

United Nations Office for Sustainable Development Quarterly Newsletter



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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 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).

New Year's Message from UNOSD

Dear UNOSD Partners, Colleagues, and Friends,

On behalf UNOSD, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners, stakeholders, and colleagues for their exceptional support for the office which has made our programmes and activities more impactful and fruitful. In 2022, the office has made gradual recovery back to business-as-usual since the COVID-19 outbreak. We held in-person meetings and events in Incheon, Republic of Korea for the first time since 2019, allowing us to convene with colleagues and friends from abroad. We are truly excited that we can now organize more interactive and engaging activities that can help the international community to recover better and greener.

However, 2022 has also posed new challenges such as the war between Ukraine and Russia and economic stagnation with exacerbated impacts of existing global issues related to climate change, social and gender inequalities, poverty, energy crises, loss of biodiversity, and many more. To address these pressing issues, UNOSD will continue to make vigorous efforts to implement its mandate and workplan thus contributing to expedited progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, we will follow closely the priorities of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the UN Department of Economic Social Affairs (UN DESA) and enhance our partnerships with relevant stakeholders at all levels to maximize synergies and ensure tangible outcomes.

In this vein, UNOSD invites its partners and stakeholders to stay united in this collective action on making a better future. With these renewed commitments and aspirations, UNOSD wishes all partners and their families a Happy New Year

and good health.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of Office, UNOSD

UNOSD Highlights & Activities



2022 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

25-28 October 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea - In person

UNOSD organized the 2022 SDTF from 25 to 28 October 2022 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The 2022 SDTF gathered nearly 100 participants from the Member States, public and private sector to support the stakeholders to gain better understanding of success, challenges, lessons learned, and good practices related to the implementation of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on these and across all the SDGs and identify ways to accelerate both the recovery from coronavirus disease and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Forum produced a communiqué, the Incheon Communiqué, summarizing the key messages which participants would like to address to the international community regarding the successes, lessons learned and good practices they identified in relation to the implementation of the selected SDGs as well as the main theme of the Forum, i.e., accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels. The 2022 SDTF was co-organized by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF).

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

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

23-24 November 2022, Daegu, Republic of Korea - In person

UNOSD held the “Water in the World We Want” Phase 3: Accelerating the achievement of water-related SDGs Asia Regional Workshop in Daegu, Republic of Korea during the Korea International Water Week from 23 to 24 November 2022. The workshop invited 30 water professionals, policymakers, and researchers from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, the State of Palestine, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea.

Through the workshop, the participants shared experiences, challenges, and possibilities in achieving SDG 6 at the national level, learned how to utilize the SDG-PSS as a tool for strengthening evidence-based policymaking on water-related areas and facilitating an enabling environment for achieving SDG 6 at the national level, and discussed ways to extend the use of SDG-PSS through regional cooperation.

The event was co-organized by UN University - Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (INWEH), UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM), and K-water.

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

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Side Event at the UN-Water Groundwater Summit on “To the UN 2023 Water Conference: A Multi-stakeholder Approach for Accelerating Gender Equality”

6 December 2022, Paris, France - Hybrid

On 6 December 2022, UNOSD organized a side event at the UN-Water Groundwater Summit on “To the UN 2023 Water Conference: A Multi-stakeholder Approach for Accelerating Gender Equality” in Paris, France. The event was co-organized by the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM), and the United Nations University - FLORES.

This side event will showcase the work of the WWAP-led Global Multi-

Stakeholders Coalition to accelerate progress towards gender equality in water with focus on solutions and good practices. It will also discuss the formulation of a joint strategy by the Multi-stakeholder Coalition that fits within the Water Action Agenda for the UN 2023 Water Conference. The session builds on the outcomes of the African Regional Consultations (Addis Ababa, June 2022) and paves the way for integrated educational programmes, promoting gender equality among future water leaders.

During the summit, UNOSD met with experts and stakeholders on water from different countries and organizations to further develop its network and partnership. Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, the Head of UNOSD, also attended the opening ceremony of the Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water) Europe Center.

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Side Event at the 27th Conference of the Parties of UNFCCC

10 & 14 November 2022, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt - In person

From 6 to 18 November 2022, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt hosted the 27th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. At COP 27, UNOSD organized two 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. UNOSD also held bilateral meetings with other stakeholders to discuss possible areas of partnership and collaboration.

The first side event on "exploring approaches to mitigation target setting for NDC updates" was held on 10 November 2022 at the Korea Pavilion. The event focused on exploring experiences of various countries in setting their own emission mitigation targets in NDCs with a view to introduce the approaches used for different mitigation goal types including base year emissions goal, base year intensity goal, and baseline scenario goal. The invited speakers also shared their experiences, best practices, and lessons learned on setting national mitigation targets.

The second side event titled "Enhancing Capacity of Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region to Raise Climate Ambition" took place on 14 November 2022 at the SDG Pavilion. The event aimed to identify the capacity needs and gaps to accelerate more ambitious climate action and ultimately achievement of the SDGs by 2030. The event also showcased efforts to support government officials and experts in designing and implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

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

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Side Event at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Leaders Forum

14 October 2022, Jeju, Republic of Korea - In person

On 14 October 2022, UNOSD held a side event at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Leaders Forum in Jeju, Republic of Korea in partnership with the National Institute of Ecology (NIE) of the Republic of Korea. NIE leads the ecological research with special emphases on climate change and biodiversity conservation and supports national policies to achieve a sustainable balance between the conservation of the natural environment and people's good quality of life.

The event was attended by more than 50 participants and incorporated presentations and interventions from experts on principles, tools, and acceleration needs for ecosystem restoration.

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

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Visit by ASG Navid Hanif to UNOSD

1 November 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Mr. Navid Hanif, the Assistant Secretary-General for economic development of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs visited UNOSD in Incheon on 1 November 2022. The UNOSD team welcomed him and briefed him on the office's past and current activities as well as its efforts to expedite progress for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. ASG Hanif also shared insightful comments and recommendations which will allow UNOSD to further enrich the office's programmes and partnerships while maximizing synergies with UN DESA and other stakeholders.



UNOSD Intern Reunion

21 November 2022, Seoul, Republic of Korea

On 21 November 2022, UNOSD had an opportunity to have a reunion with its current and previous interns. Through the reunion, UNOSD was able to hear from former interns about how they continue to progress in their current academic and professional fields. The office is truly impressed and inspired by each of their story's and work after completing their internship. The reunion has reassured the office to continue offering working experiences to future leaders on the SDGs that they can make more impacts in the world with knowledge and tools they acquired at UNOSD.

UNOSD Programmes and Upcoming Events (October - December 2022)



5th Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory System Training Workshop

13-16 February 2023, Bangkok, Thailand

UNOSD will organize the 5th GHG Inventory System Training Workshop from 13 to 16 February 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop will serve as a venue for stakeholders to obtain knowledge and share best practices on advancing national greenhouse gas inventory systems.



12th Steering Committee Meeting

3 March 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will organize the 12th Steering Committee Meeting in Incheon, Republic of Korea on 3 March 2023. The meeting will invite UNOSD's tripartite partners (Ministry of Environment, Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University) to review 2021-2022 activities and discuss about 2022-2023 workplan.



2023 Executive Training Course for Policymakers

7-10 March 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea

The 2023 Executive Training Course for Policymakers will be held in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The training will invite government officials, policymakers, and decision makers to provide key tools and frameworks for implementing sustainable development policies and strategies. Also, the training will provide a platform for stakeholders to share lessons-learned and best practices for realizing the SDGs.

2022 International Mayors Forum

April/May 2023, Dakar, Senegal



UNOSD will organize the 2022 International Mayors Forum in Dakar, Senegal in April/May 2023. The forum was originally scheduled to take place in December 2022, but it was postponed. The forum will invite experts, officials, representatives and policymakers to share and disseminate experiences, good practices, and lessons learned on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on a local level. The details of the event will be posted on UNOSD website in coming days.

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UNOSD Internship

UNOSD offers internship opportunities to students and youth to acquire knowledge and experience of 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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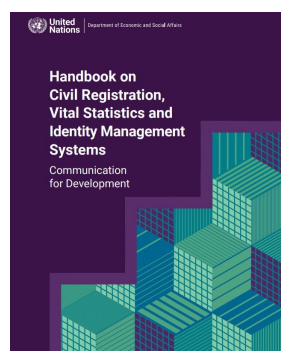
UN DESA Events & Publications



2022 E-Government Survey

The United Nations E-Government Survey 2022 is the 12th edition of the United Nations' assessment of the digital government landscape across all 193 Member States. The E-Government Survey is informed by over two decades of longitudinal research, with a ranking of countries based on the United Nations E-Government Development Index (EGDI), a combination of primary data (collected and owned by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and secondary data from other UN agencies.

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



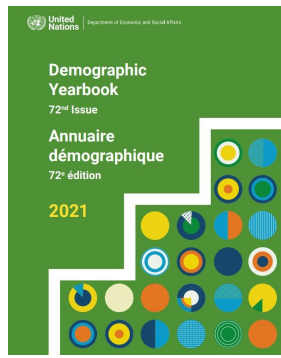
2022 Handbook on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics, and Identity Management System

The present Handbook on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems: Communication for Development provides guidance and assistance to countries to help them to strategically design and carry out evidence-based and measurable communication for development activities in support of a comprehensive improvement programme of civil registration, vital statistics and identity management systems.

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

2021 Demographic Yearbook

Demographic Yearbook 2021 is the the 72nd issue in a series published since 1948. Through the cooperation with the National Statistical Offices, official demographic statistics are compiled in the Yearbook, as available, for more than 230 countries and areas of the world up to the reference year 2021. This edition of the Yearbook contains chapters on the population



size and distribution, the population of capital cities, fertility, foetal mortality, infant and maternal mortality, general mortality, nuptiality and divorce.

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