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The [global online stakeholder consultation](#) that UN DESA convened as part of the preparations for the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum also yielded several impactful partnerships. Explore more in its [Summary Report](#).

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Foreword

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represents one of humanity's most ambitious commitments—a global promise to ensure prosperity and dignity for all while safeguarding our planet for future generations.

With just five years remaining until 2030, progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is alarmingly off track. Without transformative investments and scaled-up collective action, the SDGs risk becoming unrealized aspirations.

Amid these challenges lies a unique and urgent opportunity: to unlock the transformative potential of partnerships. Partnerships bring together governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, communities and other stakeholders to share expertise, mobilize resources, and deliver innovative solutions.

The initiatives showcased in this Partnership Snapshot exemplify the power of collaboration. From harnessing technology to combat gender-based violence to building resilient infrastructure in Small Island Developing States, these partnerships demonstrate the profound impact of working together across sectors, regions, and disciplines.

As we prepare for the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, this publication offers both inspiration and a call to action. By drawing on the lessons and successes highlighted here, we can ensure that the Forum catalyzes impactful solutions and renews our shared commitment to collaboration.

As the first major event of the year in the ECOSOC cycle, the ECOSOC Partnership Forum sets the stage for the months ahead, generating momentum and fostering the collective ambition needed to accelerate progress on the SDGs.

A special thanks to all contributors who have shared their insights, experiences, and initiatives. Their dedication and collective efforts continue to drive meaningful progress toward a sustainable and inclusive future.



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Introduction

The **2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum** will be held on 5 February at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the theme: *“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), leaving no one behind.”*



**ECOSOC
Partnership
Forum**

The **2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum** will place special emphasis on the SDGs to be reviewed at the **2025 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)**.



The Forum will also feature four SDG Action Segments, focusing on Goal 3, 5, 8 and 14. Elements from Goal 17, as a cross-cutting goal, are expected to be featured in each segment.

As part of the preparations for the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and its SDG Action Segments, the present Partnership Snapshot has been developed by drawing from its **SDG Actions Platform**, the [database of reports from countries conducting Voluntary National Reviews](#), and the [UN System SDG Implementation Database](#) covering actions, initiatives, and plans for the 2030 Agenda across the UN System.

The aim of the Partnership Snapshot is to provide a concise and informative overview of various partnerships, with the aim of inspiring governments and stakeholders to actively engage in collaborations that advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Additionally, the Snapshot emphasizes key elements of building effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and fostering meaningful stakeholder engagement for the 2030 Agenda, drawing on DESA's guidance materials.

Overview

Contributions to the SDGs

The below summarizes how the partnerships featured in this Snapshot contribute to the SDGs under review by the HLPF in 2025 – SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Goal 17

- **ESCAP LNOB Platform – Addressing Inequality through Data-Driven Insights:** Provides tools to quantify and visualize inequality, supporting inclusive policy development. (p.12)
- **Network of Partnerships for Local Action in Mexico:** Enhances SDG capacity through multi-stakeholder collaboration. (p.12)
- **IRIS – Building Resilient Infrastructure for SIDS:** Supports climate-resilient infrastructure projects in SIDS with financial and technical assistance. (p.13)
- **ESCWA RICCAR – Regional Coordination for Climate Action:** Conducts climate vulnerability assessments to support water resource management in the Arab region. (p.13)
- **Regenerative Production Landscape Collaborative:** Promotes sustainable agriculture through partnerships among NGOs, private sector, and governments. (p.13)

Goal 3

- **UHC2030 – Global Platform for Universal Health Coverage:** Fosters collaboration among governments, civil society, private sector, and multilateral organizations to promote equitable, people-centered health systems. (p.5)
- **Pineapple Homes Consortium:** Focuses on retrofitting homes in the UK to improve energy efficiency and sustainability, particularly in the social housing sector, contributing to healthier living environments. (p.5)

- **Global Ghost Gear Initiative – Tackling Marine Pollution:** Works to remove abandoned fishing gear and reduce its impact on marine ecosystems. (p.10)
- **Sea'ties:** Develops adaptation solutions for coastal cities vulnerable to climate change. (p.10)
- **GloNoise – Tackling Underwater Noise Pollution:** Led by IMO, UNDP, and GEF, this initiative builds capacity and promotes best practices for reducing underwater noise. (p.11)

- **Spotlight Initiative:** A global partnership between the EU and UN focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls. (p.6)
- **Accelerating Sustainable Development in Papua New Guinea:** Ensures gender equality and women's empowerment are central to policy and decision-making processes. (p.6)
- **ECLAC Care Society Paradigm:** Addresses gender inequalities and strengthens care economies in Latin America and the Caribbean. (p.7)

Goal 14

- **Alliances for a Greener, Bluer Caribbean – Ridge to Reef:** Promotes sustainable community development and environmental conservation. (p.8)
- **The Great Blue Wall Initiative:** Establishes a network of protected marine areas to enhance conservation and create 10 million 'blue jobs' by 2030. (p.8)
- **UNECE Sustainability Pledge:** Engages 790 industry actors to improve transparency and sustainability in global supply chains. (p.9)

Goal 5

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Good Health and Well-being

Credits: Pavel Danilyuk

Achieving **good health and well-being** for all remains a cornerstone of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Partnerships highlighted under SDG 3 focus on strengthening health systems, addressing the root causes of communicable and non-communicable diseases, and expanding access to affordable and quality healthcare services. These collaborations also aim to build resilience in healthcare systems, particularly in response to emergencies and crises, while promoting social protection measures to reduce health disparities and inequities.

UHC2030 - Global Platform for Universal Health Coverage

UHC2030 is a global multi-stakeholder platform advancing universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030, with partners from multiple constituencies including countries, and territories, multilateral organizations and global health initiatives, philanthropic organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private sector organizations. The platform, with its Secretariat hosted by World Health Organization, in collaboration with the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, fosters collaboration among governments, civil society, private sector, and multilateral organizations to promote equitable, people-centered health systems.

Geographical Scope: **Global** | Find out more [here](#).

Pineapple Homes Consortium

The Pineapple Homes Consortium focuses on retrofitting homes in the UK to improve energy efficiency and sustainability, particularly in the social housing sector. Pineapple collaborates with various partner organizations in the private sector such as NatWest and Atlas Copco.

The partnership unites housing, finance, and technology industries to address costs, skills shortages, and data gaps. By leveraging subsidies and economies of scale, it has developed an affordable, scalable model for net-zero retrofits, creating healthier living environments and reducing health risks.

Geographical Scope: **National, United Kingdom** | Find out more [here](#).



Don't miss the **SDG Action Segment for Goal 3** during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum. More at: <https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum/SDG3Action>



Goal

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Gender Equality

Credits: Paul Abel

Gender equality is a prerequisite for sustainable development. The partnerships featured under SDG 5 are bringing concrete contributions to the elimination of violence and discrimination against women and girls. These collaborations enhance women's access to education, healthcare, and leadership opportunities, while supporting legal and policy reforms. By addressing barriers to full participation in decision-making processes and economic activities, partnerships foster empowerment and promote transformative change across all sectors.

Spotlight Initiative

The Spotlight Initiative, a global partnership between the European Union and the United Nations, is focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls. By 2025, it is projected to prevent violence against 21 million women and girls and support nearly one million girls to stay in school. The initiative's \$195 million investment in civil society organizations has strengthened grassroots advocacy and service delivery. Achievements include 540+ laws or policies passed, 3 million women accessing gender-based violence services, and 384 million people reached through prevention campaigns.

Geographical Scope: **Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific** | Find out more [here](#).

Accelerating Sustainable Development in Papua New Guinea

This new initiative, led by the UN in Papua New Guinea, aims to enhance partnerships among government agencies, private sector entities, civil society, and local communities to implement Papua New Guinea's Medium-Term Development Plan IV and achieve the SDGs. The United Nations Country Team is a major stakeholder in these partnership activities.

The initiative seeks to promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, climate resilience, and ecosystem conservation by creating a consultative platform to engage stakeholders in policy coherence and addressing barriers to achieving Priority SDGs. It will place a strong emphasis on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE), ensuring that the voices of women, youth, and vulnerable groups are integral to decision-making processes.

Geographical Scope: **Papua New Guinea** | Find out more [here](#).

ECLAC Care Society Paradigm

The Care Society Paradigm, promoted by Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), addresses gender inequalities and strengthens care economies across Latin America and the Caribbean. Rooted in regional frameworks like the [2022 Buenos Aires Commitment](#), it emphasizes building information systems to highlight the economic contributions of care work and the disproportionate burden borne by women. In collaboration with UN Women, comprehensive care systems in the region are developed. The engagement with national governments, such as those of Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay, allows to implement care policies and systems. The partnership emphasizes building information systems to highlight the economic contributions of care work and the disproportionate burden borne by women.

This initiative envisions equitable redistribution of care responsibilities, improved working conditions for paid care workers, and enhanced access to care services for vulnerable groups, including children, elderly persons, and those with disabilities. By fostering shared societal responsibilities in care, the paradigm seeks to empower women economically, formalize care-related jobs, and promote inclusive policies for marginalized populations.

Geographical Scope: **Latin America and the Caribbean** | Find out more [here](#).



Don't miss the **SDG Action Segment for Goal 5** during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum. More at: <https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum/SDG5Action>





Goal

Decent Work and Economic Growth

Decent work and economic growth are central to building sustainable and inclusive societies. The partnerships advancing SDG 8 featured below focus on creating economic opportunities for marginalized populations, supporting entrepreneurship, and fostering investments that drive innovation and technological upgrades. They also promote policies ensuring decent work conditions, social protection, and equitable employment opportunities for youth, women, and vulnerable groups.

Alliances for a Greener, Bluer Caribbean – Ridge to Reef

The Ridge to Reef initiative, led by the Alligator Head Foundation in Jamaica, promotes sustainable community development and environmental conservation through innovative partnerships. The initiative's partners include its lead organizations, the Alligator Head Foundation (AHF), the Coconut Industry Board (CIB), and the International Trade Centre (ITC). Among its funding partners are the European Union, with support from the Caribbean Forum of the African, Caribbean, the Pacific Group of States (CARIFORUM) and the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS). The initiative operates within a collaborative framework that integrates local, regional, and international stakeholders.

The project empowers local farmers with "climate-income smart solutions," boosts food security, and supports sustainable livelihoods through diversified coconut production and trade. By balancing environmental management with economic growth, Ridge to Reef has become a model for regional integration and agribusiness partnerships.

Geographical Scope: **Caribbean Region** | Find out more [here](#).

The Great Blue Wall Initiative

The Great Blue Wall Initiative is a groundbreaking effort to establish a network of protected and conserved marine areas, or "seascapes," in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO). Among its partners are Western Indian Ocean countries, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), private sector partners, United Nations organizations, and various national governments. This Africa-led initiative addresses climate change by enhancing marine protection, restoring ecosystems, and fostering sustainable development through the blue economy. By 2030, it aims to protect 2 million square kilometers of marine areas, restore 2 million hectares of critical ecosystems, and sequester 100 million tons of CO₂.

The initiative delivers significant benefits for over 70 million coastal residents by creating sustainable livelihoods through regenerative activities like fishing, tourism, and marine-related enterprises. Its goal of creating 10 million "blue jobs" reflects a commitment to economic resilience alongside environmental conservation.

Geographical Scope: **Western Indian Ocean Region** | Find out more [here](#).

UNECE Sustainability Pledge

The UNECE Sustainability Pledge engages 790 industry actors from 28 countries, representing over 400,000 employees, to enhance the traceability and transparency of value chains in the garment and footwear sector. The initiative was developed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC) and funded by the European Union. Various organizations have partnered with UNECE to support and implement the initiative. With 105 committed actions, the Pledge fosters economic resilience, environmental protection, and social equity by promoting ethical practices and sustainable business models.

Through initiatives like digitized tracking systems and improved supply chain visibility, the Pledge addresses operational, human rights, and environmental risks. Stakeholders benefit from enhanced transparency and accountability, while consumers access ethically produced garments. Forward-thinking brands gain reputational advantages, and policymakers leverage data for effective strategy development.

Geographical Scope: **Global** | Find out more [here](#).



Don't miss the **SDG Action Segment for Goal 8** during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum. More at: <https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum/SDG8Action>



Goal

14

Life Below Water

Credits: Renée Capozzola

The **health of the world's oceans** is critical for achieving sustainable development. The partnerships addressing SDG 14 listed below focus on conserving marine biodiversity, reducing pollution, and fostering sustainable ocean economies. These efforts balance conservation with economic growth, build resilience to climate change impacts, and promote global cooperation to protect marine ecosystems for future generations.

Global Ghost Gear Initiative – Tackling Marine Pollution

The Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI) is the only cross-sectoral alliance addressing abandoned, lost, or discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) worldwide. The GGGI is a collaborative effort involving various partners contributing to its development and funding, including the Ocean Conservancy, Government of Canada and Netherlands, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and many more. With over 130 members spanning the fishing industry, private sector, academia, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, and 20 governments, GGGI works collaboratively to safeguard marine ecosystems.

Since its inception in 2015, GGGI has collected critical data, implemented innovative technologies, and removed harmful gear, improving ecosystem health and supporting small-scale fishers globally. With an Expert Advisory Council guiding its efforts, GGGI sets a global benchmark for multi-stakeholder marine conservation initiatives.

Geographical Scope: [Global](#) | Find out more [here](#).

Sea'ties – Empowering Coastal Cities to Tackle Sea Level Rise

Sea'ties facilitates the development of public policies and adaptation solutions for coastal cities facing sea level rise. The Initiative's partners are La Rochelle, China Water Risk (CWR), and Global Island Partnership with financial support from Fondation de France, Fondation Veolia, and the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) among others. Linking implemented solutions with interdisciplinary scientific work, the initiative promotes best practices and supports decision-making by policymakers and territorial managers.

With a focus on medium-sized coastal cities in five regions—US West Coast, Northern Europe, Mediterranean Basin, South Pacific, and West Africa—Sea'ties accelerate reflection on the unique challenges these regions face. Beneficiaries include Small Island Developing States (e.g., Fiji, Marshall Islands, French Polynesia) and Least Developed Countries (e.g., Senegal, Ghana, Togo).

Geographical Scope: [Global](#) | Find out more [here](#).

GloNoise – Tackling Underwater Noise Pollution

The GloNoise Partnership Project addresses the global challenge of underwater radiated noise (URN) from shipping, which poses significant risks to marine ecosystems. Led by the International Maritime Organization in collaboration with UN Development Programme and the Global Environment Facility, GloNoise engages developing countries to raise awareness, build capacity, and promote international policy dialogue. By uniting governments, the private sector, and international organizations, the project exemplifies the power of partnerships to address environmental challenges and support sustainable marine practices.

Geographical Scope: **Global** | Find out more [here](#).



Don't miss the **SDG Action Segment for Goal 14** during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum. More at: <https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum/SDG14Action>



SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Partnerships are the driving force behind the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Collaborations under SDG 17 focus on mobilizing resources, fostering innovation, and strengthening institutional capacity in developing countries. These partnerships leverage the expertise of diverse stakeholders to create enabling environments for impactful and inclusive initiatives, ensuring no one is left behind in achieving the Goals.

ESCAP Leave No One Behind (LNOB) Platform

The ESCAP LNOB Platform aims to reduce inequalities across Asia and the Pacific by providing a comprehensive system to quantify and visualize disparities in opportunity for 19 SDG indicators. Covering 30 countries, the platform offers insights at national and sub-national levels, supporting inclusive policy development and sustainable practices.

This initiative facilitates collaboration among its partners, including governments, civil society, academia, and development partners together with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. It empowers policymakers to design inclusive strategies, supports advocacy groups with actionable data, and aids academia in exploring solutions to address inequality.

Geographical Scope: **Asia and the Pacific** | Find out more [here](#).

Network of Partnerships for Local Action in Mexico

The Network of Partnerships for Local Action in Mexico fosters collaboration to achieve the 2030 Agenda through strengthened partnerships and a localized approach. The network is led by key partners including the Directorate for the 2030 Agenda (Ministry of Economy), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU), Global Compact, GIZ, SDSN México, Make Sense, My World Mexico, and various UN agencies (UN Habitat, UNHCR, IOM, UNESCO, UNODC, UN Women, among others). By creating spaces for reflection, learning, and connection among diverse stakeholders, the initiative emphasizes inclusivity and representation of under-represented groups, ensuring sustainability as a collective effort.

With a national scope, the Network has significantly impacted sustainable development by empowering local communities, NGOs, and government entities through capacity-building activities and knowledge-sharing. Key achievements include virtual laboratories, in-person events, and the 2022 Partnership Forum in Mérida, which gathered over 200 stakeholders and informed Mexico's position at the World Urban Forum.

Geographical Scope: **National, Mexico** | Find out more [here](#).

IRIS – Building Resilient Infrastructure for SIDS

The Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) initiative, a flagship programme of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), is designed to enhance infrastructure resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Supported by over \$35 million in commitments from Australia, India, the EU, and the UK, IRIS aims to attract and deploy \$50 million by 2030 to address climate change and disaster risks. The CDRI is a partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions. IRIS was co-created with the SIDS.

The initiative focuses on capacity building, technology transfer, and strengthening partnerships. Key activities include developing geo-spatial infrastructure databases, revising building codes, and implementing nature-based flood management solutions in various SIDS regions. IRIS also fosters a culture of learning through webinars, communities of practice, and expert dialogues.

Geographical Scope: **Global with focus on SIDS** | Find out more [here](#).

ESCWA RICCAR – Regional Coordination for Climate Action

The Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR) addresses climate change challenges in one of the world's most water-scarce regions. RICCAR partners with diverse stakeholders, including Arab governments, the League of Arab States, UN agencies, and regional organizations. By fostering collaboration, the initiative supports climate-resilient policies and actions that address vulnerabilities, protect water resources, and ensure sustainable development across the Arab region.

Through regional climate modeling, hydrological assessments, and geospatial analysis, RICCAR provides a robust knowledge base for informed policymaking on water-dependent sectors.

Geographical Scope: **Arab Region** | Find out more [here](#).

Regenerative Production Landscape Collaborative

The RPLC focusses on transforming agricultural landscapes into sustainable ecosystems that balance productivity with environmental health. The Collaborative was originally founded by Laudes Foundation, IDH The Sustainable Trade Initiative and WWF India, and aims to invite other organizations to catalyze and scale.

RPLC promotes regenerative farming techniques, strengthens market linkages for sustainable products, and empowers local communities through capacity-building and equitable resource management. The collaboration leverages the resources from NGOs providing technical expertise and community engagement, the private sector ensuring market access and funding, governments facilitating policy support and infrastructure and investors. An essential enabler has been catalytic funding from the Laudes Foundation to support the development and testing of the approach and demonstrate the success of the model to crowd in future funding from the private sector and other investors.

Geographical Scope: **Madhya Pradesh, India** | Find out more [here](#).



Don't miss the multi-stakeholder panel **Investing in Partnerships: Catalyzing Action for SDG 17** during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

More at: <https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum/SDG17Action>

The Power of Partnerships in numbers

The partnerships featured in this publication demonstrate the transformative power of collaboration. Here are some of their key achievements, illustrated in quantified form, highlighting their impact and scope, as submitted by focal points and available on websites.

The Spotlight Initiative

384 MILLION PEOPLE
REACHED

540 LAWS AND POLICIES ADDRESSING
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
PASSED

21 MILLION GIRLS AND WOMEN
PROTECTED FROM GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE

\$195 MILLION DELIVERED TO CIVIL
SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Global Ghost Gear Initiative

>130 GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED IN
COMBATING ABANDONED AND LOST
FISHING GEAR TO REDUCE MARINE
POLLUTION

UNECE Sustainability Pledge

105 COMMITTED ACTIONS
UNDERTAKEN

800 INDUSTRY ACTORS FROM 28
COUNTRIES ENGAGED

BY 2030

Great Blue Wall Initiative

PROTECT **2** MILLION SQUARE KM OF MARINE
AREAS

CREATE **10** MILLION "BLUE JOBS"

RESTORE **2** MILLION HECTARES OF CRITICAL
ECOSYSTEMS

SEQUESTER **100** MILLION TONS OF CO₂

Sea'ties

40 CITY NETWORKS, MAYORS,
AND GOVERNORS HAVE
SIGNED THE SEA'TIES
DECLARATION

Infrastructure for Resilient Island States

50 PLANNED PROJECTS STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE
RESILIENCE AGAINST CLIMATE AND DISASTER RISKS

\$50 MILLION FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN
SIDS BY 2030



Reflections

Credits: Annie Spratt

The following insights capture key lessons and principles that apply across several partnerships, showcasing what makes them impactful and sustainable. By embracing these cross-cutting elements, partnerships can maximize their impact and contribute meaningfully to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement

The featured partnerships place a strong emphasis on broadly engaging stakeholders in their efforts, incorporating inclusive approaches and initiatives to ensure meaningful participation in their pursuits.

- As part of the ESCAP LNOB Platform, regular **ESCAP's Stakeholder Engagement Forums** are organized to provide a platform for diverse voices, including vulnerable groups, to contribute to decision-making processes, ensuring inclusivity in the development and application of the platform.
- The **UNECE Sustainability Pledge**, has initiated a Community of Practice (CoP) bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders such as private companies, NGOs, academic institutions, and intergovernmental organizations to contribute to the collective effort in implementing transparency and traceability in the sector.
- The **Enhancing Partnerships in Papua New Guinea** project is built around the enhancement of collaboration among all its stakeholders through a consultative process which engages all relevant stakeholders through national dialogues.
- Lastly, the **Network for Partnerships for Local Action in Mexico** fosters its stakeholder engagement through three levels of involvement – participation, action, and planning. Stakeholders engage in dialogues, collaborate on projects, and contribute to strategic planning and monitoring, thereby aligning efforts with national priorities.

Strong Governance and Accountability

Robust governance and accountability are crucial to fostering trust and ensuring outcomes reach their targets. The partnerships featured have built a solid governance structure to ensure strong accountability across all levels.

- The **UNECE Sustainability Pledge** has developed a robust governance framework combining strategic guidance, operational oversight, and collaboration. An Advisory Board composed of 25 members from 17 countries was established to provide strategic leadership and guide the evaluation of commitments, developing strong Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to assess progress.
- **Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS)**, has a formal coordination mechanism, the IRIS Steering Committee, ensuring SIDS engagement and provides formal oversight and guidance on the programme, as well as strategic direction, project development and approval, resource allocation and progress reviews. The Steering Committee is represented from four different groups, SIDS nations, SIDS regional entities, AOSIS, and IRIS Donors, to ensure IRIS is driven by the needs of SIDS.

Measurable Impact

The success of partnerships can be measured by their outcomes and the impact they achieve, as evaluated through established monitoring frameworks.

- The **Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI)** has successfully hosted and contributed multiple events at a global scale, raised awareness, and fostered the sharing of best practices among stakeholders. The project is monitored by the initiatives monitoring system, a data portal and reporting platform which collects and stores information about abandoned, lost, or discarded fishing gear.
- The **Network for Partnerships for Local Action in Mexico** has facilitated the creation of virtual laboratories and in-person events, providing platforms for reflection and dialogue, emphasizing the importance of partnerships. Key Partners, such as government ministries and international organizations ensure a structured approach to governance and accountability through multistakeholder meetings and workshops.
- The **Sea'ties Initiative** published information documents, tools, and a Sea'ties Declaration which was signed by more than 40 mayors, governors, and city networks.

Innovation and Technology Integration

Leveraging technology is crucial to enable scale and efficiency in addressing environmental and sustainability challenges.

- The **GloNoise Partnership Project** focus on mitigating underwater noise pollution to protect marine life through innovative solutions. The Initiative promotes the use of advanced technologies to collect data on underwater noise levels, which is crucial to understand the impact of shipping noise on marine ecosystems as well as for informing policy decisions.
- The **UNECE Sustainability Pledge** leverages technology to develop transparency and traceability (T&T) systems in the garment and footwear sector. Through these systems, supply chain visibility and sustainability are enhanced greatly impacting efficiency and working towards mitigating sustainability challenges.

Capacity-Building and Knowledge Sharing

Building out capacity and sharing knowledge are the backbone of partnerships as it empowers all stakeholders involved and facilitates effective collaboration, promoting innovation and ensuring sustainability.

- The **RICCAR** is placing its work around four pillars, one being capacity-building and institutional strengthening as well as awareness raising and information dissemination. The regional initiative builds the capacity of Arab water ministries and meteorological institutions to engage in climate prediction and climate change projection. Moreover, a common and comparable scientific understanding of climate change impacts and associated vulnerabilities across the region are provided through knowledge sharing.

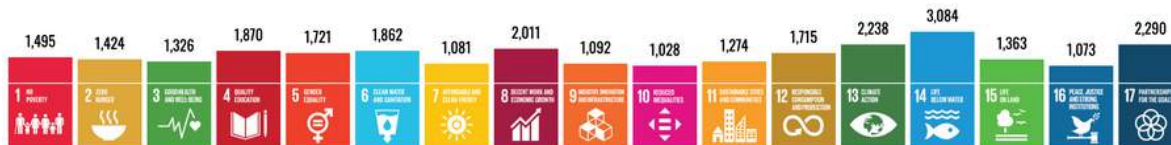
SDG Registries & Databases

Over the years, UN DESA has curated an extensive collection of over 8,100 commitments, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and initiatives from governments, the UN system, and a wide range of stakeholders, aimed at accelerating the achievement of the SDGs. These contributions, gathered through various conferences and processes, are maintained in dedicated public registries, accessible from the [SDG Actions Platform](#).



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Distribution of **8,137 initiatives across the SDGs** (source SDG Actions Platform as of 22 Jan 2025, <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/browse>). This chart illustrates the distribution of all initiatives on the SDG Actions Platform by Sustainable Development Goal. It is important to note that many initiatives are linked to multiple SDGs.

Ocean Commitments

[More](#)

Water Action Agenda

[More](#)

Partnerships for SIDS

[More](#)

Voluntary National Reviews Database

[More](#)

UN System SDG Implementation Database

[More](#)

Resources

The [Division for Sustainable Development Goals \(DSDG\)](#) of UN DESA develops and promotes tools, research, frameworks, and capacity-building activities that support governments, United Nations entities and stakeholders in effectively engaging and contributing to the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Below are some additional resources related to multi-stakeholder partnerships and enagement for the SDGs.

Resource	Description
<u>SDG Actions Platform</u>	A collection of over 8,100 commitments, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and initiatives involving governments, the UN system, and diverse stakeholders aimed at accelerating the achievement of the SDGs.
<u>UN Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments</u>	Voluntary commitments by governments and other stakeholders in support of Sustainable Development Goal 14
<u>Water Action Agenda</u>	Commitments, pledges and actions, across all our sectors, industries and interests, uniting nations, stakeholders and professionals on actions that help deliver on the water actions in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<u>SIDS Partnership Framework</u>	UN framework to monitor progress of existing, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States
<u>2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator</u>	Training to member States and UN Resident Coordinator Offices (RCOs) to equip them with skills and capacities for fostering meaningful collaboration and building sustainable partnerships across stakeholders and sectors.
<u>Partnership Learning Centre</u>	Modules on building and managing effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs, covering topics like enabling environments, private sector engagement, maximizing value, and institutional capacity to partner.
<u>The SDG Partnership Guidebook</u>	A practical guide to building high-impact multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs, jointly developed by UN DESA and The Partnering Initiative.
<u>Unite to Ignite</u>	A research study and call to action advocating for investment in enabling factors to systematically scale up multi-stakeholder action for sustainable development (Partnerships2030, UN DESA, The Partnering Initiative, and the Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies).
<u>Partnership Platforms - Learning from Practice</u>	A guide for governments and the UN system on driving partnerships for the SDGs through national-level, multi-stakeholder platforms (UN DESA & The Partnering Initiative).
<u>What is a Good Practice</u>	A framework for analyzing the quality of stakeholder engagement in implementing and following up on the 2030 Agenda (UN DESA & UNDP).
<u>Stakeholder Engagement and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide</u>	A resource for government officials and stakeholders to enhance participation and inclusion in the 2030 Agenda's implementation and follow-up at all levels (UN DESA & UNITAR).



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