Knowledge for Development Partnership Report 2017-2019 (in progress)

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Background

The Agenda 2030 of the UN with its Sustainable Development Goals, put in order by 2015, calls for multistakeholder-partnerships for sharing of knowledge and technology (SDG 17).

Goals and strategies to developing knowledge as a resource for sustainable development are missing in the SDGs.

In January 2015, a group of K4D experts and practitioners initiated the publication process for the Agenda Knowledge for Development, providing a universal framework for the advancement of knowledge in societies.

In Vienna, October 2016, the first version of the Agenda K4D is presented.

In Geneva, April 2017, the second, improved version is presented at the UN Office Geneva. K4DP is inaugurated to sustain the dialogue on the Agenda K4D and to support the dissemination and implementation. A communication channel k4dp@dgroups.org connects a global community discussing issues of K4D and initiates activities and collaboration.

In September 2018, the third edition of the Agenda K4D is presented at WTO in Geneva.
Knowledge and SDGs

Knowledge is an essential resource and an indispensable prerequisite for the development of societies all over the world.

The **Knowledge for Development Partnership** is an international multi-stakeholder-platform to advance knowledge for development. Together with partners from all over the world – governments, businesses, academia, civil society, and more – a global **Agenda Knowledge for Development** has been developed.
Knowledge is the critical resource in ALL societal issues

- Education and Science
- Climate
- Human Rights
- Water
- Energy
- Health
- Etc. etc. etc.
In 2015 we started to join forces...

Education, Science, Culture

Climate

Human Rights

Water

Energy

Health

Etc. etc. etc.
... to create a global Agenda Knowledge for Development!

Agenda Knowledge for Development

- Education, Science, Culture
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Agenda K4D and Knowledge Development Goals

The Agenda Knowledge for Development is the condensate of more than 130 statements/positions provided by representatives of different stakeholder-groups from all over the world.

14 Knowledge Development Goals are defined and a set of actions to implement these goals.

The Agenda K4D is available online for free on www.k4dp.org.
Vandana Gopikumar
Co-founder, The Banyan and The Banyan Academy of Learning for Mental Health (BALM) and Professor, School of Social Work of Social Sciences (TISS), India

Mental health is everybody’s business. The interactive structural barriers such as class, caste/race/ethnicity-based discrimination and consequent lost opportunities being has now been established. While brain chemistry markers are important in addressing mental health, no longer the medical model of mental illness that was embraced. The future of positive mental health must be context dependent. Therefore, considering the context, the ideal of mental health empowerment today and certainly the role of mental health in the community.

Robert Chambers
Professor, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

The answer to the rhetorical question ‘Can We Know Better?’ is ‘Yes we can’. The history of humankind and of development is spectacularly littered with error. We desperately need to be less wrong, more realistic and more in touch with ground realities and accelerating change. The priorities for what we need to know and how we struggle to know it themselves change and are changing ever faster. The urgency of transforming our approaches and methods for knowing has been made more acute by the virus of fake news, malicious invasions of personal privacy and covert digital manipulations for political purposes.

Rabih El-Haddad
Multilateral Diplomacy Programme, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

As the training arm of the United Nations System, UNITAR is committed to equipping individuals, institutions and organizations with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and overcome global challenges of the 21st Century. UNITAR provides training and capacity building activities to assist mainly developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), countries from the global North, and targeted groups and communities who are most vulnerable in conflict situations. In order to do so, we partner with a range of knowledge organizations and networks and carry policy briefs and reports to stay abreast of the latest developments in andragogy and ensure that they meet the goals. We will capitalize on UNITAR’s expertise in the design and delivery of training and capacity building programmes.
The **Agenda Knowledge for Development** was presented at the UN Office in Geneva in April 2017. On this occasion the Knowledge for Development Partnership was inaugurated for sustaining the Agenda.
Knowledge Development Goals

The Knowledge Development Goals are a key element and based on the statements of the 130 authors.

- **Goal 1:** Pluralistic, diverse and inclusive knowledge societies
- **Goal 2:** People-focused knowledge societies
- **Goal 3:** Strengthening local knowledge ecosystems
- **Goal 4:** Knowledge partnerships
- **Goal 5:** Knowledge cities and rural-urban linkages
- **Goal 6:** Advanced knowledge strategies in public and development organisations
- **Goal 7:** Capture, preservation and democratisation of knowledge
- **Goal 8:** Fair and dynamic knowledge markets
- **Goal 9:** Safety, security, sustainability
- **Goal 10:** Legal knowledge
- **Goal 11:** Improved knowledge management competences
- **Goal 12:** Institutions of higher education to play an active role
- **Goal 13:** Information and communication technologies for all
- **Goal 14:** The arts and culture are central to knowledge societies
Intended overall Impact K4DP

- Advanced knowledge policies and strategies on political level. Strengthening knowledge as a resource for economic, social and cultural development.
- Stronger knowledge sharing and collaboration among global regions, specifically within a global network of local partnerships.
- Higher awareness for knowledge as a key resource for development, on all levels of society. Dynamic knowledge cultures, stronger knowledge-focus and changed behavior.
- Successful implementation of Knowledge Management strategies and programs in public administration, sectors, individual companies and organisations.
- Advanced innovation and problem-solving in complex challenging issues through global, transdisciplinary research & innovation.
- Improved competences and capacities in knowledge, innovation and learning through joint educational programmes.
- Better achievement of UN sustainable development goals.
Structure of K4DP

General Assembly – Knowledge for Development Partnership

Board of Directors = Managing Directors
Mary Suzan Abbo MSc, Dr. Sarah Cummings
HH Mohamed Bin Tahnon Al Nahyan, Dr. Andreas Brandner

Presidium

Regional K4DP Managers

Regional K-Partnerships

K4DP Offices
Secretariat
Vienna + virtual + regional
Key Measures of K4DP

- Print and disseminate the Agenda K4D electronically and printed (in limited number)
- Organize events to present and promote the Agenda K4D; facilitate dialogue
- Run and facilitate the dGroup of K4DP
- Run and maintain the website www.k4dp.org
- Extend the number of statements to the Agenda K4D and care for diversity.
- Present the Agenda K4D on various external events and occasions
- Encourage and support capacity building in KM and KBD (knowledge based development)
- Encourage initiatives to establish local knowledge partnerships, and local agendas K4D in a growing number of countries/cities
- Creating a world-leading transdisciplinary research and innovation programme including education and training (planned/in progress)
- Initiate measures / action points to implement the agenda and to achieve the KDGs - to be implemented by the partners, not by K4DP!
Activities in countries

Knowledge Partnership established or close to
Knowledge Partnerships in establishment process
Activities with partner organisations planned 2018
Activities planned/considered for 2019+
## Country activities (I)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Local partners</th>
<th>Activities</th>
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<td>Austria</td>
<td>KM Austria</td>
<td>3 events; art exhibition; presentation KM4D Award</td>
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<td>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</td>
<td>Knowledge.city</td>
<td>Presentation K4DP to stakeholders in May 2018; numerous new partners</td>
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<td>Bulgaria</td>
<td>Cluster Sofia Knowledge City</td>
<td>Presentation of K4DP on 2 conferences, initiation of research programme for knowledge cities</td>
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<td>Gambia</td>
<td>Better Future Production; Knowledge City The Gambia</td>
<td>Meetings with president and several stakeholders; high-level support for K4DP</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>Jagran Pehel</td>
<td>Presentation of K4DP at two conferences</td>
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<td>Iran</td>
<td>AQC Asian Quality Certification</td>
<td>Establishment of Knowledge Partnership Iran; First KM4D Awards given</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>Knowledge.city</td>
<td>K4DP-Conference in cooperation with UN Office Nairobi (planned for 3-2019)</td>
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<td>Nigeria</td>
<td>CISME; Knowledge Hub Nigeria</td>
<td>Establishment of “Knowledge Development Association Nigeria” is in progress</td>
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<td>University of Arequipa; World Capital Institute</td>
<td>Presentation of K4DP at the Knowledge City World Summit; initiation of Knowledge Partnership Arequipa</td>
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<td>Switzerland</td>
<td>SKMF; WTO; knowledge.city</td>
<td>Inauguration of K4DP in 4-2017; Conference in 9-2018 at WTO; presentation of K4DP at WSIS</td>
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<td>Togo</td>
<td>Knowledge City Togo</td>
<td>Establishment of Knowledge Partnership (planned for 2019)</td>
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<td>UAE</td>
<td>ESPA Emirates Strategic Planning Association</td>
<td>K4D Partnership Conference in Dubai, May 2018 MoU with ESPA</td>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>knowledge.city; KMA</td>
<td>K4DP Meeting 8-2018; Inauguration of Ugandan Knowledge Partnership</td>
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<td>USA / UN Office NY</td>
<td>IFAD; UNDP</td>
<td>Side event at the High-level political forum of the UN with K4DP as a coordinator</td>
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<td>Zambia</td>
<td>Knowledge City Southern Africa</td>
<td>Establishment of Knowledge Partnership Zambia (planned for 2019)</td>
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Knowledge Dance at the K4DP-event in Kampala
K4DP-Meetings:

1. Geneva 4-2017: Inauguration K4DP; presentation Agenda K4D
2. New York 9-2017; High Level political Forum of the UN; Knowledge Café
3. Vienna 10-2017; K4DP-Meeting “business for development” with k-art
4. Vienna 3-2018; K4DP-Meeting “KM in internat. Orgs” with UNOV
5. Dubai 5-2018; K4DP-Meeting with Ministry of Interior and MoPs
6. Tehran 7-2018; Establishment of K4D Partnership Iran
7. Kampala 6-2018; K4DP-Meeting; Establishment of K4D Partnership Uganda
9. Serekunda 10-2018; Various meetings with key stakeholders
10. Tehran 10-2018; First KM4D Award at Khatam University
11. Vienna 11-2018; K4DP Meeting; Standards & Frameworks
Plan 2019-2020

1. 4th edition with a growing number of countries and increased diversity

2. Further maintenance and development of www.k4dp.org

3. Further maintenance and development of K4DP-dGroups

4. Establish K4D-Partnerships in Kenya, Nigeria, Togo, Zambia, Germany, etc.

5. Promote KM through the KM4D Award under the auspices of a UN Organization in a growing number of cities with local partners.

6. Presentation of the Agenda K4D at UN Office Nairobi

7. Initiate a global K4D Research Programme

8. Strengthen existing local initiatives

9. Encourage new initiatives in further countries

10. Increase number of memberships and partnerships, specifically attract governments of countries and cities, international organisations, universities, companies, NGOs
Members and partners

1. Number of members: 63

2. Number of authors: 130

3. Number of partners: 306
We are all the Knowledge for Development Partnership
ANNEX: STATEMENTS FOR THE AGENDA K4D
K4DP Statements

The following graphs show the information of participants on K4DP statements. It may suggest some strengths and lacunes in which is necessary to focus.

**Region:** Massive participation in Europe, followed by Africa. The biggest lack is in Latin America.

**Organization type:** Academy and International Organizations are in balance - what is positive. Also, the Private Sector is well represented. It shows that we should focus on acquiring representation at NGOs and Governments.

**Company size:** This proportion (39% Big / 61% Small and Medium) is affected by the "Academy" participants. If we exclude the academia, coincidentally, the proportion is inverted to 61% of Big companies and 39% of Small and Medium.

**Age of participants:** Expressive senior representation - what is positive and shows the maturity of participants in a moment in which the strategic view was required. Now, as an expansion moment, we should attract also the youngers.

**Gender:** This theme has a great importance at the moment and we should pursue a gender balance.
Asia 13%  
Europe 42%  
Africa 23%  
North America 12%  
Latin America 5%  
Oceania 5%  
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Company size

Big (>500 employees) 39%
Medium/Small (<500 employees) 61%
AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Less 50 years old: 35%
- Plus 50 years old: 65%
Gender

- Male/Men: 61%
- Female/Women: 39%