



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS | SDG 13

Combating climate change and its impacts



Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity. Average global temperatures are currently 1.1 degrees higher than pre-industrial levels. The consequences of warming are becoming ever more apparent: forest fires, intense rainfall, droughts and flooding are on the increase. The people affected most by this are those who contribute least to climate change and live in developing countries. We already know what effective action to take against climate change, as called for by Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13: it just needs to be put into practice much faster. Multi-stakeholder partnerships can provide vital impetus here.

The trend is plain to see: of the 20 warmest years on record to date, 19 have been in the 21st century. The consequences of climate change are noticeable around the globe. According to the [World Meteorological Organization](#), the number of weather-, water- and climate-related disasters has risen by nine per cent compared to the previous decade. Global warming is forcing more and more people to leave their homes – the World Bank says this will concern over 140 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, Asian and Latin America by 2050.

This is why the international community has to reduce greenhouse gas emissions drastically, as it resolved to do at the Climate Change Conference in Paris. Yet the Climate Change Performance Index reveals that none of the 57 countries that together cause 90 per cent of global CO₂ emissions are doing enough to achieve this.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships

To achieve this goal, the cooperation of key stakeholders – above all businesses, governments and non-governmental organisations – is essential. In a globalised world, changing production processes and consumer behaviour and drawing up new rules and regulations can only succeed if businesses, governments and civil society work together.

For instance, multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSPs) can promote the reduction of greenhouse gases in agriculture, conserve resources and increase yields. Companies, associations, academic organisations, civil society organisations and state institutions can set a good example by initiating an MSP. The added value is obtained from the partners pooling core competencies, experience and resources and thereby achieving greater impact in a particular field.



Partnerships2030 – the MSP platform

On behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#), the Partnerships2030 project promotes multistakeholder partnerships and thus contributes to implementing the 2030 Agenda. BMZ now promotes around 80 MSPs through the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#) and [Engagement Global – bengo](#). GIZ implements the Partnerships2030 project, supports MSPs and stakeholders in many different ways, creates networks to link them to partners and provides information.



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The MSP methodology

MSPs are a form of cooperation in which stakeholders from at least three sectors among civil society, the public sector, the private sector and academia join forces as equals in order to contribute to the common good. An MSP can generate a transformative impact through cooperation geared to the long term.

Protecting the most vulnerable from climate and disaster risk

Intending to provide financial protection against climate and disaster risks, in the spirit of SDG 13 the vision of the InsuResilience Global Partnership is to strengthen the resilience of countries in the global south.

Climate change related disasters threaten efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the **InsuResilience Global Partnership**, a multi-stakeholder partnership (MSP) launched in 2017, supports climate risk finance and insurance solutions in over **100 countries** with more than **120 members** ranging from governments, multilateral institutions, civil society organizations, and private sector companies as well as academia and think tanks.



With its variety of members, in 2021 the MSP supported 324 implementing programmes and projects related to **Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRFI)** in 108 countries. Over the next years until 2025, the broader goal is to provide financial protection against climate and disaster risk for 500 million people annually.

For instance, in Africa, InsuResilience supports the **African Risk Capacity (ARC)**, which offers insurance to governments of African Union member states against droughts and hurricanes as they are a crucial factor in harvest loss. On top of that, with ARC Replica programmes, humanitarian organisations are also able to acquire insurance. Here, financial protection against disasters is closely linked to technical support for disaster

risk management with an early warning system and contingency plans. Countries that take out ARC insurance are required to have an emergency plan, determined in advance in cooperation with ARC. In case of disbursement due to a disaster, the emergency plans are promptly adapted to the situation on the ground, and in some countries directly linked to existing social protection systems. This makes it possible to assist those affected **very quickly and effectively**. For instance, in June 2022, the governments of three African countries (Madagascar, Zambia and Malawi) were supported by an ARC payment of more than 31.2 million US dollars after droughts and a hurricane. Based on the plans for emergency assistance that had been previously agreed, the people affected received swift support in the form of cash transfers and food vouchers to prevent a humanitarian crisis.



Protecting the most vulnerable thus cannot be achieved by one actor alone. It is a collective action that needs input from donors, implementing partners, humanitarian organisations, and so on to address long-lasting challenges.

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