaching basic sanitation and hygiene as a necessary complement to water and sanitation infrastructure projects.
- Focuses on demand-creation, behavioural change, capacity building and implementation, to reach 15 million people with sanitation and hygiene by 2015.

**Partnership Example: PAWS**

**Partners for Water and Sanitation (PAWS)**

- Works with developing countries to provide knowledge and expertise to help supply clean water and adequate sanitation
- Addresses the MDGs for water and sanitation
- Has members from three sectors: government departments, private enterprises from water companies to engineering groups, and NGOs.
Upcoming: Partnerships e-Forum

- Connect with other partnership practitioners
- Share practical approaches “what works, what doesn’t”

Building a knowledge network

Through online resources, information tools, publications and meetings...

- Facilitate communication and exchange
- Promote practical learning
- Encourage replicability and scaling up

To cultivate the creation of communities of practice on partnerships for sustainable development.