



The EDP is an independent and trusted collaborative intermediary. We design, convene and build the capabilities needed to implement multi-stakeholder processes. This way, we co-create solutions and strengthen collaboration across systems that enhances resilience to complex problems.

Our offering

We design and establish collaborative governance processes to achieve:

Collective sensemaking

Collaborative planning

Co-implementation

Mutual accountability

Shared evaluation of impact for learning and innovation

Co-creating solutions to complex problems

Working to achieve inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development



How we work

The EDP combines theoretical and systems knowledge, user-friendly tools and practical experience to design and facilitate collaborative processes that helps systems work better.

- We are independent, purpose-driven and accountable, working responsibly to deliver public value.
- We work inclusively and in partnership, building trust to enable effective long-term collaboration.
- We take a practical and adaptive approach, testing, learning and evolving to deliver according to changing contexts and needs.

We design these processes according to different contexts and needs. We bring people together to co-create solutions to address complex challenges. And we build the capabilities needed to collaborate on an ongoing basis.

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History

Collaborative intermediaries enable change

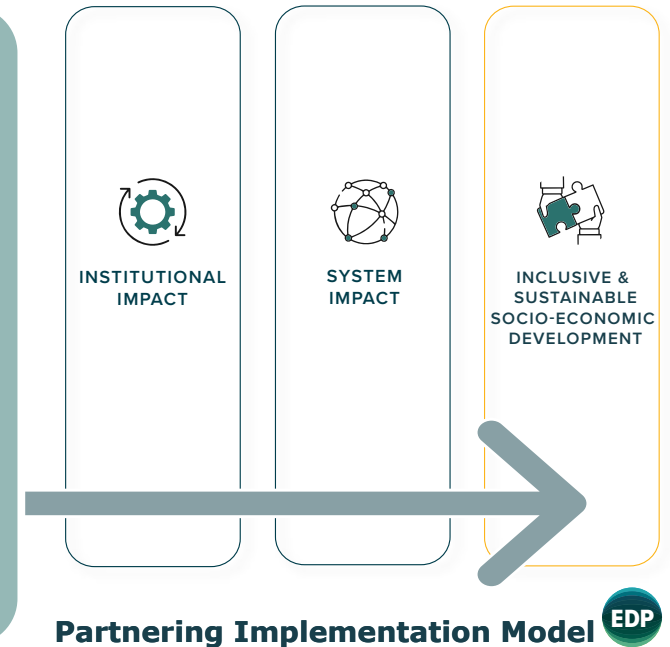
As a collaborative intermediary, the EDP is uniquely well-placed to connect the top-down authorising environment with the bottom-up mobilising environment in the systems within which we work. We also connect colleagues across different spheres of government to one another.

Through our Partnering Implementation Model, actors identify and prioritise complex problems, develop common agendas despite divergent perspectives and move from dialogue to joint action.

South Africa's development challenges are persistent and characterised by low certainty and limited agreement. But there is opportunity for innovative programming, effective delivery models and successful implementation if actors can engage collaboratively.

Examples of our work

Developing scenarios for climate-informed economic pathways through stakeholder dialogues	2025
Water User Platform in the Western Cape Water Supply System	2022
Partnering Implementation Model for the Just Transition	2022
Social Employment Network	2021
Digital food voucher programme for community kitchens	2020
Whole of Society Approach in Khayelitsha, Manenberg, Saldanha, Drakenstein	2018



Our track record

The EDP is a public benefit not-for-profit company. Our team has extensive practical experience in connecting the authorising and mobilising environments in cross-sector collaborations to find solutions to complex issues and challenges.