

Principles and Practices of Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Guidance and Oversight from UN Decisions

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Stakeholders are those who have an interest in a particular decision, either as individuals or representatives of a group. This includes people who influence a decision, or can influence it, as well as those affected by it.

Hemmati 2002: Multi-stakeholder Processes for Governance and Sustainability – Beyond Deadlock and Conflict. Earthscan

Multi-stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs) for sustainable development are ...

specific commitments and contributions, undertaken together by various partners, intended to support the implementation of transformation towards sustainable development and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant sustainable development agreements.

Multi-stakeholder approach

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- MSPs are inclusive in nature, involving all relevant actors in their area of work
- can be arranged among any combination of partners, including governments, regional groups, local authorities, non-governmental actors, international institutions, private sector partners and other relevant stakeholders
- use a participatory approach: all partners involved from an early stage
- are open for including additional partners as the MSP evolves

Useful to distinguish

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- **Multi-stakeholder partnerships that are led by the UN**
e.g. Sustainable Energy for ALL
- **Multi-stakeholder partnerships that the UN is involved with**
e.g. GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation)
- **Multi-stakeholder partnerships that are independent of the UN**

Major Groups of Agenda 21

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- Women
 - Children and Youth
 - Indigenous Peoples
 - Non-Governmental Organizations
 - Local Authorities
 - Workers and Trade Unions
 - Business and Industry
 - Scientific and Technological Community
 - Farmers
- Other Stakeholders** may include
- Local communities
 - Volunteer groups
 - Foundations
 - Migrants
 - Families
 - Older persons
 - Persons with disabilities

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

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- contractual arrangements between single or several public agencies (federal, state, local) and single or several private sector entities
- sharing skills and assets of each sector to deliver a service or facility for the use of the general public.
- Other stakeholders may be sub-contractors in a PPP.

Voluntary Initiatives

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- **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20):**
 - an action-oriented conference
 - all stakeholders (Major Groups, UN System/IGOs, Member States) invited to make individual commitments to deliver concrete results for sustainable development on a voluntary basis
 - an estimated 1400+ voluntary initiatives with commitments of around US\$636 million were made in the context of Rio+20

- **Similar calls now out for voluntary actions & initiatives at the Ocean Conference in June 2017**

- **NB: partnerships are voluntary – but voluntary initiatives are not necessarily partnerships.**
 - can be made by single governments or organisations, or groups of them

Main Principles in the Decisions

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- Voluntary nature
- Transparency
- Credibility
- Accountability
- Participation
- Multi-stakeholder
- Sectoral and geographical balance
- Three pillars of sustainable development
- Technology transfer and capacity building
- Genuine, concrete, additional contribution
- Plans and priorities at national level
- Intergovernmental agreed mandates
- Predictable and sustained financial resources

Updating Existing Decisions

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1. Referring to recent agreements

- ▣ Taking note of existing criteria and guidelines
- ▣ Focusing on contributions to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Samoa Pathway, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), the New Urban Agenda, The Future We Want

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