Partnerships in the UN System



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UN-BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP TRENDS

800+

Active UN-Business
partnerships
estimated across the
Organization, an
upward growth trend

400

UN Global Compact companies report current or past UN partnerships 47

UN entities and over 90 staff in Private Sector Focal Points Network

10+

Entities created new strategies for partnership/due diligence since 2014

Less than 50% of UNbusiness partnerships measured and reported -M&E and reporting remain major challenge

BUSINESS PERSPECTIVES

85%

See cross-sector partnerships as critical to enabling business to help achieve the SDGs

89%

Say commitment to sustainability is translating to real impact in their industry

87%

Believe the SDGs provide an opportunity to rethink approaches to sustainable value creation

100%

Believe that greater collaboration across sectors will be critical in progressing Agenda 2030

UN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT REFORM



To deliver on the promise of a prosperous and peaceful future, development actors will have to find new ways of working together and leveraging genuine partnerships that make the most of expertise, technology and resources for sustainable and inclusive growth.

Secretary-General H.E. António Guterres, June 2017

Source: A/72/684: Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda (Link)



KEY GUIDING FRAMEWORKS

- GA Resolution 70/224: "Towards Global Partnerships"
- 2015 Guidelines on a principle-based approach to the Cooperation between the United Nations and the business sector
- New common templates and frameworks under development through UNSDG

Respecting the 10 Principles and **Implementing the Guidelines Strengthening Due Diligence and Risk** Management 3 Streamlining processes and enhancing transparency **Reporting, and Impact**

UN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT REFORM

System-wide approach agree on system-wide approach to partnership

Integrity & Due
Diligence
"Acceptance of the

"Acceptance of the 10 principles of the GC as a common partnership standard", Integrity Task Force Global Compact Local Networks

Improve governance and impact to strengthen SDG integration locally, in particular SMEs

established as the UN's global gateway for partnerships

Continued
partnership with
World Bank
and other
International
Financial
Institutions

Invigorate support to South-South cooperation

ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP IMPACT

Mobilizing Senior Leadership With a System-wide Approach

Sustainable Development
Strategic Results Group
(UNSDG)

Resident Coordinators and Country Teams

Global Compact Local Networks

Strategic Partnerships

SDG Implementation Business Innovation Strategic Financing

GLOBAL

LOCAL

UN GLOBAL COMPACT

>9,500
businesses committed to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact



>3,000

non-business members in 161 countries 71

Local networks

28%

Fortune 500

66 million

working in a company active in the UN Global Compact



The UN Global Compact Engagement Model: A principles-based approach to sustainable business

Unique principles-based platform anchored in the UN

Publicly share your commitments and progress



Efficient access to expertise and knowledge

Achieve your sustainability objectives



Global reach and local connections

Help shape the future corporate sustainability agenda









ACTION PLATFORMS

REPORTING ON THE SDGS

BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION FOR THE SDGS FINANCIAL INNOVATION FOR THE SDGS

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PATHWAYS TO LOW-CARBON AND RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT WATER SECURITY THROUGH STEWARDSHIP SUSTAINABLE OCEAN BUSINESS

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HEALTH IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS DECENT WORK IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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DRIVING IMPACT THROUGH LOCAL NETWORKS

1,500+

awareness raising and capacity building workshops and events aimed at engaging at least

14,000 companies and close to

4,000 companies in public-private partnerships

205

policy dialogue initiatives involving over

6,000

companies in policy discussions with local government

71

Local Networks





LOCAL SDG IMPLEMENTATION: LN-UN COLLABORATION

- I. Creating awareness about the SDG Agenda and positioning the role of UNGC and the 10 principles within it, as well as giving global and international visibility and scalability to local actions.
- II. Contributing to mainstream business strategies alignment with the SDG.
- III. Participating in **public private policy** dialogues:
- To incorporate sustainable business contribution to SDG National Plans
- To incorporate sustainable business indicators to SDG Results frameworks
- IV. Implementation of public private multistakeholder partnerships.
- V. Mobilization of private financial resources for SDG implementation.

UN PRIVATE SECTOR FOCAL POINTS

54 UN Entities

141 Participants

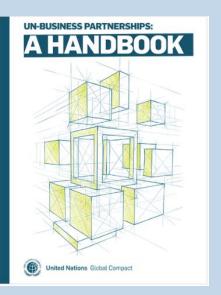
ACTIVITIES

UN-Business Partnerships
Coordination (UNGA, HLPF)
Knowledge Sharing
Capacity Building
Due diligence
Partnership brokering

PARTNERSHIP TOOLS & RESOURCES



Transforming
Partnerships for the
SDGs



UN-Business Partnership Handbook



A 10-step guide for creating effective UN-Business partnerships



The Partnership Passport