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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

*An extract of the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation: Summary Report*



ECOSOC Partnership Forum

## About this Paper

This paper is an extract from the report of the [global online stakeholder consultation](#), which summarizes inputs received from stakeholders to a global online stakeholder consultation organized by UN DESA in connection with the [2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum](#) which will be held on 5 February at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The main Report can be found [here](#), including links to all responses and inputs to the six questions, highlighting key messages, views and suggestions from stakeholders that are most relevant to the theme and focus of the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, as well as detailed background information and a summary. Detailed submissions can be viewed online [here](#).

This paper presents a summary of the **Key Takeaways** of the global online stakeholder consultation.

## THEME

“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind”



# KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR 2025



Stakeholders called for **urgent attention and partnerships** to address a wide range of challenges, such as climate change, environmental degradation, poverty, inequality, lack of access to basic services, education, healthcare, conflicts and displacements, digital divide, among others (see word cloud below).



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*Word cloud on key challenges that require immediate attention and partnerships based on stakeholder responses to Question 1 (created using Wordart.com)*



Knowledge and expertise sharing, awareness raising & public engagement, community-level implementation, cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination are perceived as the most effective ways for stakeholders to contribute to partnerships.

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Stakeholders called for more efforts to improve key **capacity, knowledge, resources help develop and sustain effective partnerships** for the SDGs.

Stakeholders rated “**access to networks and platforms for partnerships**” and “**training in professional partnering competencies (e.g. shared language, collaborative skills)**” as the most actionable areas to improve in the limited time before 2030, which are closely followed by “**facilitation and support for partnership processes (e.g., third-party facilitators)**”, “**tools and resources for partnership development**” and “**organizational alignment and internal systems for partnerships**”.

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Stakeholders have identified a number of **drivers for partnership effectiveness**, such as adopting **evidence-based approaches**, developing **tailored solutions** to meet local contexts, having **strong and effective leadership**, **clear communication and shared goals**, **robust governance structures** and **financing mechanisms**. Effective partnerships are **adaptable** and engage in collaborations that **transcend boundaries** – geographical, sectorial, institutional – to address interlinked challenges in an integrated manner.



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*Word cloud on key drivers for partnership effectiveness, based on stakeholder responses to Question 5 (created using Wordart.com)*



To help Governments **further strengthen the impact from partnerships**, stakeholders shared many **policy recommendations**, with some recurring themes highlighted below:

- **Create dedicated hubs, networks, and platforms to facilitate collaboration**, both vertical (global to local) and horizontal (across sectors), to align efforts, share resources, and co-create solutions;
- **Make efforts to raise awareness, build capacity, and share knowledge**, including technology and skills transfer to low-income areas and marginalized communities;
- **Establish formal mechanisms to elevate the voices of marginalized groups** within governance processes and structures to ensure that no one is left behind;
- **Support smaller-scale efforts and expand successful models** to foster partnerships with proven effectiveness and higher potential for long-term impact.
- **Simplify grant application processes** and lower entry barriers for smaller organizations to contribute;
- **Establish robust monitoring mechanisms** to track partnership implementation to ensure transparency and accountability.

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