



**PARTNERSHIP
ACCELERATOR**

**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
PARTNERSHIPS AND
ENGAGEMENT FOR
THE 2030 AGENDA**

SUPPORTING MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT FOR
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERS AND DONORS

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Introduction

The Division for Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) acts as the Secretariat for the SDGs, providing substantive support and capacity-building for the goals and their related thematic issues.

The Division promotes multi-stakeholder and participatory approaches and supports governments and stakeholders to monitor and develop effective partnerships for the SDGs.

The **2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator** is a collaborative initiative by the Division for the Sustainable Development Goals, carried out with its implementing partner, The Partnering Initiative.

The Partnership Accelerators seeks to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by enhancing stakeholder's capacities in developing effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and engaging meaningfully with SDG related processes.

The Partnership Accelerator was launched in connection with the first SDG Summit in 2019. Since then, a number of activities and outputs have taken place, from the development and dissemination of several freely available partnership guidebooks and research papers on various aspects related to multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement to organization of both virtual and in-person trainings and events - reaching **over 1,000 stakeholders from various sectors**.



A partnership approach

The Partnership Accelerator has worked with a range of partners in carrying out its activities, including 18 countries and Resident Coordinators (RCs), the Caribbean Public Health Agency, the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, ESCAP, Global Compact, UN Office for Sustainable Development, Partnerships2030, the Global Forum on SDG Advisory Bodies, among others.

A key focus of the Partnership Accelerator is to support building multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement at the national level, working closely with the RC offices and national governments.



Countries

- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Dominican Republic
- Germany (donor)
- Guinea Bissau
- Italy (donor)
- Ireland (Donor)
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mauritius
- Maldives
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Republic of Korea (donor)
- Samoa
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sri Lanka
- Uzbekistan

United Nations

- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- ECLAC
- ESCAP
- Global Compact
- UN Development Coordination Office
- UN Office for Partnerships
- UN Office for Sustainable Development

IGOs

- European Commission (donor)
- Caribbean Public Health Agency

Implementing partners, NGOs & networks

- The Partnering Initiative
- Partnerships2030
- Global Forum on SDG Advisory Bodies

5 years of activities & impact (2019 - 2023)



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EVENTS & TRAININGS

In-person and virtual globally open virtual events and trainings on different aspects of partnership effectiveness. The events and trainings are supplemented by research and guidebooks on various topics.



1,000+

STAKEHOLDERS TRAINED

Over 1,000 stakeholders from various sectors participating in training events, forums and webinars.



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ONLINE LEARNING CENTRE

[Partnership Learning Centre](#), offering **9 learning modules** on various aspects of partnering for the SDGs, including **4 modules on special issues** such as partnerships in response to COVID-19 and partnerships for Small Island Developing States, and **5 guided tours** of modules and resources based on user's level of experience with partnerships.



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COUNTRIES

Supported the UN Resident Coordinators in **The Bahamas, Cambodia, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Maldives, Moldova, Samoa, Seychelles and Sri Lanka** in their efforts to enhance understanding of relationships across participants from different sectors, in order to launch new partnerships for supporting SDG implementation.



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NETWORKS OF PARTNERSHIP CHAMPIONS

Regional cohorts of **"Partnership Accelerators"** in the **Caribbean** and **the Asia-Pacific** to cascade partnership training and expertise stakeholders at the regional, national and community level.

For more information, please visit the webpage [here](#).



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PARTNERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Teamed up with **Partnerships2030** and the **Global Forum on SDG Advisory** to jointly run a **campaign** aimed at raising awareness and supporting **government and stakeholders to develop, improve and scale up multi-stakeholder partnerships** in support of the SDGs and beyond.

More information [here](#).



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PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS

The Partnership Accelerator include a broad range of partners to ensure **all stakeholders' needs and interests are represented**. Partners contribute to both in-person and virtual events and the production of resources and guidance. Partners include governments, the UN system, civil society organizations, academia and other organizations and sectors.



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PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership Platforms are an essential mechanism for building and maintaining such partnerships.

The Partnership Accelerator has supported the establishment of the **Mexico Platform for Partnerships**. The Partnership Accelerator is currently supporting several other countries in establishing similar mechanisms to create an enabling environment for partnerships.



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GUIDANCE & RESEARCH

The Partnership Accelerator has developed several guidance and research resources covering a wide array of topics including **5 National partnership Landscape Assessments, 1 UN Partnership Strategy, 4 Guidebooks covering different topics and 1 research project** conducted on partnerships in response to COVID-19.

The resources are available to all interested stakeholders in the [Partnership Accelerator Resource Library](#).

What are partners & stakeholders saying?

The Partnership Accelerator generated a catalytic change, and reinvigorated the UN team on the ground in its efforts to convene and engage holistically in the Maldives for the 2030 Agenda.

Ms. Catherine Haswell, UN Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Maldives

The support of the Partnership Accelerator team, was key to define a UNCT partnerships strategy in Mexico, first in its time in the region.

Ms. Priscilla Jazmin Miranda Garcia, Development Coordination Officer, United Nations RCO, Mexico

I really enjoyed being a part of the Partnership Accelerator. My participation in this programme has brought great value to my work as a Partnerships Officer - the tools and resources, as well as the skills gained have strengthen my capacity to engage in effective partnerships.

Participant of the Caribbean Partnership Accelerator

The experience of collaboration with the Partnership Accelerator has been invaluable at both a personal and professional level. Working with a professional team that embraced principles of partnering in their engagement significantly contributed to the achievement of the outcome of the partnership.

Participant of the Caribbean Partnership Accelerator

The training was very interactive and hands on. The group dynamics were excellent and the set up gave the participants the opportunity to learn from each other as well as the facilitators. It also gave real world examples that were easy to apply in every day life.

Participant of the Bahamas Partnership Training

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Participant of the Caribbean Partnership Accelerator

Funding and support

The activities of the programme that require extrabudgetary funding - from trainings, research, and development of training material - have been made possible with generous funding support from its partner donors.

The Partnership Accelerator is seeking new partners to support multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement for the SDGs.

Please contact us for more information and to start a discussion.

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National level support

The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework embody the spirit of partnerships at the core of the 2030 Agenda. That means building partnerships with host governments, civil society, academia, parliaments, the private sector, bilateral partners, to leverage strengths and drive transformative change.

The aim the Partnership Accelerator's support at the national level is to raise capacity of national stakeholders in building effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement for the SDGs, working closely with the UN and the national governments.

Areas of impact include:

- Governments to have raised understanding of the value of partnerships for driving implementation of the SDGs.
- UN Resident Coordinators and country teams to be fully skilled to engage and partner with all stakeholders and sectors to drive effective partnerships to support the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.
- Empower stakeholders across societal sectors to champion partnership approaches within and outside their own organizations and meaningfully engage with SDG related processes.
- Establishment of national platforms to build multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement in key priority areas.

Activities include:

- Develop partnership landscape assessments to map and identify existing national SDG related partnerships, stakeholders, mechanisms, and thematic areas with strong potential for new partnerships across sectors and understanding of policy environment supportive of collaboration.
- Organize Partnership training workshops and Partnership Forums with national stakeholders from all sectors to strengthen and scale up in-country multi-stakeholder and multi-sector engagement for the SDGs.
- Support the development of partnership platforms as mechanisms to convene stakeholders to systematically catalyze partnerships for the SDGs.
- Run virtual coaching/partnership labs with RCOs and national stakeholders as follow up to training workshops and forums.
- Training of RCOs/country teams on effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement to drive implementation of priority areas of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

SDG specific partnerships and engagement

Effective partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals require specific skills, research and investments. The Partnership Accelerator works to ensure partners are equipped to build sustainable partnerships, with broad stakeholder engagement, for the SDGs.

Areas of impact include:

- Stakeholders to have increased understanding of the partnering landscape for the SDGs.
- Increased development of new partnerships and increased strength of existing partnerships.
- Enhanced knowledge of stakeholders regarding skills, requirements, best practices and importance of partnerships for the SDGs.

Activities include:

- Support the development of SDG focused partnership assessments to map and identify existing SDG related partnerships, stakeholders, mechanisms, and thematic areas with strong potential for new partnerships across sectors and understanding of policy environment supportive of collaboration.
- Development of SDG focused guidebooks and guidance for developing SDG specific partnerships.
- Support the development of new multi-stakeholder partnerships in various SDGs.
- Development of globally accessible online resource bank of case studies, best practices and guidance on specific topics, including an online learning module.
- Globally accessible online and in-person trainings of stakeholders to improve existing and build up new collaborations with a particular thematic/SDG focus, e.g., partnerships for water, ocean, sustainable energy, climate, etc., either globally, regionally, or nationally.

Stakeholder groups

Enhancing trust, understanding and collaboration between different sectors and stakeholder is essential to boost partnerships and engagement for SDG implementation. Each stakeholder group has their own unique set of goals, skills, assets, and challenges.

The Partnership Accelerator aims to equip all stakeholders with the necessary tools, skills, and space to ensure their interests are represented in partnerships for sustainable development.

Activities include:

- Training on partnership effectiveness to targeted stakeholder groups, i.e., NGOs/civil society, government officials in developing countries, private sector, academia, women, etc., either globally, regionally, or nationally.
- Develop specific guidance to stakeholder groups based on the distinct needs.

Scaling up support

Building up the team to support and scale up the 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator programme.