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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 October to December 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).



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thank you for your support and collaboration throughout the past year.
Again in 2024,
we look forward to continuously working together.

Warm wishes of peace, joy and prosperity
in the New Year to come!

Mr. Chun Kyoo PARK
Head of Office, UNOSD



UNOSD Highlights



2023 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

16-19 October 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

From 16 to 19 October 2023, UNOSD organized the 2023 Sustainable

Development Transformation Forum in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The 2023 SDTF aimed to support the participating Member States in achieving a deeper understanding of the findings and recommendations outlined in the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), focusing on their application for the implementation of SDG-1, 2, 13, 16, and 17. The Forum also facilitated peer learning by fostering discussions on challenges and solutions, sharing success stories and lessons learned. Moreover, the forum contributed to identifying strategies to expedite necessary actions for the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2023 SDTF included the official launching of 2023 GSDR at regional level and reflected on the SDG Summit held from 18 to 19 September 2023 marking the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals with high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to 2030. The remaining sessions comprised presentations by international experts, scholars, practitioners, and actors followed by Q&A and discussions.

The 2023 SDTF is organised by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) of UN DESA, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (UN DESA-DSDG), in collaboration with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and Arirang TV.

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Side Events at UNFCCC COP28

4-11 December 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

From 30 November to 12 December 2023, the Government of the United Arab Emirates hosted the 28th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 28) in Dubai, UAE. UNOSD organized 3 side events at the SDG Pavilion hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Korea Pavilion hosted by the Government of Republic of Korea covering topics on "Fast-tracking the energy transition through green hydrogen production", "Global Accountability and Innovations for GHG Measurement, Reporting, and Verification", and "Local Leadership in the Renewable Energy Transition and Green Hydrogen Economy".

During the COP28, UNOSD collaborated with diverse stakeholders and partners at all levels such as United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UNESCAP, UNFCCC (Global Innovation Hub, Enhanced Transparency Framework, and Climate Change Champions), UN Habitat, Green Hydrogen Organisation, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), IUCN Korea, ICLEI, Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR), Office of the President of the Government of Kenya, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Ghana, and Qazaq Green Association of Kazakhstan.

Through the side events, UNOSD contributed to the overarching goal of the COP28 for scaling up efforts to limit the warming to 1.5 degrees, build

resilience, and mobilize finance at scale while enhancing climate action and support, identifying the gaps, and working together to derive innovative solutions for the pathways to 2030 and beyond.

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UNOSD Activities



National Training Workshop in Tangier, Morocco on Sustainable Waste Management and Circular Economy

1-3 November 2023, Tangier, Morocco

From 1 to 3 November 2023, UNOSD organized the "Training Workshop on Accelerating Circularity and Resource Efficiency in Integrated Waste Management at National and Urban Levels" in close coordination with the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO) and United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in partnership with the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development) and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco) of Republic of Korea in Tangier, Morocco.

The workshop consisted of in-room training sessions on two main topics - 1) Sustainable and green recovery at the local level that focus on connecting programs and projects from the national level to the sub-national and local levels and 2) Sustainable waste management policies and implementation with lessons learned from the Ministry of Environment of Korea and presentations from experts on waste management policies and technologies and their applications to Morocco.

UNOSD invited national policymakers and sub-national authorities, in addition to civil society organizations, development cooperation partners, and private sector entities (with particular focus on the manufacturing sector, the waste industry and other key sectors) engaged in the national formulation and implementation of the National Development Strategy, Sectoral Plans, Green recovery plans and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs.



UNOSD Scoping Mission in Nepal

6-10 November 2023, Kathmandu, Nepal

UNOSD conducted a scoping mission in Nepal to identify SDG priority areas of collaboration for the UNOSD policy advisory services based on the needs assessment conducted in 2021 and to understand the Nepal country context, strengthen and build future partnerships with the government of Nepal as well as key actors in Nepal working on SDG 6, and find new opportunities and cooperation in SDG 6 (Clean water and sanitation), 12 (Responsible consumption and production) and 13 (Climate action).



From Lisbon to Nice: Implementing SDG 14 with the Communities of Ocean Action (COAs)

14-15 November 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD organized the "From Lisbon to Nice: Implementing SDG 14 with the Communities of Ocean Action" from 14 to 15 November 2023 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

This workshop mainly focused on following up with two key outcomes of 2022 UN Ocean Conference (UNOC), sharing the key findings of the ocean database report, and having in-depth discussions with the COAs and representatives of commitment holders on how to implement the Voluntary Commitments (VCs) registered at the 2022 Lisbon Conference and mobilize more impactful commitments for the upcoming 2025 Nice Conference.

The workshop included a high-level opening session with the remarks from Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary General for UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, representative from the co-hosts of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (Portugal and Kenya), H.E. Ambassador Peter Thomson, Special Envoy for the Ocean, senior officials from the Republic of Korea, and the representative of COAs.

The workshop provided a platform for the participants to get an update on the implementation of the VCs by each COA by stock-taking of progress and identify gaps and challenges as well as to share best practice and lessons and maintain the momentum on ocean action ahead of the upcoming 3rd UNOC in 2025 and brainstorm innovative ways to mobilize more commitments of high impacts.

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

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Expert Group Meeting on Policies for Resource Circularity and Solid Waste Management to Accelerate National to Local Progress on the SDGs

21-23 November 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

From 21 to 23 November 2023, UNOSD hosted Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Policies for Resource Circularity and Solid Waste Management to Accelerate National to Local Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

With the support of the Ministry of Environment of Korea and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco), the EGM was held to serve as a consultative platform to tailor future research and policy support according to the present needs, challenges and accelerated solutions that can measurably improve national to local solid waste management and resource circularity in developing countries.

The EGM engaged global and regional experts from the United Nations, international organizations and civil society representatives and others focused on resource circularity, circular economy and materials flows management, as well as national to local policies and practices for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).

Prior to the EGM, UNOSD developed the background paper to stimulate discussion and inputs. This background paper presents a baseline on the current status of solid waste management policies to accelerate progress on the SDGs towards zero-waste production and consumption patterns. Among the several capacity barriers countries face, data and knowledge gaps are key barriers to effectively implementing policy actions for more resource circularity. The pdf version of the background paper can be found [HERE](#).

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

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Upcoming UNOSD Programmes and Events
(January - March 2024)

**Third Phase of the Project
"Water in the World We Want":
Accelerating the Achievement**



of water-related SDGs

20-22 February 2024, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

UNOSD will organize the final workshop on the SDG-6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) to discuss lessons learned and country experiences on using SDG-PSS to advance progress on SDG-6 while setting the scene for the project's fourth phase.

The event will gather representatives from the regional hub countries – Brazil, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, and Tunisia – and some selected countries based on their level of interest in participating in the project, geographic location with respect to the regional hub country, variation in the availability of annual renewable water resources per capita, and level of awareness within the public policy arena on water resources management.



13th Steering Committee Meeting and UNOSD Teambuilding Workshop

22-24 January 2024, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will organize the 13th Steering Committee meeting and teambuilding workshop to consolidate 2024 UNOSD workplan and enhance team capacity through training sessions and dialogues. UNOSD will take the opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the partners and streamline its activities with DSDG, UN DESA.

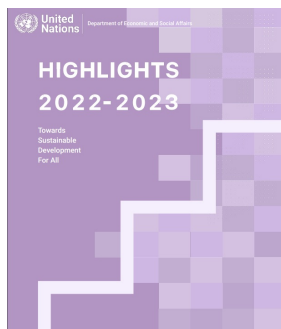


UNOSD Internship

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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UN DESA Events & Publications



UN DESA Annual Highlights Report 2022-2023

The UN DESA Annual Highlights report is a tool to communicate the contributions of the Department to the realization of internationally agreed development goals and shared social, economic, and environmental aspirations. It showcases the Department's role in gauging trends, building capacities, and shaping solutions.

The full report can be found [HERE](#).

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World Public Sector Report 2023

The World Public Sector Report 2023 examines the role that national institutional and governance innovations and changes that



emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic can play in advancing progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report aims to draw attention to institutional change as a key component of the societal transformations required to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The full report can be found [HERE](#).

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