



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS | SDG 11

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AND COMMUNITIES



Cities are the living spaces of the future. By 2050, three out of four people will live in a city; more than half already do today. The way in which they live, work and move around within cities will decide whether the world can meet its climate targets. Although 80 per cent of gross national product is generated in cities, this by no means suggests that rural regions are becoming less important. Multi-stakeholder partnerships can achieve a lot for the development of urban and rural areas, whether in terms of mobility, climate action, the work of tomorrow or waste management.

Whereas in industrialised countries cities are now only growing at a moderate pace, many cities in developing countries and emerging economies are quickly turning into metropolises and megacities. People are drawn to them with the promise of work, opportunities for social advancement, cultural attractions and living a self-determined life. Population growth is fuelling this trend. In Africa alone, **more than 580 million people are projected to move to cities** by 2040. To make future cities – but also rural regions – worth living in, as envisaged in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, they need to be sensibly designed.

The rapid influx of people is presenting urban planners with huge challenges, however. They are unable to plan the infrastructure of the cities to keep up with the number of inward migrants – never mind build it. Wherever urban growth is uncoordinated, there is a shortage not only of housing but also of land for schools, health centres and green spaces. Urban sprawl makes decarbonisation difficult in all areas of life. One example is that it makes climate-friendly planning of green corridors impossible. Unfortunately, numerous developing countries lack the necessary planning capacity.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships

They not only lack urban planners, however, they also lack knowledge and experience. Multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSPs) can play a crucial role here by bringing stakeholders together, transferring knowledge, kick-starting debate and developing solutions for the challenges of tomorrow.

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 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.

Sustainable waste management protects the environment

Cities and municipalities must not be allowed to drown in waste. The PREVENT Waste Alliance is committed to preventing this, pointing out ways how MSPs can protect cities and rural regions on a sustainable basis and thereby work towards SDG 11.

More than **350 million tons of plastic** were produced around the world in 2018. Much of that ends up as plastic waste: in Europe alone as much as 33 kilogrammes per person per year. As with e-waste – over **53 million tons** of which are generated worldwide each year – plastic waste is often disposed of illegally and frequently pollutes beaches, lakes and streets in Asia and Africa.

With the aim of finding innovative solutions for the disposal of waste, in May 2019 the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) joined with other stakeholders to found the **PREVENT Waste Alliance**. The Alliance sees itself as a platform where organisations, the private sector, academia and civil society jointly engage for the reuse of resources. PREVENT focuses on plastic packaging, single-use products and electrical and electronic waste. The members have set up working groups on both plastic and e-waste, and another focusing on improving framework conditions.

The aim is to instigate a circular economy in which waste is recycled to provide raw materials, at the same time creating jobs and income in the countries of the Global



IN 2018



350 million tons of plastic

→ **30** kg of plastic waste per inhabitant



South. To do this the Alliance wants to promote innovative solutions, minimise waste, eliminate pollutants and maximise the reuse of resources. The Alliance now has more than **200 members**.



Working with BMZ, the Alliance has examined 51 project proposals and selected eight pilot projects which will now put its solutions into practice. These include a project in Indonesia, Creating Value in Plastics, part of which entails the Indonesian organisation Waste4Change and

the German Development Institute (DIE) working with other stakeholders with the intention of digitalising the plastics value chain and launching a segregated collection system for waste collectors. It also aims to ensure that waste collectors receive fair payment using blockchain technology.

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