



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS | SDG 9

Infrastructure opens up opportunities and paves the way for value creation



Fast transport links, digital networks, innovative start-ups and reliable energy supply provide the foundation for value creation in which the whole population can participate. Without these, innovative industries rarely emerge. Where such infrastructure does exist, governments need to make it sustainable in the face of climate change. Knowledge transfer and investment can drive positive development, and multi-stakeholder partnerships have a vital role to play.

The economic rise of numerous Asian states such as China, South Korea and Thailand within only a few decades illustrates what an astute industrial policy and investment in infrastructure and modern technology can achieve. Where people have no access to energy and the internet, or roads and railways are so dilapidated that they are unable to bring their agricultural products to market, economic development is denied to them.

That is why astute investment in infrastructure and the promotion of innovative approaches is so important for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9. This also includes access to capital and credit and a legal framework that fosters innovative ideas and entrepreneurship. Digital technologies and decentralised energy solutions give developing countries the chance to leapfrog stages of development because they can simplify so many things, such as paying by smartphone, making credit cards superfluous.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships

This is precisely where multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSPs) can lay the foundations, as the Clean Cooking Alliance has been doing since 2010. It is committed to establishing conducive frameworks and raises awareness to enable regional and supraregional industries and small-scale industries to flourish and to manufacture high-quality cooking stoves.

An MSP can be initiated by companies, associations, academic organisations, civil society organisations and public sector institutions. The added value is obtained from the partners pooling core competencies, experience and resources and thus 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.



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.

Advancing solutions for sustainable mobility

The **SLoCaT Partnership** is pushing for a low-carbon transport revolution. It is an example of how MSPs can contribute to achieving SDG 9.

The global transport sector is the source of around a quarter of energy-related CO₂ emissions, and a rising level of emissions at that. It is clear that mobility must be transformed if we are to stop climate change but also improve people's living conditions, especially in cities.

The SLoCaT (Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport) Partnership was launched in 2009 and established as a foundation in 2014, and is dedicated to pursuing these goals. Over 90 (multi-lateral) organisations, non-governmental organisations, foundations and enterprises are engaged in this MSP, including the UN Environment Programme, the European Investment Bank, the Wuppertal Institute and GIZ, which is also represented on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the MSP is to press ahead with the transformation to sustainable and low-carbon transport. SLoCaT focuses primarily on land transport, and in geographical terms on the Global South, as this is where urbanisation, population growth and economic development are leading to ever-rising traffic volumes.

By improving the frameworks for transport, SLoCaT aims to help keep traffic volumes as low as possible, steer mobility in the direction of public transport and lay the foundations for sustainable development steps, for instance by accelerating the shift to e-mobility based on renewable energy. To do this, the MSP promotes the building of collaborative knowledge, participates in international processes and develops alternative transport solutions for cities and rural regions.



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