

Sanlam BlueStar Conference

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SA ECONOMIC OVERVIEW



- The COVID-19 crisis has weakened an already fragile economy.
- South Africa's growth underperformed during the past decade:
 - GDP per capita was already lower in **2019 than in 2008**
 - Unemployment remains high, at around 35%
 - Youth unemployment even exceeds 50%
- Spending pressures are mounting to close the financing gap in health, infrastructure and higher education.
- Finance the above while putting public finances on a more sustainable path, which is key to restore confidence.
- Spending efficiency should improve and be accompanied with increased government tax revenues.

Economic Outlook Note - South Africa – June 2023

- GDP growth is projected to slow to 0.3% in 2023 before picking up to 1% in 2024.
- Investment will become a much-needed driver of growth as the energy crisis requires additional power generation capacity.
- Higher interest rates and inflation are denting consumption, while electricity outages and lower global growth are weighing on exports.



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

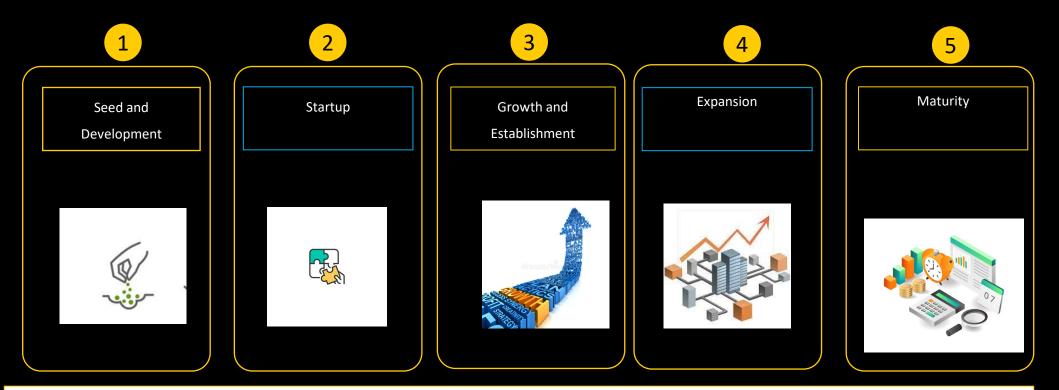
The best partnerships aren't dependent on a more common goal but on a shared path of equality, desire, and no small amount of passion." – Sarah MacLean, New York Times bestselling author





THE BUSINESS STAGES

Research shows that about **90% of business** startups fail in their first year, under **50% make it to their fifth year**, and only **33% make it to the 10-year mark**, for a number of reasons including a lack of financial support, skills and resources.

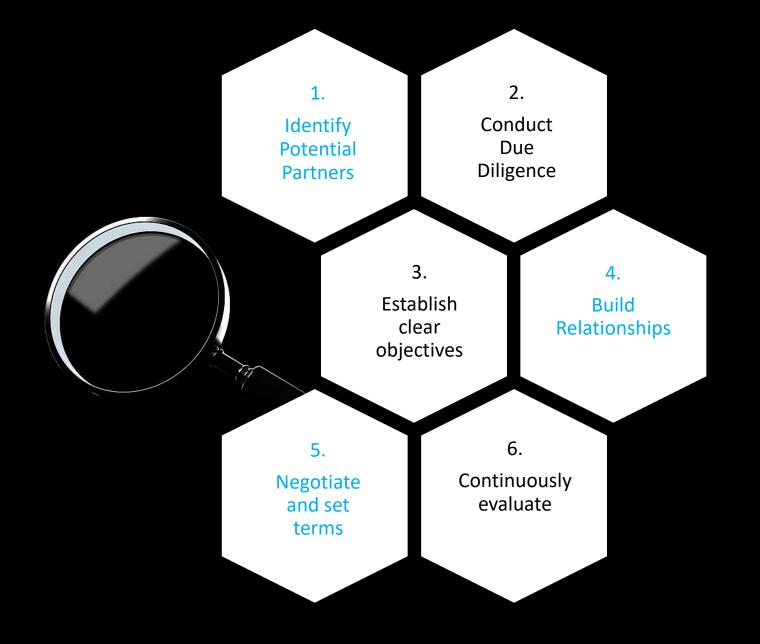


Partnerships play a critical survival or success role through the business stages



IDENTIFYING and BUILDING SUCCESFUL PARTNERSHIPS

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THE VALUE OF PARTNERSHIPS



INNOVATION

- Every business needs to innovate for differentiation and growth
- A diverse set of skill, experiences and ideas enable businesses to remain relevant and respond to the market.

RISK MANAGEMENT

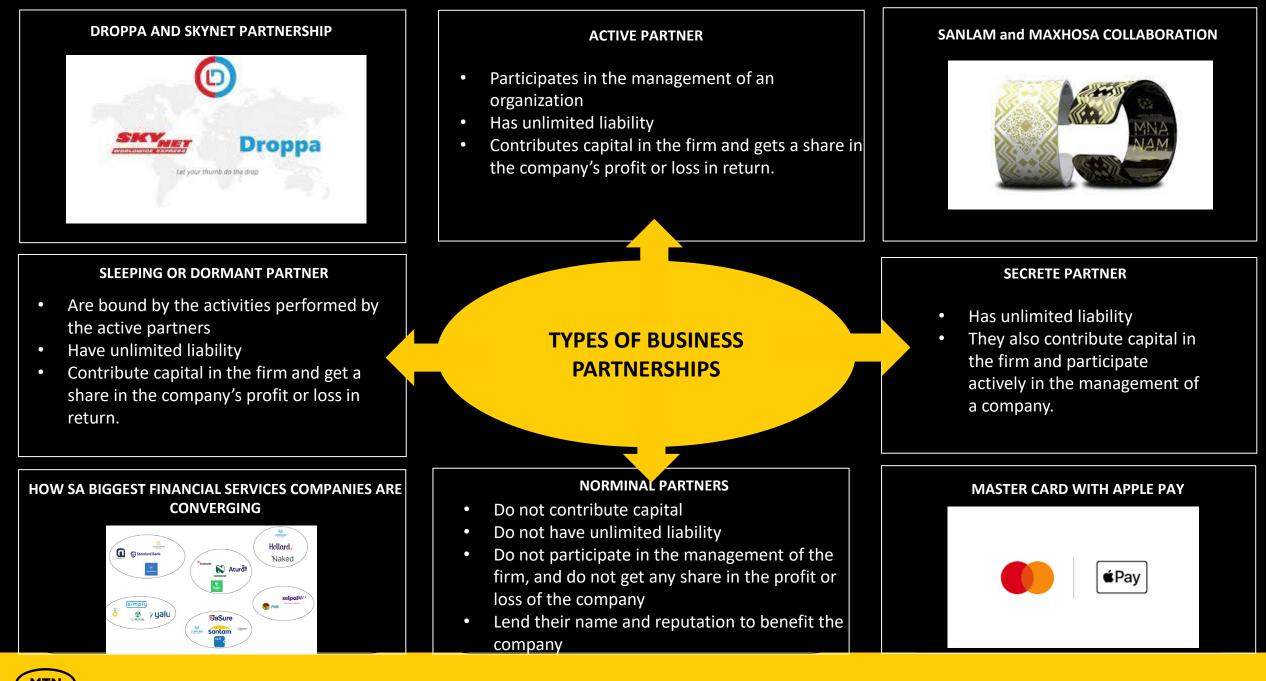
By partnering with other organizations, business can spread the risk of closing down, especially with the current challenges we are experiencing in the country.

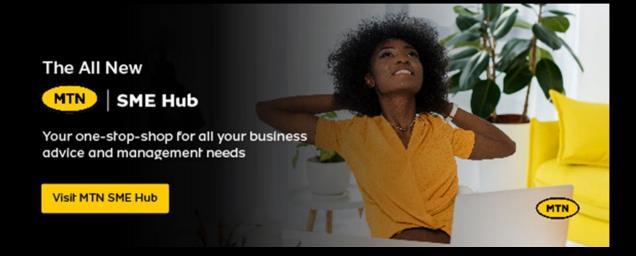
ACCESS TO MARKET

 Help a company and its products to reach markets by evading barriers to market entry

SHARING OF RESOURCES

- Companies require to share resources, especially SMEs who are on the introduction phase of their business
- The resources can range from specialized skills, capital and customers to some extent





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