

## Checklist: How national governments can promote partnerships

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The following checklist pulls together a comprehensive range of suggestions made by those consulted for the research, including members of the Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies. The checklist reflects the members' experience promoting national-level multi-stakeholder engagement in government planning, implementation and reporting of the SDGs.

	What?	How?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Build relationships with, and actively engage, representatives from across societal sectors at all levels from national to local, to input into National / Local Development Plans</b>	Parliamentary groups, round tables, commissions, expert panels, platforms and working groups; promote localisation by focusing on issues that are relevant to everyday lives; make the SDGs relatable and tangible so that citizens can better understand and connect with the broader sustainability agenda
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Involve non-state actors in decision-making processes, promote shared responsibility for achieving the development outcomes, and be open to constructive comment and course adjustment</b>	Project reviews, consultation meetings, workshops, policy consultation processes and input on key questions; collaborative review mechanisms to assess and evaluate progress and identify areas for improvement; use technology to facilitate engagement, enable efficient data collection and monitoring, and support communication and collaboration among different stakeholders
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Encourage and incentivise multi-stakeholder collaboration</b>	Directives, circulars and active communication about the added-value of MSPs; provide funding for MSPs and participate in public-private partnerships; set standards for MSPs to ensure that collaboration is consistently practiced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sustain public engagement of other sectors beyond short-term reporting cycles such as VNRs</b>	Institutionalise or mandate permanent mechanisms for multi-stakeholder advisory partnerships; encourage MSPs to focus on issues where consensus is needed for transformational change; enable a unit of government to play an ongoing convening and communication role between stakeholder and other parts of government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Build trust in public/private partnering mechanisms through appropriate measures in legislation and regulation</b>	State clearly that government is able to work in partnership; ensure that regulation enables a mix of financing for projects with government able to put in resources alongside other stakeholders; make funding available to support these mechanisms; avoid excessive complexity in the partnering process
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Build and maintain partnering skills and capacity within the public sector and beyond</b>	Build an internal culture of partnership and mutual accountability; strengthen internal partnering and policy coordination; put systems in place for continuous knowledge transfer of partnerships as staff move between roles; implement training programmes for staff and for partners