



**PARTNERSHIP
ACCELERATOR**

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

2022 ACTIVITIES

Executive summary

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator is a collaborative initiative by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and The Partnering Initiative, aimed at accelerating effective partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Direct partnership training support and advisory services are offered to member States and Resident Coordinators/UN country teams wishing to foster stronger collaboration between stakeholders and sectors, and enhance their capacities in forging new multi-stakeholder partnerships and partnership platforms.

The present document summarizes the activities and achievements of the Partnership Accelerator in 2022, implemented with generous funding support from the Government of Italy, the Government of Ireland, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development.

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Activities and achievements include:

- Strengthened partnerships between stakeholders in **Maldives** on waste management and mental health, through organization of partnership labs and consultations.
- Supported the organization of the **Mexico Partnership Forum** to strengthen and scale multi-stakeholder and multi-sector engagement for SDGs, leading to the establishment of the **Mexico Partnership Platform** and **UN's Partnership Strategy** as a first in the region.
- Training to national stakeholders from various sectors on how to build effective and impactful partnerships in **the Bahamas**.
- Established a **network of partnerships champions** to advance partnership knowledge in the **Caribbean**.
- Support to stakeholders on building partnerships for advancing **Sustainable Development Goal 14**.
- Launch of an online **Partnership Learning Centre** with learning modules and resources on how to build and manage effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs.
- Contributed to partnership discussions and trainings at the **ECOSOC Partnership Forum** and the **High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**.

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Maldives

Maldives is suffering unique impacts from COVID-19 due to the high exposure of its economy to external shocks. Both the World Bank and Asian Development Bank assess Maldives as being one of the worst hit in the world from the pandemic. It is clear that the recovery cannot be a return to business as usual. The goal in Maldives is to build back better, in order to continue the trajectory towards the 2030 Agenda and make tangible progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Partnership Labs

Following a broad consultative process with national stakeholders in 2021, the **Maldives Partnership Landscape Assessment** was published. This assessment was used to identify the thematic areas that have strong potential for developing new partnerships. The two priority areas selected as priority areas were **Waste Management** and **Mental Health**.

Two **virtual Partnership Labs** were organized in collaboration with the Government of Maldives, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Maldives and the 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator. The Labs, held 21 December 2021 (mental health) and 16 February 2022 (waste management), convened key actors working on each topic to explore areas for collaboration and develop new partnership ideas.

More information:

<http://partnershipaccelerator.org/library/?module=Maldives>



"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

Mexico

The United Nations Cooperation Framework for the Sustainable Development of Mexico 2020-2025 establishes the general guidelines to develop a work plan with a comprehensive vision to accelerate the SDGs in the country. Its implementation will only be possible through the effective collaboration and joint work of the United Nations System in Mexico with counterparts, partners, and allies, as well as through strategic, multi-sector, and multi-stakeholder partnerships that scale the impact of actions with a multiplier effect.

Mexico Partnership Forum

The Mexico Partnership Forum, held in Marzo, Mérida, Yucatán, 17-18 March 2022, organized by the RCO, in collaboration with the 2030 Partnership Accelerator served as a platform to strengthen and scale multi-stakeholder and multi-sector engagement; promote common understanding of the added value of partnerships to accelerate the SDGs; share experiences, success stories, and best practices of existing partnerships; serve as a platform to launch new partnerships; and explore how the UNS and the Government of Mexico can create the enabling conditions that support collaboration for the country's sustainable development.

The Forum was attended by more than 230 people across all sectors. It resulted in the Declaration for Building transformative partnerships for sustainable development and the creation of the Mexico Partnership Platform.



"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

More information: <http://partnershipaccelerator.org/library/?module=Mexico>

Partnership Spotlight

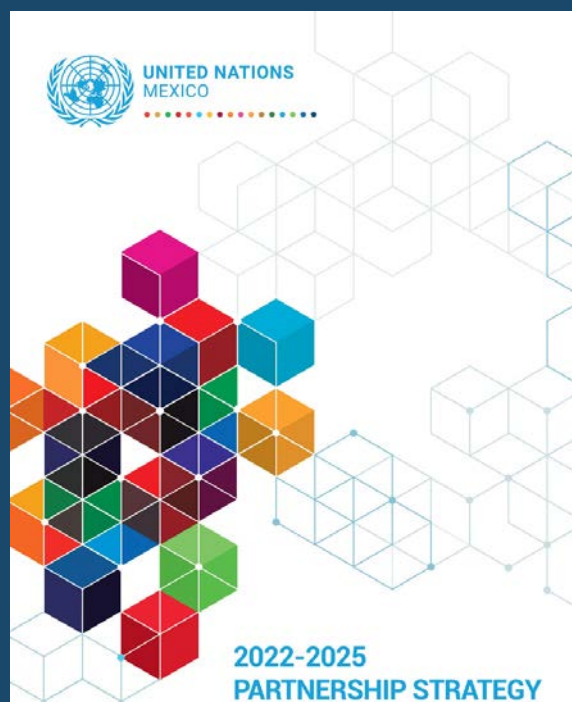
United Nations Mexico 2022-2025 Partnership Strategy

The United Nations System in Mexico has launched its **2022-2025 Partnership Strategy for the Acceleration of the SDGs and the Implementation of the UNSDCF** to create a common framework to manage partnerships that support the implementation of the Cooperation Framework. The Strategy contributes to the mobilization of resources, knowledge, data, communication and interagency efforts towards sustainable development in Mexico.

The Strategy sets out a common vision and roadmap to achieve:

- an culture aimed at effective partnerships as a basis for inter-agency coordination;
- strategic partnerships to scale up the impact of actions and initiatives;
- multi-stakeholder partnerships in key areas to promote systemic change.

The Strategy highlights the dedication to implement the Sustainable Development Goals in Mexico through effective, inclusive and transparent partnerships.



More information: <https://partnershipaccelerator.netlify.app/library/?module=Mexico>

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Mexico Partnership Platform

A key objective of the Mexico Partnership Forum was the launch of a **Platform of Partnerships and Innovation for Territorial Sustainable Development**. The Platform will serve as a framework for multi-stakeholders to generate actions from the territory and achieve a path towards sustainable development aimed at reducing inequalities.



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The Bahamas

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator is supporting the United Nations in The Bahamas to accelerate effective partnerships and to enhance collaboration across participants from different sectors in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, through several activities on the ground in Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas

Partnership Training

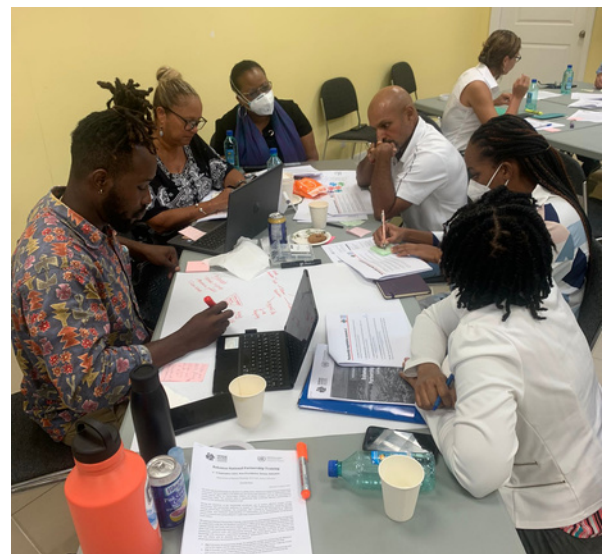
To support multi-stakeholder partnerships in the Bahamas, The Partnership Accelerator in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, The Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands with funding from Italy, organized the **Bahamas National Partnership Training**, attended by 45 national and regional stakeholders.

Suited to both new and experienced partnership practitioners, the training balanced core knowledge with interactive, experiential learning through games, peer-to-peer exchange and case clinics focused on national priorities.

The training provided participants with a shared language, partnership tools and frameworks; experience designing and troubleshooting partnerships and a strengthened national network of partnering champions.

More information:

<http://partnershipaccelerator.org/library/?module=Bahamas>



"This additional knowledge from the training has shown me how I can fully incorporate partnerships into every aspect of my work."

**Participant of the
Bahamas Partnership
Training**



Caribbean Partnership Accelerators

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator, in collaboration with the Caribbean Public Health Agency and the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, with funding support from the Government of Italy, has identified and trained 16 individuals in the region with the purpose to cascade knowledge on building effective partnerships to drive implementation of the SDGs.

These individuals - the Caribbean Partnership Accelerators - have taken part in a number of virtually organized sessions on various aspects related to partnering for sustainable development, including an in-person Training of Trainers workshop held in the Bahamas in September 2022, in order to replicate the trainings on partnerships effectiveness and to deliver knowledge to the local and national level.

The activities of the trainings sought to give the participants the skills needed to share their knowledge about building new and strengthening existing multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.

The purpose of the project is to support the building of effective partnerships to drive implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Caribbean.

It is expected that the Caribbean Partnership Accelerators will organize tailored trainings on partnerships effectiveness to their constituents, to be carried out individually or with the support/coaching from the group and/or the Partnership Accelerator.

More information:

<https://partnershipaccelerator.netlify.app/library/?module=SIDSAccelerators#caribbean>

Meet the Caribbean Partnership Accelerators



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Partnerships for Sustainable Development Goal 14

Side event at UN Ocean Conference - Scaling up action and building effective partnerships for SDG14: the essential roles of higher education and business

Held 27 June 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal, this side event was organized in collaboration with the Government of Ireland, UN DESA, UN OHRLLS, the International Association of Universities (IAU), The Partnering Initiative (TPI) and the University of Bergen (UiB), in efforts to raise the capacity of different stakeholders in forging effective partnerships for SDG 14.

This side event emphasized the need for business and higher education sectors to come together to find common goals in multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve not only SDG 14, but all SDGs. The side event presented recent reports from IAU, UiB, World Ocean Council and UN OHRLLS. Following the reports, a panel discussion emphasized the necessity of a multi-sector approach to partnerships for sustainable development and the need for policy makers to be informed with research-based data.

The side event resulted in several voluntary commitments including:

- [SDG200](#) as part of the [One Ocean Expedition](#)
- [SEAS postdoctoral fellowship programme](#)
- [Ocean Graduate Excellence Network](#)
- [Digital Twins of the Ocean \(DITTO\)](#)

More information: <https://sdgs.un.org/events/scaling-action-and-building-effective-partnerships-sdg-14-essential-roles-higher-education>

Partnership training for SDG 14

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator, in collaboration with Ireland and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), hosted an introductory virtual training course on partnerships for Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The training course provided the participants with the foundation to build and strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships for the Ocean, focusing on effectiveness, building blocks and available tools for sustainable development.

Opening 28 November and concluding 6 December 2022, the course included four virtual sessions covering the value of partnerships; partnership relationships; building; and managing partnerships. Each session consisted of a training presentation, breakout group activity and partnership dialogue with experts in the field.

Hands-on group activities in the session trained the participants to use new skills, knowledge and understanding of partnerships. The partnership dialogues provided case studies and real world examples of strong partnerships for SDG 14.



"Partnerships provide powerful opportunities for joint thinking and action creating more transformative change than could possibly be achieved alone."

**Ambassador Peter Thomson,
UN Secretary-General's
Special Envoy for the ocean**

More information: <https://partnershipaccelerator.netlify.app/library/?module=Ocean>

ECOSOC Partnership Forum

The 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was held on 2 February 2022 on the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

The Partnership Accelerator supported two virtual Partnership Exchange sessions during the Forum.

The sessions featured panels of expert speakers sharing their first-hand experience and lessons learned in building effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.

1) The session "Experiences from partnering during the COVID-19 pandemic" highlighted the importance of partnerships in the recovery from COVID-19 and in building more sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies.

2) The session "Fostering an enabling environment for collaboration" explored the policies needed to support multi-stakeholder partnerships, build capacities of stakeholders around partnering and support organizational change to create an environment supportive of partnerships.



More information:

<https://sdgs.un.org/events/ecosoc-partnership-forum-2022>

Partnership Spotlight

A conversation with Mr. Arif Neky, United Nations, SDG Partnership Platform, Kenya

In the lead up to the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, a podcast interview was recorded by the Partnership Accelerator with Arif Neky, Senior Advisor, UN Strategic Partnerships United Nations RCO, Kenya.

Mr. Neky explained how his past experiences in finance, development and volunteer work influenced his desire to foster partnerships. While working with the UN, Mr. Neky co-founded the SDG Philanthropy Platform to bring together sectors to fund the SDGs. Mr. Neky underscored the need to shift towards socially responsible corporations, in which corporations examine the impact through their value chain. Doing so encourages the corporation to be a full partner in sustainable development, instead of only a donor while increasing capital. The shift to this blended finance can seem alien to development partners.

The Platform is continuing to fine tune, learn and adapt its framework for 2022-2026. The approach will be well rounded, with specific focus on leaving no one behind. The Platform aims to continue fostering partnerships for sustainable development in Kenya.

Watch the full interview at:

<https://partnershipaccelerator.netlify.app/library/?module=platforms>



"Let's leave our egos, logos, and siloes and let's converge for impact"

Mr. Arif Neky, United Nations, SDG Partnership Platform, Kenya

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

SDGs Learning, Training and Practice:

Transformational Partnerships: national platforms and practical tools to promote collaboration, policy integration and coherence

Organized in collaboration with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development; Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare and the Government of Zimbabwe as part of the HLPF on 6 July 2022, the training event spotlighted the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships at the local, national and global level to achieve the SDGs.

The training covered:

- How partnerships generate transformational change
- How to manage partnerships
- How national partnership platforms support partnerships
- How to measure the value added by partnerships, with an in-depth case study of partnerships for sustainable development in Zimbabwe.

More information:

<https://sdgs.un.org/events/session-3-transformational-partnerships-national-platforms-and-practical-tools-promote>

Partnership Spotlight

Partnership Learning Centre

To further support building and managing effective multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, the Partnership Accelerator has developed an online comprehensive [Partnership Learning Centre](#).

The Learning Centre offers modules on various aspects of partnering for the SDGs, including on special issue such as partnerships in response to COVID-19, national partnership platforms and partnerships for Small Island Developing States. The Centre also offers guided tours of modules and resources based on the level of experience the user has with partnerships.

Furthermore, the Centre includes a rich [Resource Library](#) containing guidebooks, national partnership landscape assessments, interviews, training videos and more.

The Partnership Learning Centre and Resource Library are freely available to all interested stakeholders at: <http://partnershipaccelerator.org/library/>





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