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Event Round-up: Building Sustainable Partnerships in the Development Space | Agora Thursday Thriving In Development Special Series 2/6

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Key Message

Sustainable partnerships are agreements between groups or individuals to achieve long-term social, and economic benefits. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include eradicating poverty, encouraging economic growth, and protecting the environment, are what these collaborations intend to accomplish. Building a sustainable project requires developing mutually beneficial relationships. Creating collaborative engagements among stakeholders like governments, civil society organisations, and local communities is essential to achieving set goals and expected outcomes.

Why are Sustainable Partnerships Important?

1. Since neither individuals nor organisations can address all social issues, collaboration is required while considering each party's strengths and areas of expertise.
2. Sustainable partnerships result in the aggregation of more resources, including funding, expertise, and networks.
3. It enables development programs to reach a larger audience.
4. It fosters cooperation and confidence among partners, which is crucial for long-term development initiatives.
5. It propels innovative ideas for development projects. Partnerships bring perspectives and ideas together that can lead to innovative and creative solutions to development difficulties.

Finally

As young professionals, we need partnerships because it brings together diverse stakeholders to work toward common goals, share knowledge, resources, and expertise, and create sustainable development outcomes. It is challenging to succeed independently in small or large organisation development. No organisation has all of the resources or knowledge required to address development difficulties. As a result, various groups must combine their efforts to achieve more significant results. Although differences may exist in priorities and mode of operations, all parties in a partnership must key into shared goals, mutual trust, respect, flexibility and adaptability. Partners must be transparent and accountable to each other.

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