



SEED Initiative

Supporting entrepreneurs for sustainable development

UN CSD-17 Partnership Fair Training Session

Creating an enabling environment for locally-driven entrepreneurial partnerships for sustainable development

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Introduction

Locally-driven, multistakeholder approaches to sustainable development are an important means of delivering the aspirational goals agreed by the international community at the Millennium Summit and at WSSD. Yet there remains a knowledge gap on tools and guidance on what kind of support and frameworks are needed to help good ideas to survive and grow. SEED's Research and Learning Programme investigates these issues and seeks to draw out useful lessons for practitioners and policy- and decision-makers. It has been managed by IISD (International Institute for Sustainable Development) since 2007.

Objectives and impacts

To help participants understand what is needed to create an enabling environment for locally-driven multi-stakeholder partnerships, like the SEED Award Winners, that are taking innovative and entrepreneurial approaches to sustainable development challenges.

Content and methodology

1. Presentation and discussion of the role of entrepreneurial partnerships for sustainable development.
2. Presentation and discussion of the obstacles faced by entrepreneurial partnerships such as SEED Award Winners in consolidating and growing their impacts.
3. Presentation and discussion of general approaches to scale-up and replication of successful ideas.
4. Presentation and discussion of the kinds of support that are proving useful in overcoming these obstacles – using SEED and other relevant programmes as examples.

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