

Tool 4: Partnership Assessment Checklist

Part of the [Climate 2025 Partnerships resources](#)

The below is a comprehensive assessment checklist, you may adapt this to your needs and use all or only some of the considerations based on your development, your values (what is important to your movement), who the partner is (e.g. if they are high-profile), and the type of partnership (e.g. is it a one-off campaign or a longer-term collaboration).

This can be used to make an internal decision or comparison of potential partnerships.

Consideration	Information / Notes	Assessment			
		Decline	Continue to investigate	Go ahead	More information needed
HIGH LEVEL CONSIDERATIONS					
There's a clear need for a partnership approach					
Partnership is strategic and fits with movement mandate					
Partnership will provide significant value / impact					
Costs acceptable in relation to value gained					
Risks are sufficiently low or well mitigated					
Sufficient financial resources to implement					
Other (and sufficient) internal resources/capacities available					
Sufficient movement buy-in to pursue					
PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION					
Clarity of reasons to partner – vision, mission, objectives					
Non-partnership approach more appropriate? (if applicable)					
What does our movement bring to the partnership?					
What do our prospective partners bring to the partnership?					
What are the sign-off procedures for joint action & communication in our partners?					

RISKS and BENEFITS					
What are our anticipated benefits? (see Tool 3: Partnering Protocol)					
What are the anticipated benefits of the partner/s? (see Tool 3: Partnering Protocol)					
What capacity will we require to engage in this partnership?					
Are we clear about the different costs to our movement?					
What risks might we encounter? For instance:					
• Reputational issues					
• Conflict of interest					
• Loss of autonomy					
• Risk to existing relationships					
• Duplication of efforts					
• Not fully aligned with our mission					
• Lack of appropriate staff skills					
• Other (include as relevant)					
PRACTICALITY					
Are we clear about the value of our contribution?					
Are funding sources available for implementation?					
Is there Internal buy-in for the partnership?					
Are there sufficient resources that can be committed?					
Are there sufficient skills and competencies to deliver?					
What indirect costs might be generated (transaction costs; staff time, etc)					
INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTNER/S					
Name and type of organisation					
Name, email and telephone number of focal point for the organisation					
Partner activities					
Alignment of partner's values with our own values					
Alignment with our partnering principles					
THE ADDED VALUE OF PARTNER/S					
Resource partners: financial and in-kind (human and technical) resource contribution					
Knowledge partners: Enhanced capacity through information, evaluation and analysis					

Policy and governance partners: Enhanced capacity through policy and governance support at country/regional level					
Advocacy partners: Enhanced outreach and impact through support for advocacy work					
Capability partners: Support through design and implementation of programmes and operations					
Other – add as required					

Tool 4 is adapted from the [GNDR-ECID Collaboration Toolkit](#).