



Manifesto for Partnering for the Sustainable Development Goals

We, the participants of the 2021 UN & Australia Sustainable Partnerships Forum have identified the following critical behaviours we will consistently demonstrate, when partnering toward achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:

We are open, clear and respectful

- We communicate openly and respectfully at all times
- We actively listen and are open to learn
- We ensure that all have the time to contribute and we don't dominate conversations by keeping contributions brief
- We are inclusive and make time for all voices to be heard
- We bring two-way respect; we value different types of contributions
- Open and respectful communications at all times

We have a willingness to explore and learn together

- We explore tangents as they arise
- We are open minded
- We are creative and open to new ideas
- We are ready to contribute where we can
- We have a genuine intention to partner; we don't have preconceived ideas

We will recognise the power of all partners

- We recognise and acknowledge the power of all partners
- We acknowledge that all or some partners may need to compromise their own interests to achieve a shared vision. These compromises should be recognised and shared equitably.
- We share risk and reward and have a sense of what this means to each partner
- We recognise power and systems; what is your power and role in the system and what can you do to create the shift you want to see
- We value voice and perspectives from all partners and share our decision-making

We actively acknowledge the role that race plays in partnerships

- We see race is a critical element in partnership power dynamics
- We acknowledge history, culture and its relationship to race as critical to change
- We learn about and discuss culture and race relations to deepen our understanding
- We look for ways to shift power toward community and support choice and self-determination



We will create an environment of trust

- We create a safe and equitable space for sharing ideas
- We facilitate safe and supportive discussions
- We seek to move our partnerships beyond transactional by having difficult conversations
- We make time to create connection

We will listen actively and deeply

- We will listen actively, with empathy and without judgement
- We will seek to listen and better understand our Indigenous connections

We will act with a shared purpose for mutual benefit

- We seek alignment, shared intent and common purpose
- We will look for complimentary subject matter expertise to achieve our shared purpose
- We understand our individual roles in collective impact
- We commitment to the SDG's themselves - not just sustainability principles

We will embrace and celebrate diversity

- We seek intergenerational perspectives
- We acknowledge the traditional custodians and respect their spiritual connection to country to empower a deeper spiritual intelligence (SQ) dialogue
- We invite diversity
- We recognise that all partners will bring diverse backgrounds and may speak from different perspectives. Partners will be open to learn about those perspectives
- We acknowledge that everyone has different views and knowledge of certain topics

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