

Global Online Stakeholder Consultation

Questions

This global online stakeholder consultation is convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs to solicit written views, experiences and proposals from all relevant stakeholders to inform the preparation for the 2026 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC Partnership Forum), which will take place on 27 January 2026 at the UN Headquarters in New York under the theme “Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for a sustainable future for all”. The Forum will place a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals under in-depth review at the 2026 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), namely Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 9 (Industry Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

The global online stakeholder consultation welcomes the active participation of parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth, and major groups and other stakeholders. Responses must be submitted through the dedicated online form at <https://bit.ly/26PFConsult> by Friday, 31 October 2025, 6 p.m. EDT.

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According to the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025, only 35% of the SDG targets with data are on track or making moderate progress and 18% have regressed below 2015 baseline levels. In your opinion, what are some **current trends that are threatening the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030**? If your answer only applies to a specific region, please indicate the region (choose from: Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Oceania)

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- Name of the partnership
- Relevant SDG(s)
- Scope of impact
- Top three drivers of effectiveness
- Website

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Please share one concrete example of **stakeholders' effective contribution** to a major partnership for the SDGs that significantly enhances the impact of the partnership.

How would you categorize the type of stakeholder contribution in the example you have provided. Please select at most 3 categories from the list below:

- Knowledge and expertise sharing
- Cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination
- Community-level implementation
- Data collection, reporting, monitoring and evaluation
- Financial contribution
- Science, technology and innovation
- Awareness raising and public engagement
- Advocacy and fund-raising

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What **capacity, knowledge, or resource** is most urgently needed to develop and sustain effective partnerships for the SDGs, particularly in the areas of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17? Select up to three elements from each of the two lists below which you think are most actionable before 2030 to improve results.

I. System-level enablers (government-led, externally facing)

- Policy and regulatory coherence (e.g. streamlined rules, cross-sectoral alignment, enabling environments for partnerships)
- Data infrastructure and systems (e.g. SDG monitoring, shared data platforms, big data partnerships)
- Financing frameworks (e.g. INFF, PPPs, blended finance, sustainable investment platforms)
- Strengthening local ecosystems for innovation and engagement (e.g. partnerships with municipalities, MSMEs, local hubs, CBOs, academic institutions)
- Other

II. Institutional enablers (internally facing, organizational readiness)

- Training in professional partnering competencies (e.g. shared language, collaborative skills)
- Access to networks and platforms for partnership development and networking
- Facilitation and support for partnership processes (e.g. third-party facilitators)
- Tools and resources for partnership development and management
- Organizational alignment and internal systems to foster a pro-partnering culture and incentives
- More active collaboration with academia to identify researchable topics to guide action and better align science-policy-society interface
- Specific capacity building efforts targeting senior government officials, particularly from developing countries
- Other

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If you can share one **policy recommendation to representatives from Governments attending the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum**, to help further strengthen the impact from partnerships to advance transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for sustainable development and the SDGs, what would it be? If your recommendation is particularly relevant to any of the goals under in-depth review in 2026, please indicate.

Building on the policy recommendation above, please **finish the below with a catchy one-line sentence**:

To advance sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for sustainable development and the acceleration of the SDGs at all levels, we need partnerships that

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The General Assembly, in its resolution 78/285, agreed to fully review at its 80th session the arrangements of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, as contained in resolutions 75/290A and 75/290B and their annexes. Building on lessons learned from the previous cycles and relevant processes, would you have **any recommendations to make in relation to the arrangements of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum to further strengthen ECOSOC and HLPF and the effectiveness of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda?**