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Eni Cooperation Model From Global Partnerships to Local Engagement

Multinational companies face huge challenges in countries they operate in: from human rights to the growing need for transparency and responsibility, from the respect of the environment to an increasing role in fighting against poverty.

In particular, Oil & Gas companies often operate in some of the most challenging places on earth, where they can have important impacts on local communities and on the environment due to the characteristics of their operations. Furthermore, they manage energy resources which are deeply connected with the economy of a country, coping with a public sector that often looks for the support of private sector to guarantee an adequate improvement of development standards. For all these reasons, companies are getting more and more attention from the market, international and local Institutions and civil society with reference to their role and contribution, whether positive or negative, to the territory in which they operate. From their side, international bodies – such as the UN system - are trying to establish private – public partnerships in order to meet their ambitious development goals. A contemporary cooperation model for sustainable development must take into consideration different levels of action: engagement and partnership have to be reinforced at both a local and global level. This means coping with territorial issues and stakeholders as well as with international Institutions on global themes, integrating this multiple dimension in a common framework. The speech describes the attempts a global energy company, Eni, has made during its history and is making today in order to build a multilevel cooperation model that can be successfully applied in a complex world like the one we all live in.