UNDP AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR:
25 Years of Partnership on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Energy
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ABOUT THE REPORT

This report presents UNDP private sector partnerships that focus on helping developing countries deliver zero-carbon, risk-informed, sustainable development. The aims of these partnerships are aligned with international processes, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, and the Paris Agreement on climate change. The report summarises UNDP’s work collaborating with the private sector between 2000-2016, along three thematic areas: Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy. The findings are based on desk research, portfolio database, and interviews with UNDP regional and country offices.
OVERVIEW

A CRITICAL CHALLENGE, A CRITICAL ACTOR

A changing climate and rapidly increasing exposure to disaster risk presents the world with an unprecedented challenge. The global cost of disasters has reached US $300 billion a year as severe floods, storms, and droughts become more frequent and extreme, particularly affecting the most vulnerable in developing countries. Without action, not only will hard-won progress on development be at risk of being wiped out, but the cost of these disasters and the ever-increasing impact of our changing climate will continue to rise, increasing pressure on developed countries’ governments, where commitments cannot match the scale of the problems. In the business-as-usual scenario, the ambitions of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) will not be achieved.

The lynchpin to success is in working with the private sector to take advantage of unique skillsets and financing flexibility, specifically by devising innovative partnerships and implementing joint solutions. Not only can the private sector mobilize financial resources and technical capabilities, it leverages the efforts of governments, engages civil society and community efforts, and transfers technologies for efficient mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.

Indivisible from global and national society, the private sector is a critical actor in delivering sustainable development, from providing employment, to supporting the delivery of basic services, to the financing of large-scale infrastructure. On average, it accounts for 60 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 80 percent of capital flows, and 90 percent of jobs in developing countries. Given that estimates of the SDG investment needs in developing countries reach as much as US$4.3 trillion a year until 2030 (close to US$2 trillion needed in climate-related sectors) the private sector will be an essential actor, both in-kind through innovation and directly through financing.

AGENDA 2030: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNDP aims to unlock innovative thinking and financing to tackle disaster, climate, and energy challenges through increasing the range and depth of its private sector partnerships. Businesses are already leading the way in developing creative responses to climate change, disaster risk and recovery, and providing energy solutions, but more needs to be done. The private sector dominates many investments that are critical to disaster mitigation and resilience, such as the location and design of buildings and other infrastructure investments, as well as adaptation services or the development of new sustainable energy solutions. Often overlooked, the private sector is responsible for devising and deploying the financial instruments that distribute the risk and speed the recovery of countries after natural disasters. UNDP takes these diverse roles of the private sector into consideration to identify, assess, and manage the best solutions to climate challenges and meeting the SDGs.

SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DRR (SFDRR)

Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR) was the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda adopted by UN Member States in March 2015. SFDRR represents the collective joint efforts of countries to strengthen disaster risk reduction, and to reduce the loss of lives and assets from disasters worldwide.

PARIS AGREEMENT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Paris Agreement for Climate Change – for the first time, in December 2015, 196 countries agreed on a path forward to address the challenge of climate change. The Paris Agreement aims to significantly reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in-order to limit global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6°F), and ideally below 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7°F) by the year 2100.
Well-aligned to their needs, forward thinking businesses are already integrating Agenda 2030 and the SDGs into their core strategies, getting a head start on regulatory changes and ensuring investments are future-proof. Part of this is driven by the expectation of rising damages from climate-related disasters, and hence rising insurance costs: as operations and revenue become less predictable, businesses are increasingly looking to better insulate their finances from shocks. Given that in most economies, 70-80 percent of all investment comes from the private sector, the link between disasters and direct negative impact on product revenues and global supply chain disruptions are clear. Increasingly, the opportunities that the development agenda offers the private sector are also becoming clear. These opportunities go beyond ensuring a stable and productive operating environment and include opportunities for partnerships, innovation, and market potential, including access to new products and investment. In addition to being a predictor of stability, various industries are already investing and aligning their strategies with the SDGs to capture market growth and more.

Private sector and multilateral sector partnerships in the areas of DRR, climate change and energy deliver against a wide range of goals, not just energy and climate action but also clean water, life on land, life below water, gender equality and more. In one way or another, all of this work contributes to tackling long-term poverty, the core of the SDGs. The relationship between the private sector and Agenda 2030 is not, however, just one of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and social good, but also of long-term sustained and growing profitability.

UNDP supports over 160 countries in delivering sustainable development along thematic areas aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNDP acts as a convenor and neutral broker, bringing together expertise, knowledge, and leadership from government, civil society, and business. Our approach integrates responses to climate change, energy, and disaster risk to promote zero-carbon growth, protect forests, nurture sustainable energy, and invest in the resilience of communities. The work is therefore closely tied to delivering on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement, as part of an integrated approach to working with developing countries to deliver the 2030 Agenda.

**UNDP AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

The challenges presented by a volatile climate and more frequent disasters call for action from all sectors. As complex needs grow, strong partnerships are necessary to accomplish change at the national and local levels, alongside agreements at the global level. Working with governments, civil agencies and the private sector, UNDP helps countries reach their commitments. UNDP recognizes that the private sector plays a key role in risk-informed, sustainable development, and that strong public-private partnerships can harness core competencies and leverage complementary skills and knowledge. For example, by identifying vulnerabilities to climate, disaster, and natural catastrophes, companies invest in their own resilience and provide expertise in-country. Helping clients reduce their risks, be it in the public or private sector, improves the company’s profitability and mitigates business interruption. UNDP engages with the private sector across all points in the value chain, highlighting opportunities to private sector partners and addressing public sector needs in tandem.

UNDP’s partnership with the private sector is multiple and diverse. Examples of broad areas in which UNDP works with the private sector include:

- Helping bring to market highly innovative climate-smart products and services developed and marketed by private companies to improve disaster risk reduction, resilience, and adaptation;

- At the nexus of private and public sectors, UNDP is well-placed to help governments make businesses more aware of climate risks and then address those risks through new technologies or approaches, whether through working on risk management or long-term reduction of emissions;

- Conducting a critical convening role - for example, bringing together seemingly disparate actors like data modellers, insurance companies, and ministries of finance to discuss gaps in protection for those vulnerable droughts and addressing those gaps through financial instruments;

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Brokering arrangements to share costs, provide technical assistance, and monitor and verify successes; and

Working on public policy to provide appropriate incentives for adaptation measures and, where necessary, regulation to avoid shifting risks to the public. What these measures achieve is increasing economic growth, household and agricultural productivity, and land value from protective infrastructure, fiscal stability, and access to credit.3

This work is built upon more than 25 years of partnership experience with the private sector, and underpinned by UNDP’s long-term relationship with country governments, deep understanding of development issues in the context of developing countries, and expertise in sustainable business practices.

Our work with the private sector therefore means partnership with all types of business, from the largest of global brands like Microsoft, Coca-Cola, and Visa, to small companies, social enterprises and cooperatives, national down to local. Across the climate, disaster, and energy spaces, we co-create private sector programmes, partner on the use of new technology, jointly advocate for key issues, develop the enabling environment for investments, and build the evidence base for continued partnership—attracting further capital to areas like climate risk reduction. Our aim is to deepen existing relationships and forge new strategic partnerships with like-minded businesses of all types to end global poverty and achieve a zero-carbon future.

THE WAY FORWARD: STRENGTHENING OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Strengthening private sector partnerships is essential as we accelerate action on climate change, sustainable energy and, reducing disaster risk. To do this, UNDP commits to deepening and increasing its existing work, as well as pursuing new partnerships and projects with the private sector.

UNDP’s commitment to private partnerships includes:

- The global partnership initiative on disaster risk reduction ‘5-10-50’, which works with the private sector to identify drivers of risk and pursue risk-informed development;

- Working on innovative and technological solutions, from new ways of accessing energy and the mapping of disaster recovery, to crowd-funding climate finance and drone-led risk reduction;

- Ongoing work to support governments in developing and implementing Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement on climate change, where the role of the private sector is critical;

- Building and strengthening private partnerships for sustainable energy, including expanding the role UNDP plays in de-risking renewable energy investment for the private sector; and

- Working on initiatives that identify and develop investment-ready projects, while also delivering long-term development solutions for countries and communities.

By working together on these key issues and others, UNDP aims to advance a fruitful relationship with the private sector that contributes to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and supports action that benefits communities, countries, and business itself.
UNDP PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
2000 – 2016 IN NUMBERS

132 PARTNERSHIPS

19 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
78 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
25 CLIMATE CHANGE
10 CROSS-CUTTING

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

EUROPE AND CIS

AFRICA

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

GLOBAL

ARAB STATES
CONTRIBUTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1 | WHAT THEY BRING

- **Networks and Influence**: 51%
- **Expertise, Skills, and Experience**: 106%
- **Knowledge and Research**: 90%
- **Technology**: 85%

2 | WHAT THEY ARE

- **Business Intermediary Institutions**: 16%
- **Expertise, Skills, and Experience**: 15%
- **Knowledge and Research**: 6%
- **Technology**: 57%

- **Companies**: 3%
- **Social Enterprises**: 3%
- **State-Owned Enterprises**: 3%

- **Business Intermediary Institutions**: Including chambers of commerce and industry, business, associations, innovative alliances, business roundtables, stock exchanges and cooperatives
- **Companies**: - Multinational companies
  - Large domestic companies
  - Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises
  - Cooperatives
- **State-Owned Enterprises**: May be wholly or partially owned by a government
- **Social Enterprises**: Innovative enterprises formed to address specific development issues
- **Multiple Partner Initiatives**: Not-for-profit institutions and asset management companies, cooperative banks, mutual saving banks, credit unions, mutual insurance and healthcare companies
- **Foundations and Mutual Organizations**: Partnerships with multiple different partners

3 | WHAT THEY CONTRIBUTE, BEYOND PARTNERSHIP SDG 17

Information on this page shows the areas of contribution by the private sectors with UNDP partnership since 2000 and the types of private partners.
UNDP is the largest service provider in the UN system working to help countries adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We support countries in transitioning to a cleaner, greener future, and help them prepare for, and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.5

HOW UNDP ENGAGES THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Engagement in planning and strategy development
- Developing risk management tools including insurance incentives
- Climate financing
- Raising awareness of climate risk in the business sectors
- Establishment of early warning systems
- Innovative products and services

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS IN CLIMATE CHANGE - SINCE THE YEAR 2005

CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIPS 2005 – 2016

- CROSS-CUTTING
  Climate change partnership with Arcelor-Mittal in China to deploy low-carbon solutions and raise awareness on climate-action on road to 2008 Beijing Olympics

- FORESTS
  BP Technology Ventures Inc. donations to REDD which assists developing countries in their efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and foster conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

ADAPTATION

Enhancing resilience of small-scale farmers across Southeast Asia with Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Group

Lotus Foods helps farmers to adopt ecological and climate-smart methods of rice cultivation

aWhere provides weather and agronomic data improving decision-making for millions of smallholder farmers

MITIGATION

Partnership in Egypt with American Chamber of Commerce, JW Marriott Hotels, Commercial International Bank, and Carrefour to expand the use of energy efficient lighting across nation-wide operations

Partnership between Government and leading companies like Saudi Aramco and SABIC to establish a National Energy Efficiency Center in Saudi Arabia as an innovation hub to catalyze reductions in the energy intensity of growth and carbon footprints in key sectors

UNDP’S PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN CLIMATE CHANGE (2005-2016)

- AES Panama
- Allianz/CARE
- Arab Union for Investment
- Arcelor Mittal
- aWhere
- Basic Water Needs
- BP Technology Ventures Inc.
- CDG Co. Ltd.
- Coca-Cola
- Dubai Carbon Center of Excellence
- Equator Kenya
- Ghana Bamboo Bike Initiative
- Ignitia
- Lotus Foods
- Maynilad Water Academy
- Nadra Luganshchyny Ltd and Fortis Bank
- Oromia and Nyala insurance companies
- Point Carbon, a Thomson Reuters company
- Provincial Waterworks Authority
- ROHM Integrated Systems Co. Ltd.
- Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Group
- Sudan National Insurance Corporation
- Suntech, Total, Zambian Bottlers
- Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE)
- True Corporation PCL

UNDP’s work on disaster risk reduction aims to risk-inform development in line with the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda and the Sendai Framework for DRR. Specifically, UNDP works with country partners to strengthen national and subnational policy, legal, and institutional systems; foster greater coherence of DRR and climate adaptation efforts; provide access to risk information and early warning systems; and strengthen preparedness and response measures. Combined, these efforts strengthen the resilience of countries and urban and rural communities.⁶

HOW UNDP ENGAGES THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- Training and education on DRR
- Development of business models and practices
- Developing new products and services to reduce disaster risk and support recovery
- Sharing knowledge and technical knowhow
- Mainstreaming and integrating DRR in various sectors, plans, policies and frameworks
- Fund raising and financing

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) UNDP PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS SINCE 2005

- **EARLY WARNING AND PREPAREDNESS**
  - Get Airports ready for Disasters (GARD) with Deutsche Post DHL
  - Early Warning System in Minority Areas in Northwest China with KQ GEO Technologies
  - A Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Evacuation Programme for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities with Digicel Foundation

- **RECOVERY**
  - Money transfer for Ebola workers with the support of African Development Bank
  - Hosting innovative initiatives such as the “Emergency Kit – Our Portable Noah’s Ark” workshop for youth to understand the significance of disaster prevention and risk reduction with HNA Group

- **CROSS-CUTTING**
  - Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Development Planning in Thailand (MADRiD) with several private sector partners

- **DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE**
  - Strengthening National Disaster Risk Reduction Capacities in Armenia with Acba Credit Agricoli with large scale replication of the anti-hail nets
  - Creating tools to support the national government in the area of integrated risk management with Total Oil in Venezuela

- **LOCAL LEVEL RISK MANAGEMENT**
  - Kapital Sugurta insurance company has supported UNDP’s awareness raising campaign regarding disaster risk reduction, and ensuring Uzbekistan’s population behaves correctly during earthquakes

UNDP’S PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (2005-2016)

- Acba Credit Agricoli
- Allianz/CARE
- Anglo American
- Beijing Kanq Digital Surveying & Mapping Co. Ltd
- Beijing NRT Cultural Development Co. Ltd
- CDG Co. Ltd
- Deutsche Post-DHL Group
- Digicel
- Digicel Foundation
- Grameenphone
- Hetao Water Affairs Group in Bayannur
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- HNA Group
- KQ GEO Technologies
- Microsoft
- MUrgency
- ROHM Integrated Systems Co. Ltd
- Salesforce
- Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise
- The Kapital Sugurta Insurance Company
- Total Oil
- True Corporation PCL
- UPS Foundation

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

UNDP seeks to transform energy markets through a range of interventions on policy, finance, capacity development, and awareness raising. We work to make sustainable energy economically viable and affordable by encouraging investments that deliver sustainable energy products and services, and by de-risking policy and investment environments.7

HOW WE ENGAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON ENERGY

- Promoting utilization of clean and renewable energy
- Innovative sustainable energy products, technologies & services
- Developing policies, regulations and laws
- Developing and financing energy infrastructure
- Providing sustainable energy for communities and schools
- Investment in technologies for energy-efficiency and renewable energy sources

ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS 2000 – 2016

- CROSS-CUTTING
  Modelling the Effects of Climate Change on Hydroelectric Power in two strategic watersheds in Panama with AES Panama
  Sustainable Energy for All empowers leaders to broker partnerships and unlock finance to achieve universal access to sustainable energy

- ENERGY ACCESS
  Multifunctional Solar Platforms for Poverty Reduction in Mauritania with Yamaha Motors
  Expanding solar energy solutions in off-grid rural communities in Mexico with Iluméxico

- ENERGY EFFICIENCY
  Energy Efficiency in Steel Re-rolling Mills in India with multiple partners
  Energy Efficient Production and Utilization of Charcoal through Innovative Technologies and Private Sector Involvement in Sierra Leone
  Improving Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings in the Republic of Belarus

- RENEWABLE ENERGY
  Partnerships with financial institutions in Lebanon to expand the market for solar solutions, expand its use in small and medium sized enterprise, and mobilize the role of sustainable energy in achieving stability and recovery from crisis

UNDP’S PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN CLIMATE CHANGE (2005-2016)

- Aarhus
- ABB and Kilombero Sugar Company
- Abellon CleanEnergy
- AES Panama
- AgroLia Plus Ltd.
- AI Hamra Real Estate
- Armenia LLC
- Arcelor Mittal
- Balu-Tiblis-Ceyhan (BTC) Pipeline
- Bank of Industry (BOI)
- Barefoot Power
- Biomass Supplies
- Bockarie
- Boond
- Botswana Power Corporation
- BP
- Central American
- Development Bank (CABEI)
- Central Electronics Limited
- China Agriculture Bank
- China Power Grid Corporation
- Corporation (CPIC)
- China Renewable Energy Industry Association
- China Steel Industry Assoc.
- China-Africa Business Council (CABIC)
- Coca-Cola
- d.light
- Digicel
- Egyptian Electricity Holding Company
- EnergyPlus
- Environ^ International
- First National Bank
- Haer Corporation
- Hefei Tianyan
- Hrvatski Telekom
- Hybrid Social Solutions
- Iluméxico
- Kaito AG
- Kelon Corporation
- La Société d’Energie et d’Eau du Gabon (SEEG)
- LeTv
- MENA Clean Energy Business Council
- Mitsui National Chamber of Tourism
- Honduras
- NOTS Impact Enterprises
- Novozymes
- Niur Energy
- Oando Marketing Place
- ONergy
- Pamoja Cleantech
- Panasonic
- Ralaco, Dien Quang and VN Schreder
- Samu Enterprise
- Saudi Aramco
- Saudi Electricity Company and Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)
- Shell
- SinoHytec & Beiqi Foton Motor
- SN Power/ Himal Power Limited
- Sozer (State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic)
- Solar PV Orkoy
- SolarNow
- SPCG Public Company ltd.
- State Concern of Azerbaijan Republic
- State Concern of Turkey
- State Grid Corporation (SGC)
- Statoil and Anadarko
- Sunshine Kaiho
- Suntech, Total Tanga Cement
- The Benin Electricity Transmission Company
- TOTAL E&P Congo
- ToughStuff
- Toyota Energy
- Transmission Company of Nigeria
- WestWing Energy
- Yamaha Motors
- Zambian Bottlers
- Zhenfa

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION: CASE STUDIES OF ACTION

CASE 1 | AFRICA

WEATHER INSURANCE FOR SMALL FARMERS IN ETHIOPIA WITH OROMIA AND NYALA

Agriculture is one of the main incomes in Ethiopia and farmers are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change such as erratic rainfall and crop failure. UNDP has collaborated with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and two local insurance firms, Oromia and Nyala, to support farmers by providing crop insurance. If rainfall is below a certain threshold, the company will provide insurance claims for the farmers while UNDP covers the insurance premium for the farmers through GEF financing. In October 2015, approximately 12,000 smallholder farmers began to benefit from the weather index insurance claims payment to cover the loss of crop failure due to El Nino. This pilot project allowed farmers to buy improved seeds, grow cash savings, and keep their children in school translating to a community impact. This project strengthens institutional capacities for coordinated climate-resilient planning and investment; promotes access to technologies and practices that improve the range and efficiency of adaptation options; and improves the capacity of community-based climate change adaptation.

CASE 2 | EUROPE AND CIS

SOLAR SUNFLOWERS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN CROATIA WITH HRVATSKI TELEKOM

Croatia has many days of sunshine each year, yet its solar energy market is underdeveloped. In cooperation with UNDP, Hrvatski Telekom donated solar panels to ten primary schools in Croatia as part of the Solar Sunflowers project. In addition to teaching more than 1,000 children about renewable energy, the project also raises awareness in the community. The Solar Sunflowers have cut the schools’ energy costs, and even enable the school to sell electricity back to the grid for possible future earnings. The project influenced broader policy discussion on climate change and renewable energy, and has supported a national plan to increase renewable energy sources to 20 percent by 2020.

CASE 3 | ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

MOBILE APP FOR EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN NEPAL WITH MICROSOFT

UNDP and the Microsoft Innovations Center created a mobile application to support immediate and long-term recovery after earthquakes. The app is designed for engineers to use for debris management and livelihood work. The digital platform is efficient, speeds up recovery, and reduces mistakes by recording data and damages, organising work and sharing information with the team. The portal also makes recovery work more transparent and accountable and has received positive feedback from workers on the ground. The project utilises the core competencies and skills of each partner to innovate and add value to disaster risk management. Microsoft brings leading technological expertise allowing scalability and efficiency, while UNDP brings disaster response knowledge and networks.
BETTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN VENEZUELA WITH TOTAL OIL

Total Oil and UNDP’s initiative in Venezuela supports the development of proposals for new policies, programmes and actions on resilience, climate change, conservation of cultural heritage, and biodiversity. The joint initiative creates tools to support the national government in integrated risk management. One product was the Atlas-tool, which was produced in cooperation with the Vice Ministry for Risk Management and Civil Protection. The tool shows risk scenarios of natural hazards to support informed decision-making and disaster preparedness.

WORLD GREEN ECONOMY INNOVATION HUB IN DUBAI

UNDP is joining forces with the United Arab Emirates to design and establish a new World Green Economy Organization in Dubai – a new public-private platform for low-carbon, climate-resilient innovation and technology. The platform will help public and private sector partners de-risk low-carbon, sustainable energy investments, promote green finance solutions by investment and finance sector partners, and integrate green solutions into supply chains. The partnership helps engage the role of the UAE as an emerging global partner for action on climate change and sustainable energy, and the emergence of Dubai a global hub for private sector innovation, technology, and finance.

SOLAR LAMPS IN SIX MILLION HOMES WITH D.LIGHT

Millions of people living on less than $1 per day spend up to 40 percent of their income on kerosene lamps. In addition to being an inefficient source of energy, kerosene is unsafe and harmful to health. D. Light signed up to the Business Call to Action, a multilateral alliance which aims to accelerate progress towards the SDGs by challenging companies to develop inclusive business models that engage people at the base of the economic pyramid. The company is expanding solar lamp production to provide six million households in more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean access to clean, safe, and affordable light. This initiative will reduce carbon emissions and improve public health and productivity. In addition, one million primary students are expected to gain study time and workers will not be limited to daylight hours. To date, over four million people have benefited from D. Light’s solar lighting.

GETTING AIRPORTS READY FOR DISASTERS WITH DEUTSCHE POST DHL

Airports are essential when disasters strike, allowing crucial aid, goods, and people to mobilise. Get Airports Ready for Disaster (GARD) is a public-private partnership between UNDP and Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL), which conducts trainings in airports around the world to prepare staff for disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and tsunamis. GARD assessments and workshops on preparedness have reached 700 participants in 38 airports across 17 countries. This partnership combines the strong expertise in logistics of DPDHL and UNDP’s competences in disaster risk management and governmental support.
UNDP ENGAGEMENT IN MULTI PARTNER PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

UNDP works with many partners and through many key initiatives to harness the potential of the private sector to deliver zero-carbon, risk-informed development. Below are a few of these initiatives:

**CONNECTING BUSINESS INITIATIVE**

Connecting Business Initiative is a demand driven multi-stakeholder initiative transforming the way the private sector engages before, during, and after crises to create more resilient communities, increase local capacity, and alleviate human suffering. Operational and technical support is provided by UNDP and UNOCHA with technical advice on DRR by UNISDR. The objective of this initiative is to coordinate and facilitate access to the tools, resources, and mechanisms that will enable businesses to undertake effective disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response, and recovery through networks that are connected via a global coordination architecture to each other and to other actors.

connectingbusinessinitiative.org

**UNDP EXTRACTIVE SECTOR PROJECT**

UNDP Extractive Sector Project aims to ensure that natural wealth is used to improve people’s lives. We work with governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, local communities and other affected groups to realise this mission.

undp.org/extractiveindustries.org

**MALAWI INNOVATION CHALLENGE FUND**

Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund is a new and innovative way to support private sector development. It is an $8 million fund supported by UNDP and the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Malawi’s agricultural and manufacturing businesses can compete for grant funding for innovative projects that deliver large social impacts and help the country diversify its exports.

micf.mw

**THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL PROGRAMME**

SDG Philanthropy Platform helps philanthropists engage in the global development agenda. SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, UNDP, and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation, the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations.

SDGfunders.org

Insurance Development Forum (IDF) IDF is a public/private partnership led by the insurance industry and supported by international organisations. Launched by leaders of the United Nations, the World Bank, and the insurance industry in 2016, the IDF extends the use of insurance and related risk management capabilities to build greater resilience and protection for people, communities, businesses, and public institutions that are vulnerable to disasters and associated economic shocks.

http://theidf.org/

Global Compact Networks bring together companies and local partners to promote corporate social responsibility and provide networking opportunities for business and development actors. UNDP facilitates Global Compact local networks in many countries.

unglobalcompact.org

Green Commodities Programme works in 11 countries to help address the sustainability problems of vital commodities such as palm oil, cocoa, coffee, pineapple, fisheries, soy, and beef. Rethinking the way our world produces and distributes food is central to addressing rural poverty as well as slowing deforestation and climate change. While governments and other actors are making important investments in this area, they are increasingly aware that no single group can meet this complex challenge alone.

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African Facility for Inclusive Markets accelerates progress toward the SDGs by supporting the development of inclusive, pro-poor markets across Africa.

undp.org/africa/privatesector