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FOREWORD

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development remains one of humanity's most ambitious and necessary commitments—a shared vision to advance prosperity, dignity, and opportunity for all, while protecting our planet for present and future generations.

As we approach the final stretch toward 2030, progress across many Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remains uneven and insufficient. Persistent inequalities, geopolitical instabilities, climate impacts, financing gaps, and capacity constraints continue to slow momentum. Without renewed ambition, stronger cooperation, and accelerated action, the promise of the SDGs risks falling short of its transformative potential.

In this context, partnerships are not optional—they are essential. Effective partnerships bring together governments, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia, communities, and other stakeholders to mobilize resources, align expertise, and deliver solutions at scale. They provide a critical pathway for translating global commitments into concrete action on the ground.

At a time of heightened global uncertainty, particularly with respect to development financing, partnerships are increasingly the primary means through which progress can be sustained and accelerated. By aligning efforts, reducing fragmentation, and leveraging complementary strengths and resources, partnerships enable actors to optimize investments and maximize impact even in constrained environments.



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This Partnership Snapshot showcases a diverse set of partnerships contributing to the SDGs under review at the 2026 High-level Political Forum, specifically Goals 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17, which will also be the focus of this year's ECOSOC Partnership Forum. From strengthening water security through Indigenous-led approaches, to accelerating clean energy transitions, advancing skills development, and fostering inclusive, community-driven solutions, these partnerships demonstrate the power of collaboration across sectors, regions, and levels of governance.

The experiences highlighted here underscore what is possible when partnerships are inclusive, well-governed, and grounded in local realities, while aligned with global objectives. They also provide valuable lessons to inform policy dialogue, investment, and action in the years ahead.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all partners and contributors who shared their initiatives, knowledge, and experiences. Their commitment and collaboration continue to drive progress toward a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future for all.

INTRODUCTION

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will take place on 27 January 2026 at the United Nations 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 special emphasis on the SDGs to be reviewed at the 2026 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The Forum will also feature four SDG Action Segments, focusing on Goal 6, 7, 9 and 11. Elements from Goal 17, as a cross-cutting goal, are expected to be featured in each segment.

As part of the preparations for the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and its SDG Action Segments, the present Partnership Snapshot has been developed with the purpose 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.



<https://sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SDGS

The below summarizes how the partnerships featured contribute to the SDGs under review by the HLPF in 2026 – **Goal 6, Goal 7, Goal 9, Goal 11** and **Goal 17**.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Partnerships contributing to SDG 6 demonstrate that sustainable water and sanitation outcomes depend on inclusive governance, integrated planning, and community engagement. Initiatives addressing Indigenous peoples' water management, community feedback mechanisms, participatory planning tools, and informal urban sanitation services show how combining technical analysis with local knowledge improves access, legitimacy, and service quality.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



SDG 7 partnerships illustrate how coordinated policy dialogue, investment platforms, and capacity-building can accelerate the energy transition. By aligning public and private actors, mobilizing large-scale finance, and embedding human-rights safeguards, these initiatives support universal access to clean energy while advancing a just and inclusive transition.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Contributions to SDG 9 highlight the importance of skills development, institutional capacity, and innovation ecosystems for resilient infrastructure and sustainable industrialization. Partnerships linking industry, governments, and training institutions strengthen workforce readiness, modernize systems, and promote responsible value chains. Public-private development partnerships emerge as effective models for aligning market needs with inclusive growth and long-term economic transformation.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Partnerships advancing SDG 11 underscore the role of cities, territories, and communities as drivers of sustainable development. Locally driven initiatives demonstrate how inclusive governance, access to essential services, and recognition of local livelihoods and knowledge systems reduce inequalities and build resilience.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Across all contributions, SDG 17 acts as a foundational enabler. The examples highlight that effective partnerships require clear governance, shared ownership, pooled financing, and continuous learning. Multi-stakeholder platforms connect policy, finance, knowledge, and implementation across levels, reinforcing trust and collective impact. The initiatives featured also show how coordinated dialogue and consortium-based approaches can strengthen policy alignment and partnership coherence.

PARTNERSHIPS

12 partnerships are featured in this Snapshot. They bring together diverse stakeholders across sectors and regions and address multiple SDGs under review at the High-level Political Forum in 2026.



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Africa-EU Energy Partnership

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) serves as a high-level platform for joint action on sustainable energy between Africa and Europe. Established in 2007 by African and European Heads of State, the AEEP brings together the African Union Commission, the European Commission, Germany, Italy, Egypt, and COMESA to convene stakeholders, facilitate dialogue, and provide knowledge-sharing and capacity support. Through monitoring, convening, and coordinating energy initiatives, the AEEP enables both continents to advance universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services, including in rural areas, while promoting inclusive development and job creation.

Key initiatives supported by the Partnership include the Continental Power Systems Masterplan (CMP) and the African Single Electricity Market (AfSEM), aiming to create an integrated continent-wide competitive electricity market.



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- Partners: **African Union Commission, the European Commission, Germany, Italy, Egypt, COMESA**
- Geographic scope: **Africa**
- Website: **<https://africa-eu-energy-partnership.org/>**

The AEEP also tracks European and international contributions to SDG7 in Africa, offering transparency and guidance for investments and policies. By combining political engagement with technical support, the AEEP helps translate high-level commitments into actionable energy transformation across the region.



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Akwẽ (Xerente) Water Security, Social Cartography and Indigenous Knowledge Partnership

The Akwẽ (Xerente) Water Security, Social Cartography and Indigenous Knowledge Partnership is a locally and culturally grounded initiative in Tocantins, Brazil, that strengthens water security through the integration of Indigenous knowledge, social cartography, and scientific approaches.

Led in partnership with the Akwẽ communities and the Brazilian Water Museum, the initiative supports participatory mapping of water sources, cultural and spiritual sites, and land-use patterns, alongside the co-creation of culturally grounded water security indicators and a Water Management Plan (Plano de Gestão Hídrica). By fostering dialogue between Indigenous knowledge holders, researchers, and public institutions, the partnership advances water governance practices that are culturally appropriate, scientifically robust, and socially inclusive.

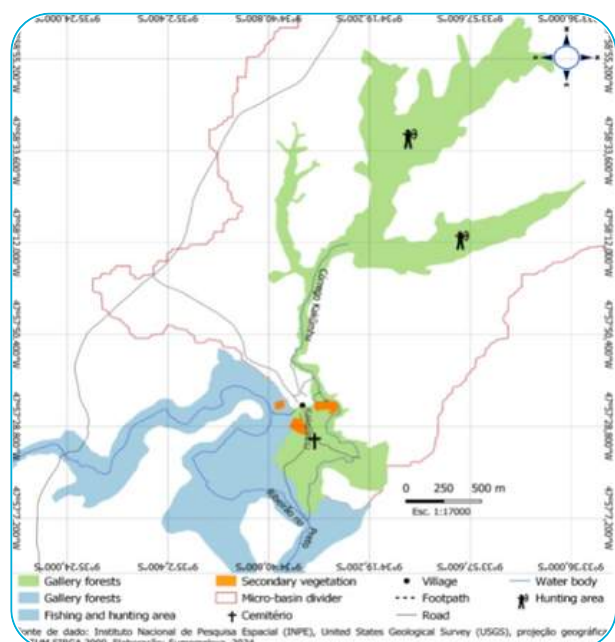
The initiative directly benefits Akwẽ communities by improving access to safe water while safeguarding cultural values, strengthening community governance, and supporting intergenerational transmission of knowledge. Indigenous protagonism is reinforced through community-led decision-making processes guided by collective assemblies and traditional leadership.

Social cartography of natural and cultural resources in the Kakũmhu stream microbasin, including the hunting, fishing, and community use areas of the Xerente territory. @museudasaguasbrasiliras.org



- Submitted by: **Women’s Major Group**
- Partners: **Akwẽ communities and the Brazilian Water Museum**
- Geographic scope: **Tocantins, Brazil**
- Website: <https://www.watermuseums.net/network/federal-university-of-tocantins>

Key achievements include the development of a culturally inclusive indicator framework, detailed social cartography maps, and the validation of Indigenous assessments of water quality through convergence with laboratory analyses, enhancing the legitimacy of Indigenous knowledge within monitoring and policy processes. Indirect beneficiaries include public agencies and researchers, who gain transferable methodologies for inclusive water management. Contributing to SDGs 6, 7, 11, and 17, the partnership demonstrates how Indigenous-led, participatory approaches can advance equitable, sustainable, and resilient water governance.



Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the Amazon

The Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the Amazon is a flagship climate finance mechanism launched at COP27 to foster collaboration and catalyze transformative change in one of the planet's most critical ecosystems.

Building on a long-standing partnership, the UN System in Brazil, the Federal Government, and the Brazilian Amazon States Consortium have joined forces with the international community, civil society, the private sector, and—most importantly—local communities to accelerate sustainable development in the region.

Grounded in a territorial approach, the Fund invests in community-driven solutions that strengthen local governance, empower Indigenous and traditional communities, expand green economic opportunities, and foster resilience, equity, and hope across the Amazon. Home to more than 29 million people, the region stands at a critical crossroads, where safeguarding biodiversity and addressing climate change must go hand in hand with inclusive growth and well-being.



In Maranhão, RC Silvia Rucks met with Babaçu nut breakers. The women always work in groups and maintain the local tradition of sustainably using natural resources to generate income for their families.

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- Geographic scope: **Brazil**
- Website: **<https://brasil.un.org/pt-br/253604-brazil-un-fund-sustainable-development-amazon>**

The Fund drives impact through integrated programmes that strengthen the Amazon's capacity to face the triple planetary crisis, while generating economic alternatives, protecting ways of life and livelihoods, and ensuring physical, water, energy, climate, sanitary, and food security for the most vulnerable populations. Its initiatives reach Indigenous peoples, quilombola communities, smallholder farmers, urban residents, municipal governments, and children and youth across all nine Amazon states, with strong gender-responsive and culturally sensitive approaches.

As one of only two national Multi-Partner Trust Funds in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Fund has established a robust coordination framework among Amazonian states and UN agencies. In its first year, it mobilized CAD 17.3 million from the Government of Canada, launched five region-wide programmes, and demonstrated scalability through additional state-level investment—showing that locally led, co-owned solutions can catalyze sustainable transformation in the Amazon.

Gender for Development Uganda (G4DU)



Gender for Development Uganda (G4DU) is an EU-funded partnership operating in Uganda's seven most vulnerable districts in the Northwest region, empowering marginalized adolescent girls through education and skills pathways.

Led by a consortium of partners including UNICEF, the Spotlight Initiative, KfW Development Bank, and Enabel - Belgian agency for international cooperation, and working with national and local government institutions, the programme addresses financial, social, and systemic barriers through integrated interventions such as Cash+ support, accelerated education, youth skilling, teacher training, and parenting support, while prioritizing the prevention of gender-based violence.

By combining service delivery, infrastructure investment, systems strengthening, and community engagement, G4DU drives improved learning outcomes, retention, and transitions for high-risk adolescents.

In 2025, the programme expanded opportunities for more than 15,000 children and adolescents, with girls representing 80 percent of beneficiaries, including vulnerable secondary school girls supported to remain in school, out-of-school adolescents enrolled in accelerated education, and NEET youth, such as child mothers, refugees, and adolescents with disabilities, gaining marketable skills. Performance-based grants improved learning environments in 140 primary schools, while parenting and early childhood services enabled young mothers to continue education and training.



Anne, a teenage mother, is receiving support through the G4DU Programme to continue her education.
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- Submitted by: **United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Uganda**
- Partners: **UNICEF, Spotlight Initiative, KfW Development Bank, Enabel - Belgian agency for international cooperation**
- Geographic scope: **Uganda**
- Website: <https://www.unicef.org/uganda/press-releases/european-union-and-unicef-launch-assistance-programme-support-girls-secondary>

The partnership demonstrates the power of coordinated, multi-partner action, with joint efforts strengthening safeguarding frameworks, gender-responsive school standards, and accountability mechanisms to prevent GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse. Operating through a strong consortium in collaboration with the European Union, key ministries, district authorities, and NGOs, governance is anchored in joint planning, coordinated monitoring, and evidence-based reviews, ensuring policy alignment, local ownership, and sustainable impact for marginalized girls.



At Kitgum Matidi Primary School, teacher Aringo Jusline supports a visually impaired learner using a tactile clock during a lesson. Through the G4DU Programme. Photo: © UNICEF/UNI907374/Anthony

German Energy Sector Dialogue



The German Energy Sector Dialogue is a permanent multi-stakeholder platform funded by the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs that supports energy companies to embed robust human-rights due diligence across global energy value chains. Bringing together companies, trade unions, civil-society organizations, business associations, and government, the Dialogue pools expertise to analyze sector-specific risks, facilitate peer learning, and co-develop collective prevention, mitigation, and remediation measures. Its work focuses on key pillars of the green energy transition, including photovoltaics, battery storage, wind energy, power grids, natural gas, and hydrogen, addressing human rights risks associated with raw-material extraction, manufacturing, and infrastructure development.

In 2023, the Dialogue published a joint sector-wide risk assessment covering six energy sub-sectors, providing a shared analytical foundation for compliance with emerging supply-chain due-diligence legislation.

Building on this assessment, thematic working groups have developed practical tools and guidance, including a toolbox of preventive measures to improve labor conditions and protect migrant and posted workers in energy-infrastructure projects.



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- Submitted by: **Partnerships2030**
- Partners: **Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Germany), Companies from the energy industry, business associations, trade unions, Non-governmental organizations, Institutes**
- Geographic scope: **Africa**
- Website: <https://www.csr-in-deutschland.de/EN/Business-Human-Rights/Implementation-support/Sector-dialogues/Energy-sector-dialogue/energy-sector-dialogue.html>

The Dialogue benefits corporate sustainability and compliance practitioners by offering concrete, sector-wide frameworks, while also supporting rights-holders in global supply chains through strengthened safeguards, access to remedy, and responsible subcontracting practices. Through its inclusive, consensus-based governance, the Dialogue translates regulatory expectations into coordinated action, contributing to a socially just, resilient, and sustainable energy transition.

Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.pro)

The Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.pro) is a leading European multi-donor platform for a global energy transition.

The European Union, and five European countries (Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria) are bundling forces to effectively address international energy and climate goals, including Agenda 2030 and specifically SDG 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all).

The platform comprises three complementary instruments: the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), which fosters strategic dialogue between Africa and Europe; GET.transform, which strengthens public-sector capacities to manage energy transitions; and GET.invest, which mobilizes private investments in renewable energy projects, including green hydrogen.

Operating in 57 countries with targeted support in ten partner countries across Africa and Latin America, GET.pro has advised on over 130 transformation processes, contributed to more than 50 policy frameworks, and supported 615 investment projects expected to mobilize EUR 3.9 billion, provide electricity to 21 million people, and reduce approximately 5.9 million tonnes of CO₂e annually. Key projects include Mozambique's rooftop solar expansion, Lesotho's first wind farm, and a Southern African Policy Catalyst initiative that generated a pipeline of 2.1-2.7 GW of renewable-energy tenders.



- Submitted by: **Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations**
- Partners: **European Union, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, Austria**
- Geographic scope: **Global**
- Website: **<https://www.global-energy-transformation.eu/>**

GET.pro's governance combines donor oversight through an Advisory Board with country- and instrument-level partnerships involving ministries, utilities, regulatory authorities, and financial institutions. By integrating political dialogue, capacity building, and investment facilitation, GET.pro translates high-level commitments into tangible energy transformation across Africa, Latin America, and beyond.



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Integrating Working Donkeys into Urban Waste and Water Systems: Brooke's Urban Equid Partnership

Brooke's Urban Equid Partnership recognizes and integrates the critical role of working donkeys in urban waste and water systems, highlighting their essential yet often overlooked contribution to sanitation, public health, and livelihoods in low-income communities.

In Karachi, Pakistan, donkey-led waste collection provides a reliable, community-level service that prevents waste accumulation, reduces environmental contamination, and mitigates public health risks. Working in partnership with municipal authorities, local donkey owner associations, civil society, and urban peer-learning networks, Brooke supports improved animal welfare, evidence-based planning, and optimized waste collection routes through training, veterinary care, and participatory mapping.

The partnership demonstrates that humane treatment of working animals is not only an animal welfare imperative but also a key enabler of sustainable and inclusive urban services, contributing to SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

The initiative directly benefits donkey owners and their families – many of whom live in marginalized urban areas – by improving productivity, reducing injury and occupational risks, and securing livelihoods, while urban communities benefit from cleaner streets, reduced contamination of public spaces and water sources, and more consistent waste services.

Evidence generated through the partnership underscores the indispensable role of equids in waste transport and water carriage, reducing time and labor burdens, particularly for women.



- Submitted by: **Brooke**
- Partners: **Brooke, Karachi municipal authorities; local donkey owner associations; civil society and urban peer-learning networks**
- Geographic scope: **Karachi, Pakistan**
- Website: **<https://www.thebrooke.org/research-evidence/role-donkeys-karachi-waste-management-system>**

Key achievements include mapping more than 120 donkey-led waste collection routes in Karachi, delivering veterinary and welfare interventions to over 1,000 working donkeys, strengthening collaboration between municipalities and informal service providers, and generating transferable evidence to inform inclusive urban sanitation and water policy.

Through collaborative governance and peer learning, the partnership offers a scalable model for integrating animal welfare into resilient urban service delivery.



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Learning and Knowledge Development Facility (LKDF)

The Learning and Knowledge Development Facility (LKDF) is UNIDO's flagship skills development initiative, supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, advancing SDG 9 and SDG 17 by fostering inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) through Public-Private Development Partnerships (PPDPs). The LKDF brings together public institutions, private-sector partners, and development actors to promote inclusive and productive employment, boost value addition, and support innovation-driven economies.

A core focus is the establishment and upgrading of local industrial training academies, equipping the workforce with market-relevant skills needed to strengthen resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialization, and innovation, while ensuring long-term impact through continuous monitoring of economic, environmental, and social outcomes.

Since its inception, the LKDF has supported 20 PPDP projects across 13 countries, partnering with companies such as Volvo, HP, FESTO, and Scania to establish national and regional demand-driven training centers in sectors including manufacturing, construction, transportation, and agriculture. These centers train between 100 and 500 students annually and have reached 19,993 individuals to date, including youth (47%) and women (26%), with 70% reporting improved job situations and 59% securing employment aligned with their qualifications.



- Submitted by: **UNIDO**
- Partners: **UNIDO, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency**
- Geographic scope: **Global**
- Website: <https://lkdfacility.org/>

Employers benefit from a skilled workforce capable of supporting sustainable industrial operations, while governments benefit from strengthened alignment between technical and vocational education and training systems and labor market needs. Operating through PPDPs that emphasize shared investment, risk, and development impact, the LKDF integrates social and environmental standards, promotes gender equality, and demonstrates how collaborative, innovation-driven capacity building can support sustainable industrial growth at scale.



The Pathways to Profitable Dairy Farming project in Kiambu County, Kenya.
Photo: © UNIDO

Local Social Covenant

The Local Social Covenant (LSC) is a global partnership led by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), bringing together local and regional governments, civil society, international organizations, youth, and other stakeholders to accelerate SDG achievement through localized, rights-based action.

The partnership seeks to renew the social contract by placing care, equity, and universal public services at the center of development, recognizing cities and territories as critical drivers of social justice, inclusion, and intergenerational equity.

Through participatory Town Hall consultations, the LSC mobilizes high-level political commitments, co-creates locally grounded solutions, and advances coordinated multilateral advocacy to ensure that local priorities shape SDG implementation and the post-2030 agenda. Its work focuses on reducing poverty and inequalities, strengthening social cohesion, advancing decent work, and guaranteeing access to essential rights, including housing, food and water, health, culture, and a safe environment.

The LSC generates impact by translating global commitments into concrete local action, benefiting communities experiencing poverty, discrimination, or service gaps, while strengthening the capacity of local and regional governments to deliver equitable, sustainable public services.



Activists and local leaders from UCLG's Feminist Municipal Movement, advocating for women's rights and gender equality within local policies, contributing to the broader goals of the Local Social Covenant.

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- Submitted by: **Local Authorities Major Group**
- Partners: **local and regional governments, organized civil society, UN agencies, youth representatives, private sector**
- Geographic scope: **Global**
- Website: **<https://uclg.org/localsocialcovenant/>**

Youth and future generations benefit from institutionalized participation and long-term policy planning, while civil society gains structured engagement and shared ownership of outcomes. Recognized as a key action within the ILO Global Coalition for Social Justice, and contributing to SDGs 8, 10, 16, and 17, the LSC has successfully elevated local perspectives in multilateral processes, including the G20 through the Urban 20, demonstrating the value of local-global partnerships in advancing sustainable development.



Bogotá's 'Manzanas del Cuidado', community spaces that foster equitable access to care services and support for families and vulnerable groups, in line with the partnership's commitment to social justice.

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Uganda Policy Dialogue Series on Financing for Development

The Uganda Policy Dialogue Series on Financing for Development was a four-part national dialogue process convened ahead of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), culminating in a National Partnership Forum on Financing for Development.

Co-convened by Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister, the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, key line ministries, and bilateral development partners, the series provided a structured platform to examine Uganda's evolving financing landscape through thematic dialogues on climate finance, domestic resource mobilization, and private capital engagement.

A unique feature of the process was galvanized partnerships for the SDGs through joint Government-UN-donor leadership, bringing together high-level government officials, development partners, UN agencies, private sector actors, and civil society to consolidate dialogue outcomes and align them with Uganda's long-term financing priorities and the implementation of National Development Plan IV, fully aligned with the SDGs.



Participants deliberating during the Uganda Policy Dialogue Series on Financing for Development Dialogue 1 on "Enhancing the Mobilization and Effectiveness of Climate Financing in the Changing Landscape of Development Finance".
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- Submitted by: **United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Uganda**
- Partners: **Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Uganda, Uganda's Ministry of Finance, Planning and Development (MoFPED), Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), bilateral donor partners**
- Geographic scope: **Uganda**
- Website: **<https://uganda.un.org/en/29659-9-making-climate-finance-new-development-financing-frontier>**

The process marked a strategic shift by the Government of Uganda from a "spending state" toward a "financing state" vision, reinforcing domestic capacity, predictable financing, and stronger partnership coherence. The combined dialogues strengthened consensus on Uganda's future financing architecture, elevated climate finance as a development driver, and reinforced commitments to fair, efficient, and accountable domestic financing systems, blended finance, Small and Medium-sized Enterprise and smallholder farmer financing, and improved coordination among partners.

By advancing policy coherence across national priorities and informing Uganda's engagement in global Financing for Development processes, the partnership enhanced institutional readiness to sustain financing reforms and support a more resilient, sovereign, and sustainable development financing ecosystem.

United Nations Local2030 Coalition



As a High Impact Initiative (HII) launched at the 2023 UN SDG Summit, the Local2030 Coalition is the United Nations system platform to accelerate the localization of the 2030 Agenda by enhancing coherence, efficiency, and the local impact of UN action.

Driven by 14 UN entities, the Coalition articulates global commitments and national policies with local realities, replacing fragmented efforts with a unified vision, workplan, and system-wide offer on localization.

Responding to increasing demand from Member States, and engaging six constituencies — national and local governments, civil society and academia, the private sector, and youth — Local2030 serves as a bridge between the UN and local development stakeholders, co-creating solutions for systemic transformation with a focus on those furthest behind. Within the UN80 reform process, the Coalition aligns headquarters and country-level action, mainstreams localization across UN strategies, and advances multi-level governance.

- Submitted by: **Local2030**
- Partners: **UN-Habitat, FAO, UN entities, government and stakeholder partners**
- Geographic scope: **Global**
- Website: **<https://www.local2030.org/>**

Through its “Road to” engagement processes, Local2030 enabled over 1,500 local stakeholders to shape global policy processes, including FFD4, COP30, and the World Social Summit, and supported the launch of the Sevilla Platform for Action on localizing finance with Spain and the OECD.

With support from Spain and the Joint SDG Fund, USD 60.5 million has been invested in UN joint programmes advancing SDG localization, guided by flagship tools such as the Bilbao Blueprint and the SDG Localization Marker 2.0.

By expanding Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), strengthening capacity-building, and fostering inclusive partnerships, the Coalition amplifies local voices and delivers concrete progress toward SDG 17.



2022 opening of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in Bilbao, Spain. Photo: © Local2030

WaterAid Community Feedback Mechanisms



WaterAid and large international Swedish companies recently launched a new type of partnership aiming to put communities at the centre of designing interventions related to SDG 6. The new “Community Feedback Mechanism” reaches out to communities in and surrounding textile and garment production centres in Asia, to understand how these communities perceive the impact of the industry on water resources, the surrounding environment, and access to WASH.

This community feedback will be analyzed against public and corporate reports, and elevated to the companies’ headquarters and would form the basis for remedial action and improving intervention designs.

- Submitted by: **Stockholm Environment Institute**
- Partners: **WaterAid, large Swedish firms**
- Geographic scope: **Asia**
- Website: **<https://washmatters.wateraid.org>**

Special focus is on vulnerable groups within these communities. The Community Feedback Mechanism is designed to be scalable and applicable across industries and geographies, and can cover any topic related to impact, with the ambition to be adopted and implemented across other supply chains. It is also a partnership that connects the SDGs (i.e. SDG 6) with the newly adopted version of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.

Snapshot by the 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.

Scale & Reach

- **57** countries supported (*GET.pro*)
- **10** Country Windows (*GET.pro*)
- **29+** million people in the Amazon region (Brazil-UN Fund)
- **9** Amazon states covered (Brazil-UN Fund)
- **20** PPDP projects across 13 countries (*LKDF*)
- **100–500** students trained annually per centre (*LKDF*)
- **15,000+** children and adolescents reached in 2025 (Gender for Development Uganda - *G4DU*)

Energy & Climate Impact

- **615** investment projects supported
- **EUR 3.9 billion** investment expected to be mobilized
- **21 million people** expected to gain access to clean energy
- **5.9 million tonnes CO₂e/year** expected to be saved
- **130+** transformation processes advised
- **50+** policy strategies/framework documents
- **2.5 MW → 10 MW** solar expansion

by *GET.pro*

Jobs, Skills, Inclusion

- **19,993** individuals trained (*LKDF*):
 - **47%** youth among enrollees (*LKDF*)
 - **26%** female among enrollees (*LKDF*)
 - **70%** report improved job situation (*LKDF*)
 - **59%** secured jobs aligned with qualifications (*LKDF*)
 - **77%** found it easier to find a job (*LKDF*)
 - **47%** reported higher earnings (*LKDF*)
 - **97%** satisfaction rate (*LKDF*)
- **9** Centres of Excellence (*LKDF*)
- **24** training institutions (*LKDF*)
- **6** secondary/tertiary education programmes
- **80%** girls among beneficiaries (*G4DU*)
- **5,068** vulnerable secondary school girls supported to stay in school (*G4DU*)
- **3,742** NEET youth gained marketable skills (*G4DU*)

Financing

- **CAD 17.3 million** secured in the first year (Brazil-UN Fund)
- **USD 4+ million** allocated by a local state government to scale activities

By Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the Amazon)

Cities, Water & Community-Led Action

- **120+** donkey-led waste collection routes mapped
- **1,000+** working donkeys reached with veterinary/welfare interventions

By Brooke's Urban Equid Partnership - Karachi

Lessons Learned

The partnerships featured in the 2026 Snapshot highlight how multi-stakeholder collaboration can accelerate progress across diverse SDG areas. While operating in different sectors and regions, the initiatives share common features that underpin effectiveness, scale, and sustainability.

Integrating local knowledge with technical expertise strengthens outcomes

Partnerships that combine community, Indigenous, and local knowledge with scientific, technical, and policy tools deliver more legitimate and inclusive solutions. This integration improves relevance, trust, and long-term sustainability.

Inclusive governance enhances legitimacy and resilience

Clear governance structures, shared decision-making, and participatory mechanisms enable partnerships to balance diverse interests, manage complexity, and sustain collaboration over time.

Platforms and tools enable alignment and collective action

Shared platforms – such as planning tools, dialogue forums, training frameworks, and structured policy dialogues – help partners develop a common understanding of challenges and coordinate action across sectors and levels.

Pooled and blended financing unlocks scale

Multi-donor platforms, pooled funds, and coordinated financing approaches reduce fragmentation, leverage additional resources, and enable partnerships to move from pilots to systemic impact.

Capacity development is a critical multiplier

Investments in skills, institutional capacity, and peer learning strengthen national ownership, improve implementation quality, and support replication beyond individual projects.

Equity-focused approaches deliver broader impact

Partnerships that prioritize human rights, gender equality, youth inclusion, and vulnerable groups achieve more resilient social, environmental, and economic outcomes.

Localized action translates global commitments into results

Place-based, community-led approaches ensure that global agendas respond to lived realities and generate tangible benefits at the local level.

Evidence and learning build credibility and influence

Robust data, monitoring, and learning strengthen accountability, inform policy, and enhance partnerships' ability to attract investment and scale impact.

REVIEW OF THE SDGS

The **High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)** will be convened from Monday, 6 July, to Wednesday, 15 July 2026, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The theme of the HLPF will be “Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all”.

The 2026 HLPF with full appreciation for the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, will conduct in-depth reviews of: SDG 6, SDG 7, SDG 9, SDG 11, and SDG 17.

More at: <https://hlpf.un.org/2026>

SDG Action Segments at the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will feature four SDG Action Segments, each focused on one of the Goals to be reviewed at the 2026 High-level Political Forum.

Organized by UN entities and relevant stakeholder groups, the Segments will showcase how innovative partnerships can drive progress, address challenges in SDG implementation, and highlight the critical role of collaboration across governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations.

More at: sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum

The SDG Action Segments are held as a part of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum on 27 January 2026:

- **SDG Action Segment on Goal 6**, 10.50 – 11.50 AM, Trusteeship Council Chamber
- **SDG Action Segment on Goal 7**, 12.00 – 01.00 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber
- **SDG Action Segment on Goal 9**, 10.50 – 11.50 AM, ECOSOC Chamber
- **SDG Action Segment on Goal 11**, 12.00 – 01.00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber



ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM PREPARATIONS

As requested by the General Assembly, the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum is organized in consultation with stakeholders:



Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group

The ECOSOC President has established an informal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to provide guidance on the Forum’s scope, format and programme.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP
 ADVISING PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC ON THE 2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

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More here:

sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum#advisory_group



Online Global Stakeholder Consultation

As part of the preparatory process of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, a global online stakeholder consultation was conducted from 15 September to 31 October 2025 to solicit written views, experiences, and proposals from all relevant stakeholders to inform the deliberations at the Forum.

Summary Report:

sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum#stakeholder_consultation



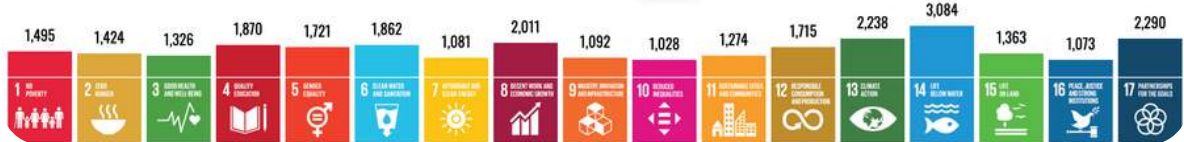
SDG Registries & Databases

Over the years, UN DESA has curated an extensive collection of over **8,700** 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](#).



[Click here to learn more](#)

UN DESA also maintains a [database of reports from countries conducting Voluntary National Reviews](#), the [UN System SDG Implementation Database](#) covering actions, initiatives, and plans for the 2030 Agenda across the UN System, and [examples of partnership efforts at the national level](#) through support provided to UN Resident Coordinators.



Distribution of 8,137 initiatives across the SDGs (source SDG Actions Platform as of 13 Jan 2026, <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

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Water Action Agenda

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Partnerships for SIDS

[More](#)

Voluntary National Reviews Database

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UN System SDG Implementation Database

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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 engagement for the SDGs.

Resource	Description
SDG Actions Platform	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.
UN Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments	Voluntary commitments by governments and other stakeholders in support of Sustainable Development Goal 14
Water Action Agenda	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
SIDS Partnership Framework	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
2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator	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.
Partnership Learning Centre	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.
The SDG Partnership Guidebook	A practical guide to building high-impact multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs, jointly developed by UN DESA and The Partnering Initiative.
Unite to Ignite	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).
Partnership Platforms - Learning from Practice	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).
What is a Good Practice?	A framework for analyzing the quality of stakeholder engagement in implementing and following up on the 2030 Agenda (UN DESA & UNDP).
Stakeholder Engagement and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide	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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