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The United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) was established in 2011 as a technical arm of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

This issue will cover UNOSD's news, activities, and events from July to September 2023. The newsletter includes not only UNOSD news, but also other useful events, tools, and frameworks related to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

UNOSD Highlights & Activities



2023 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

5-8 September 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

From 5 to 8 September 2023, UNOSD organized the 2023 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The course centered around the theme of the 2024 HLPF2, which emphasized "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions." During the training, participants delved into the five SDGs that will receive special attention at the 2024 HLPF: Goal 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere), Goal 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture), Goal 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts), Goal 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels), and Goal 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development).

The training gathered about 40 senior government officials from developing countries who are responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at national levels. For the sessions, international experts, scholars, practitioners, and representatives of regional and international organizations, including the United Nations, and of civil society and private sector were invited to deliver presentations and engage in group discussions.

All the information and presentation materials of the event can be accessed [HERE](#).

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Project “Water in the World We Want” Phase 3: Accelerating the achievement of water-related SDGs

20-22 September 2023, Brasília, Federative Republic of Brazil

UNOSD organized the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Workshop on SDG6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) from 20 to 22 September 2023 in Brasilia, Brazil. The event was co-organized by UNU Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (UNU-INWEH), UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (UNESCO i-WSSM), and the Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water).

The regional workshop served as a forum for facilitating the extended use and implementation of SDG-PSS in Latin America and the Caribbean. The event gathered 40 water professionals, experts, and representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean region to discuss experiences, challenges, and possibilities in achieving SDG 6 at the national level, promote SDG-PSS as a powerful for enhancing evidence-based policymaking on water on a national level, and strengthen regional cooperation for accelerated achievement of SDG-6 through SDG-PSS.

All the information related to the event can be accessed [HERE](#).

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The 2023 SDGs Youth Summer Camp

16-19 August 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD hosted the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Youth Summer Camp from 16 to 19 August 2023 at the Yonsei University International Campus located in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

This year, the SDGs Youth Summer Camp focused on the importance of water (SDG-6) on successfully achieving the SDGs by 2030. UNOSD recognized the importance of safe water as the most basic human need to promote health and well-being. Furthermore, this year marks a special cornerstone in the journey towards water-related SDGs as the halfway point of the “UN Water Action

Decade (2018-2028)”.

The summer camp utilized the Design Thinking methodology for the programme which is a user-centric approach in developing accelerated solutions. Through the methodology, the participants learned how to approach issues related to the SDGs by understanding the problems from others' points of view (understand and empathize), redefining the problems (reframe), and creating innovative solutions (ideate, prototype, and test). By doing so, the participants developed skills in ideation, creative thinking, negotiation, evaluation, advocacy, and leadership to come up with innovative ideas and accelerated solutions for the achievement of water-related SDGs.

The summer camp was co-organized by UNOSD, the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Korea, Design Factory Korea of Yonsei University (DFK), and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco).

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UNOSD Scoping Mission to Ecuador

26 July - 7 August 2023, Republic of Ecuador

UNOSD conducted a scoping mission in Ecuador as a means to identify key SDGs and priority areas to collaborate with the Ecuadorian government in line with UNOSD's policy advisory service based on the needs assessment conducted in 2021. During the mission, UNOSD conducted a series of meetings with the Korean Embassy of Ecuador, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), UNDP Ecuador, the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, Ecological Airport of the Galapagos Island, Santa Cruz municipality of the Galapagos Island, National Park of the Galapagos Island, Agency for the Regulation and Control of Water (ARCA).

Through the meetings, UNOSD recognized various issues that Ecuador, more specifically the Galapagos Island, is confronting such as waste management and groundwater monitoring. UNOSD will continue to discuss areas of collaboration and partnerships with the organizations and implement necessary programmes and nature-based solutions to enhance capacity development of the organizations on promoting biodiversity in the area.



2023 Africa Regional Workshop on SDG6 Policy Support System

5-7 July 2023, Nairobi, Kenya

The Africa Regional Workshop on SDG6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) held in Nairobi, Kenya, 5-7 July 2023, is part of the third phase of UNOSD's project on "Water in the World We Want". The event gathered representatives from Tunisia which is the Africa regional hub country for the project along with other representatives from 15 countries (Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, and Zimbabwe) participated in the workshop. The event was co-organized by UNU Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (UNU-INWEH), UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management, and the Korea Water Resources Corporation, and was supported by the Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training, and Research (RCGW).

The workshop encouraged the participating countries to implement or extend their use of SDG-PSS for better monitoring and management of their water resources. Each country was given opportunities to share their experiences, lessons-learned, and challenges on using SDG-PSS. The workshop stimulated fruitful discussions and reflections on the use of the SDG-PSS while capitalizing on the opportunities for effective use of the tool.

All the information related to the event can be accessed [HERE](#).

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Upcoming UNOSD Programmes and Events (October - December 2023)



2023 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

16-19 October 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will organize the 2023 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF) from 16 to 19 October 2023 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The 2023 SDTF will gather high-level government officials from developing countries as well as policymakers at all levels - civil society, local communities, youth, academia, and the private sector. This year, the forum will include a special session on the launch of the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report for the Asia-Pacific region.



Workshop on the Meetings of the Communities of Ocean Action

14-16 November 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

This workshop will focus on the follow-up of the

key outcomes of 2022 UN Ocean Conference, to share the key findings of the ocean database report and to have an in-depth discussion with the Communities of Ocean Action and representatives of commitment holders on how to implement the Voluntary Commitments (VCs) registered at the Lisbon Conference and mobilize more impactful commitments for the 2025 Nice Conference.



Expert Group Meeting on Waste Management Policy Support System

21-23 November 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will conduct an Expert Group Meeting on Waste Management Policy Support System in Incheon, Republic of Korea from 21 to 23 November 2023. The EGM is intended to develop a policy support system that can bridge data, technical and capacity gaps to advance resource circularity in solid waste management across developing countries.



Workshop on accelerating circularity and resource efficiency in the solid waste management sector in the Kingdom of Morocco

1-3 November 2023, Tangier, Morocco

UNOSD will organize a workshop on workshop on accelerating circularity and resource efficiency in the solid waste management sector in Tangier, Morocco from 1 to 3 November 2023 with a primary focus on strengthening national to local capacities for a circular economy and waste management.



Side Events at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP28)

3-11 December 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

UNOSD will organize side events at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, UAE. The side events will focus on the following thematic areas: "Global accountability and Innovations for GHG Measurement, Reporting, and Verification", "Fast-tracking the energy transition through hydrogen production", and "Local leadership in the renewable energy transition and hydrogen economy".



UNOSD Internship

UNOSD offers internship opportunities to students and youth to acquire knowledge and experience working at the United Nations and its work environment while contributing to various events and activities organized by UNOSD. Further details of the internship can be found [HERE](#).

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Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2023

The GSDR 2023 highlights key transformations needed in different sectors and provides key findings from the literature, practical examples and tools for progress towards the SDGs. It provides a stylized model to help unpack and understand the transformation process over time and outline the roles of different levers in facilitating various stages of transformation through a systematic and structured approach.

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The Sustainable Development Goals Report
Special edition

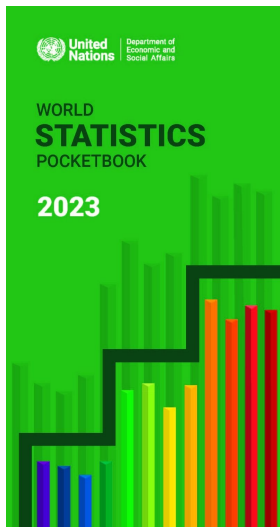


The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition provides a powerful call to action, presenting a candid assessment of the SDGs based on the latest data and estimates. While highlighting the existing gaps and urging the world to redouble its efforts, the report also emphasizes the immense potential for success through strong political will and the utilization of available technologies, resources, and knowledge. Together, the global community can reignite progress towards achieving the SDGs and create a brighter future for all.

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2023 World Statistics Pocketbook

The pocketbook presents data for the economic, social, environmental and infrastructure sections for three reference years - 2010, 2015 and 2023 - when available or the most recent data previous to these years, back to 2005, when it is not. For the general information and major trading partners sections the reference year is 2023 and 2022 respectively, unless otherwise footnoted. The indicators in the profiles cover the following topics: communication, crime, development assistance, education, energy, environment, finance, gender, health, international tourism, international trade, labor market, national accounts, population and migration, price and production indices and science and technology.

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