

Support to the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership

Context

India and Germany have a long-standing and fruitful cooperation in addressing challenges related to green and sustainable development, climate change, and environment. Both countries share the understanding that achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and addressing climate change are two of the most pressing global challenges. Acknowledging their joint responsibility for the protection of the planet, as well as for sustainable and inclusive growth that leaves no one behind, Indo-German cooperation is guided by the commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To accelerate the implementation of these commitments, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz signed the Indo-German Green and Sustainable Development Partnership (GSDP) in May 2022.

Through this partnership, both countries will work together, learn from each other, and facilitate the achievement of their respective climate and sustainable development objectives. Germany intends to support the GSDP with at least 10 billion euros of additional funding until 2030. Within the framework of the GSDP, India and Germany have identified the following key priority areas for bilateral cooperation:



Energy



Sustainable Urban Development



Green Mobility



Climate Change



Biodiversity



Natural Resource Management



Agroecology



Circular Economy

These topics will be at the centre of bilateral cooperation projects, as well as at high level political dialogues and fora, with the objective to develop joint solutions for global issues.

India and Germany will also engage in **trilateral cooperation** with other countries to widen the uptake of successful approaches for achieving SDGs and related climate targets internationally. Both countries aim to cooperate on **multilateral initiatives** to support the implementation of SDGs and climate action.

Project name	Support to the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership
Commissioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project region	India
Lead executing agency	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)
Duration	2022-2025



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chancellor Olaf Scholz launched the Indo-German Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development at the Government Consultations in May 2022. © Bundesregierung/Bergmann

Objective

In order to support the GSDP, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to implement the project 'Support to the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership' (GSDP Support Project).

The GSDP Support Project works with existing, as well as upcoming development cooperation projects and builds on existing dialogues and fora of the Indo-German cooperation to identify and scale up successful approaches. In doing so, the project seeks to ensure that transformative approaches to climate policy and SDG achievement are strengthened.

Our Approach

A) PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

The project provides support services to Indian and German stakeholders of the GSDP to help in communicating on as well as steering, monitoring, and further developing the partnership. Key partners on the Indian side are the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

This includes developing a GSDP website and dashboard to showcase project progress under the partnership, supporting the preparation of steering committee meetings and strategy workshops, developing ideas for new thematic initiatives under the GSDP into concrete deliverables, and increasing the visibility of Indo-German cooperation under the GSDP branding. The project also plays a vital role in organising political and expert dialogue formats at different levels to ensure a true partnership on an equal basis.

In addition to the partnership support, the project comprises of two technical cooperation components in the fields of climate adaptation and localisation of SDG implementation.

B) SUPPORTING CLIMATE ADAPTATION POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION

The project supports the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in further developing climate adaptation policies and implementation.

The project supports the MoEFCC-led process in formulating a National Adaptation Plan (NAP). It supports the overall coordination of the NAP-process by the ministry as well as stakeholder processes in certain sectors and regions. In addition, the project supports the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to establish a Centre of Excellence for Climate Adaptation. The centre will support adaptation policy development and implementation with cutting-edge knowledge products on sectoral and regional climate impacts and to evaluate different adaptation governance approaches. The centre will also provide capacity development on climate adaptation at different levels.

C) LOCALISATION OF SDGs

The project is collaborating with the National Institution for the Transformation of India (NITI Aayog) to strengthen approaches for the localisation of SDG implementation

The project is supporting NITI Aayog in strengthening institutional capacities for SDG implementation and monitoring at the national, state and district levels. In addition, it supports the creation and operationalisation of SDG Hubs in selected states to help align planning, steering and budgeting of the SDG implementation and focus on priority SDGs at the state and district levels. The support at the state and district level will start with activities in Himachal Pradesh. Other states will be selected in collaboration with NITI Aayog during the project implementation.

The project contributes to the localisation of all global SDGs, with focus on Article 7.1 (Adaptation) of the Paris Agreement.

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