From Principles to Action: Global Partnership Initiatives

What are Global Partnership Initiatives?

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (Global Partnership) is a multi-stakeholder platform for increasing the effectiveness of development resources from all partners, including governments, civil society, the private sector and beyond. It helps deliver results that are country-led, transparent and accountable, and which contribute to realising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Global Partnership Initiatives (GPIs) are voluntary initiatives which contribute to the Global Partnership’s vision by directly implementing internationally-agreed development effectiveness principles: country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships and transparency and mutual accountability.

Led by Global Partnership members from national governments, civil society organisations, foundations and members of the private sector, among others, GPIs generate evidence, policy-relevant lessons and innovative solutions to advance country and regional-level implementation of these principles and commitments. In addition, GPIs share lessons-learned and help the Global Partnership make fuller use of knowledge generated to support increased development impact.

How GPIs work to make development co-operation more effective

Increasing country ownership over the development process by:
- Strengthening country systems and spurring multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Facilitating peer-learning and capacity-building for implementation of the development effectiveness principles
- Engaging local and regional stakeholders
- Strengthening development partners’ alignment to nationally-defined priorities through joint programming

The Effective Institutions Platform produced a Peer-to-Peer Learning Guide, a reference framework for peer-to-peer engagement to support country-led and evidence-based policy dialogue and knowledge-sharing.

Building inclusive partnerships by:
- Strengthening the role of civil society, the private sector and partners from the Global South in development co-operation through advocacy, capacity building, research and knowledge exchange
- Creating an enabling environment for non-state stakeholder engagement
- Promoting civil society and private sector engagement in Global Partnership monitoring
- Establishing or strengthening multi-stakeholder co-ordination and partnership platforms
- Supporting effective philanthropic engagement

The Business Partnership Action: Unleashing the Power of Business for the SDGs supports the creation of locally-owned, country-level platforms and hubs to demonstrate the alignment of interests, facilitate innovation and directly support ‘win-win’ partnerships between companies, international agencies, government and NGOs.
The Global Partnership for Inclusive Development (GPI) is an existing initiative that works with over 30 governments and international and civil society organisations to promote the deployment of climate finance through coherence and collaboration among climate change, finance and development co-operation communities at the country, regional and global levels. Since launching in 2011, the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States has promoted change in the way national and international development actors work in situations of conflict and fragility.

The Partnership for Climate Finance and Development initiative works with over 30 governments and international and civil society organisations to promote the deployment of climate finance through coherence and collaboration among climate change, finance and development co-operation communities at the country, regional and global levels.

If you are interested in launching a new initiative, please follow this guidance and submit an application for review against the application criteria.

To join an existing initiative, please contact the lead organisation directly.