

The Peace Post



Dear Friends,

As we approach a pivotal moment in the U.S. election cycle, our efforts toward active peace and impact have never felt more critical. Sustainable Development Goal 17, Partnerships for the Goals, offers us a powerful framework to amplify impact through collaborative action, ensuring that the strides we make toward peace are effective, measurable and resilient for the future. In this edition of the Peace Post, we are excited to share diverse stories of partnership in action—from national initiatives to global alliances—working together to drive peace and sustainability.

At PII, we believe in the power of diverse minds to drive lasting change across various sectors. As the initiatives we highlight this month show, partnerships for the SDGs can look like many different things.

Equitable partnerships with global accelerators are, in many cases, empowering sustainable enterprises with the resources to foster economic growth in underserved communities while reshaping global supply chains. Private and public partnerships are also finding innovative ways to repurpose industrial waste, creating green jobs and transforming former industrial hubs into models of sustainable growth. Public health, too, is receiving a boost as nonprofits, government agencies, and local authorities come together to improve access and efficiency, particularly in communities that need it most. The momentum extends to climate education, where international development organizations, nonprofits, and schools are mobilizing to support young leaders tackling climate change. Their work is creating a foundation for peace through widespread climate advocacy and education, empowering a new generation to carry forward this essential mission.

We are also thrilled to spotlight our partnership with the University for Peace, through which we launched the DNA of Peace Fellowship Program in 2023. Just last month, their latest Peace Innovation Roundtable showcased the profound impact that cross-sectoral collaboration can achieve for peace, highlighting partnerships at their very best!

Together, these initiatives highlight how partnerships grounded in shared purpose and universal ethics can bring transformative change. As we continue on this journey, we encourage each of you to think critically, use reason rooted in a universal code of ethics, and engage across differences in partnerships that uplift communities and foster peace. We invite you to join us in this critical work as a member of our Cooperative for Humanity. Thank you for being part of our shared commitment to a world where sustainable impact is both our vision and our reality.

In the spirit of peace and unity,
Barbara Winston, President and Founder
Gordon Winston, Co-Founder

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Why creating equitable partnerships is key to scaling innovation for the UN SDGs

Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 demands collaboration across sectors, requiring partnerships grounded in trust, shared accountability, and local leadership. Led by Unilever, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and EY, the TRANSFORM accelerator supports sustainable enterprises in developing countries by providing resources and expertise to scale impactful innovations. Projects like Kenya's Boost and India's Hasiru Dala highlight the success of equitable, localized partnerships. By empowering local actors and integrating local innovations and insights into global value chains, TRANSFORM creates impact while enhancing sustainable solutions for health, environmental challenges, and economic inclusion.

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A former Utah coal town could soon become a hub for low-carbon cement

Terra CO2 Technology plans to establish a low-carbon cement facility in Magna, Utah, repurposing mine waste from the Kennecott copper mine to reduce cement's carbon footprint. With a \$52.6 million Department of Energy grant, the company will produce supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) as an alternative to Portland cement traditionally used in concrete. The industry today generates 8% of human-driven CO2 emissions globally, but with SCMs, they can emit 70% less CO2 than the industry standard, using silicate rocks to produce an end-product that is already cost-competitive. This effort, alongside other DOE-supported projects, aims to reduce emissions in historically coal-dependent communities by promoting sustainable industrial innovation. Together with the other 14 projects, they are expected to contribute to the creation of more than 1,900 new jobs in these communities.

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For a disaster-free future

The UNDP's initiative emphasizes empowering children as resilience advocates through disaster education in schools worldwide. Programs in North Macedonia, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, and Ecuador enhance readiness with drills, digital tools, and creative learning activities like musical theater, debates, and quiz competitions. These efforts promote a culture of preparedness and foster environmental stewardship, enabling youth to become agents of change in building safer, climate-resilient, sustainable communities. Amplifying youth and advocating for widespread climate and peace education is one of our core pillars, and we're excited to support the great work of UNDP in their partnerships with other local initiatives like these.

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How Politics Influence Global Health

Global health policy is heavily influenced by governments, notably the U.S., which leads in financial contributions. Policies, such as the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, shape global health funding and priorities, often working through legislative and agency frameworks. Partners In Health (PIH) collaborates with governments globally, advocating for healthcare as a public good. Their "accompaniment" model, which fosters partnerships with local and national health authorities, has been essential to improving healthcare access and equity worldwide. Since their founding, PIH has empowered constituents to influence health policies through active public engagement, and they continue to lead the way in public health partnerships worldwide!

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How will you partner with peace?

Event Spotlight



The UPEACE Peace Innovation Roundtable

The University for Peace (UPEACE), a valued partner of the Peace Innovation Initiative, convened its third Peace Innovation Roundtable on October 24, 2024, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This pivotal gathering showcased UPEACE's commitment to advancing people-centered, future-focused approaches to peace, emphasizing the integration of human wellbeing into technological advancements for sustainable development. Coinciding with the launch of "Innovating for Peace", UPEACE's latest publication, the roundtable united leaders and experts to discuss how peace innovation can be mainstreamed into global policy amidst escalating conflicts. PII is proud to support UPEACE's vital efforts to foster peace as a guiding principle in policy and innovation, highlighting peace as a critical foundation for a resilient and thriving future.

Your support and engagement drive us to continue our mission of fostering innovation for a more harmonious world. Whether you're reading, sharing, or contributing, you're playing a vital role in this journey toward global peace. If you have stories, insights, or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we're making a difference.

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