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# Introducing CLI's Collaboration Academies Initiative

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In 2015, the nations of the world agreed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 17<sup>th</sup> Goal emphasizes the importance of partnerships for realizing the other 16 Goals. Working in collaboration across sectors, topics, and borders requires a set of capacities that most individuals and organizations simply don't have yet. This begs the question: how will the 17<sup>th</sup> SDG be met by 2030?

The challenge presented by the SDGs is increasing collaboration capacity worldwide so that all change processes can be carried out in a peaceful, professional, efficient, and effective way that honours the intention of the global sustainable development movement. **To meet this challenge, CLI is launching the Collaboration Academies, a multi-year, global initiative to plant the seeds of collaboration and see them grow strong all over the world. CLI's vision is "A worldwide network of Collaboration Academies that scale up collective leadership capacity to empower individuals and organizations to achieve sustainability outcomes."**

The Collaboration Academies concept seeks to increase significantly the quantity and quality of professionals that have the skills to guide and facilitate multi-stakeholder processes and projects at the local and national level. CLI expects Collaboration Academies to act as catalysers for growing collaboration culture wherever they are established. Through a rigorous training programme, future Collective Leadership facilitators will gain the knowledge, skills, and practical experience necessary to independently and expertly guide multi-stakeholder sustainability initiatives in their city, country, or region.

CLI expects that Collaboration Academies will merge the multi-stakeholder collaboration expertise CLI has embedded in its methodology and curricula with the thematic and regional expertise of partners for fostering transformation processes that result in concrete local outcomes and further the global sustainability movement. Towards this end, CLI would like to invite interested individuals and organizations to contact us so we can begin to grow this vital initiative. We already have active Collaboration Academies in Germany, South Africa, and Cambodia that have worked directly with over 2,500 professionals.



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