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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 April to June 2022. 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

Day 1 Opening of the Training Course  
Monday, 11 April 2022

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2021-22 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
[https://unosd.un.org/events/2021-22\\_ETC](https://unosd.un.org/events/2021-22_ETC)

UNOSD United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

### 2021-22 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

11-14 April 2022, 20:00-22:30, KST, Online

UNOSD hosted the 2021-2022 Executive Training Course for Policymakers online from 11 to 14 April 2022. The training provided an international training course for senior government officials from developing countries to

strengthen policy coherence for sustainable development integrating the social, economic, environmental and governance dimensions of policy making and implementation. The course was structured around the 2022 HLPF that will be held from 5 to 15 July 2022.

Guided by the 2022 HLPF, which has an overarching theme on building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Training explored five SDGs that will be the focus of the 2022 HLPF, namely SDG 4 on quality education, SDG 5 on gender equality, SDG 14 on life below water, SDG 15 on life on land, and SDG 17 on partnerships for the Goals. In addition, the course examined some of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on SDGs 4, 5, 14, 15, 17 and on the other SDGs in line with the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals. The training was attended by 386 online participants throughout its 4-day course.

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

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### Side Event at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference: "Plastics and Marine Pollution: Innovation for SDG 14.1"

29 June 2022, 16:00-17:15, GMT+1, Hybrid, Lisbon, Portugal

The governments of Portugal and Kenya co-hosted the 2022 Ocean Conference from 27 June to 1 July 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal to identify ways and means to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources) under the backdrop of "the Ocean Decade 2021-2030". At the conference, UNOSD, UNDP, and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea (MOF) co-organized a side-event on "Plastics and Marine Pollution: Innovations for SDG 14.1" on 29 June 2022 at the Committee Room, Altice Arena with a focus on finding solutions to marine plastic issues at the global and national level.

This side-event at the 2022 Ocean Conference aims to identify and scale up practical and innovative solutions and actions to address marine plastic pollution that is being implemented by various stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of SDG 14. With the recent decision at UNEA-5, it will act as a timely platform for policy dialogues to discuss transformative approaches in responding to the devastating marine plastic pollution. The aims are also perfectly in line with the main themes of the Conference in terms of fostering evidence-based solution finding and innovative thinking to accelerate the achievement of SDG 14. The event was broadcasted through UN Web TV and other media platforms such as Ocean Action Hub Facebook and UNDP Youtube with translations in French, Spanish, and Korean. In total approximately 430 participants (200 on-site & 230 online) attended the side event.

The side event included a high-level opening session by top dignitaries including: H.E. Anders Grönvall, State Secretary to Minister for Climate

Change and the Environment, Sweden, Mr. Sang-Keun Song, Vice Minister, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea, Dr. Ibrahim Abdul Latif Al Muslimani, Assistant Undersecretary of Protection and Natural Reserves, Qatar, Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, and Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of Office, UNOSD.

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### Side Event at the 2nd Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference

7 June 2022, 13:00-14:30, GMT+5, Hybrid, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

UNOSD co-organized a side event at the 2nd Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm (GMT+5) at the Kokhi Somon State Complex, Dushanbe, Tajikistan with the title, "Building Evidence for Water-related Policy Making: The SDG-6 Policy Support System". The side event was held in a hybrid-format to promote highest level of interaction between speakers and audience.

As part of the "Water Action Decade" (2018-2028), the 2nd Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference, co-chaired by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, provided a platform for water-related policy dialogue, partnership, and action at the global, regional, national level. The Conference partly focused on promoting science-based solutions and tools, including data, technologies, and innovations; improving capacity building, knowledge and education by sharing information and best practices; showcasing successful partnerships, advocacy and networking actions by stakeholders at all levels; and strengthening cooperation at different levels by promoting dialogue, partnership and cross-sectoral approaches.

With this backdrop, UNOSD, in collaboration with its new project partner UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (UNESCO i-WSSM), organized the side event to showcase the SDG-PSS and share the experiences of the hub-countries in using SDG-PSS as a powerful tool for supporting evidence-based policy and decision making to achieve SDG 6. The side event was attended by 50+ in-person and online participants who actively engaged in the discussion on hub countries' experiences on utilizing SDG-PSS.

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

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## Training Event at the Eleventh World Urban Forum (WUF11)

30 June 2022, 09:00-11:45, CEST: UTC+2H, Katowice, Poland

During the 11th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11), which, this year was taking place on 26 -30 June 2022 World Urban Forum 11 held on 30 June 2022 in Katowice, Poland under the theme “Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future”, UNOSD held a training event, titled “Enhancing the capacity of local and regional governments for delivering the SDGs through a Whole-of Government approach, smart cities, enhanced infrastructure asset management and resilience, monitoring & evaluation and innovative finance and partnerships” to build upon previous meetings and capacity building activities that the UNOSD has organized in support of the localization of the SDGs previously.

In addition, the training explored strategies, measures and tools with the goal of enhancing local governments’ knowledge and skills around essential topics to build back and forward better and greener from the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, and accelerating progress for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other related international agreements, including the New Urban Agenda.

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

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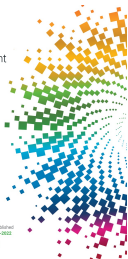
## Publications and Upcoming UNOSD Events (June - September 2022)

**THE THIRD GLOBAL CONFERENCE**  
Strengthening Synergies  
Between the Paris Agreement  
on Climate Change and  
the 2030 Agenda for  
Sustainable Development  
Building the evidence base for synergistic action  
in support of raising climate and SDGs ambition

CO-CONVENED BY  
United Nations  
Department of Economic and  
Social Affairs (UN DESA)  
Secretariat of the  
United Nations Framework  
Convention on Climate Change  
(UNFCCC)

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
Ministry of Environment  
Government of Japan  
United Nations University (UNU)  
Institute for Global Environmental  
Strategies (IGES)

Registration and detailed programme will be announced soon and published  
on the conference website [www.unfccc.org/conference/2022](https://www.unfccc.org/conference/2022)  
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## Technical Advisory Group of the Third Global Conference on Climate and SDGs Synergies

20-21 July 2022, Tokyo, Japan

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Building the evidence base for raising climate and SDGs ambition will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 20 to 21 July 2022. The Conference is co-convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Conference will be hosted by the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Japan, in partnership with the United Nations University (UNU) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). The Head of UNOSD will attend the meeting as a member of the Technical Advisory Group.

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## 6th SDGs Youth Summer Camp

16 - 19 August 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will host the 6th Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Youth Summer Camp from 16 to 19 August 2022 at the Yonsei University International Campus, Incheon, Republic of Korea. The summer camp will gather 50 youth participants and provide them with useful tools and frameworks for developing innovative solutions to accelerate the achievements of the SDGs particularly SDG 4, 15, and 17. This will be the first in-person summer camp to be held since the COVID-19 outbreak.

For the summer camp, UNOSD will co-organize the event with the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea, the Design Factory Korea of Yonsei University, and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco).

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## UNOSD Internship

UNOSD offers internship opportunities to students and youth to acquire knowledge and experiences working at the United Nations and its work environment while making a significant contribution to UNOSD activities and mandate. Further details of the internship can be found [HERE](#).

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## UN DESA Events & Publications



## 2022 High-Level Political Forum

5-15 July 2022, New York, United States

The theme for the 2022 HLPF is " Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ".

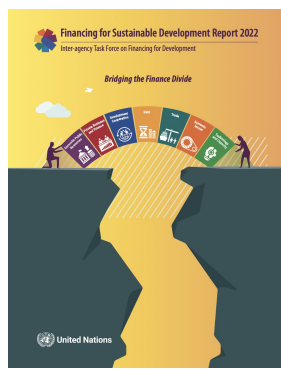
As the world is struggling to recover from COVID-19 amidst continuing crises, the HLPF will reflect on how recovery policies can reverse the negative impacts of the pandemic on the SDGs and move countries on to a path to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda.

The HLPF will also review in-depth Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. It will take into account the different impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals.

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## Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2022

Developing countries still have to regain lost ground from the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has put more countries at risk of debt distress, constrained their fiscal space and

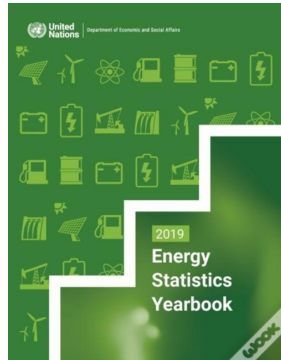


hampered economic growth.

The war in Ukraine is exacerbating all these challenges. In this context, the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report identifies a “great finance divide” – the inability of poorer countries to raise sufficient resources and borrow affordably for investment.

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

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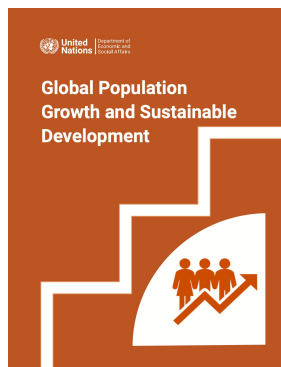


## Energy Statistics Yearbook 2019

The 2019 Energy Statistics Yearbook is the 63rd issue in a series of annual compilations of internationally comparable statistics summarizing world energy trends. Annual data for 229 countries and areas for the period 2016 to 2019 are presented on production, trade and consumption of energy: solids, liquids, gaseous fuels, electricity and heat, covering both renewable and non-renewable sources of energy.

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## 2022 Global Population Growth and Sustainable Development

Global Population Growth and Sustainable Development probes the linkages between global population growth and the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The report examines how the current rapid growth of the human population is a consequence of the demographic transition from high to low levels of mortality and fertility.

The report reviews the connections between population growth and key aspects of social and economic development including poverty, hunger, malnutrition, health, education, gender equality, economic growth and decent work. It also explores the contribution of increase of global population to environmental degradation, including climate change.

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

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