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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 January to March 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).

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## **UNOSD Highlights & Activities**



## UNOSD and UNCRD Joint Team Capacity Building Workshop

11-12 January 2023, Incheon, Republic of Korea - In person

From 11 to 12 January 2023, UNOSD and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Japan conducted a joint team capacity building workshop in Incheon, Republic of Korea. Through the teambuilding workshop, UNOSD and UNCRD staff were able to learn concepts and practice skills related to cross-cultural relations and communication. The sessions also included enhancing substantive skills on effective communication and presentation to further advance teamwork and individual competencies.

During the two days of intensive teambuilding workshop, UNOSD and UNCRD discussed ways to work better under multi-cultural setting, shared thoughts on organizational and professional values and aspirations, strengthened partnerships and solidarity between two offices, and enhanced individual skills and competencies that are required when working at the United Nations.

Prior to the teambuilding workshop, UNOSD conducted its own Long-term Strategy retreat from 9 to 10 January 2023 to brainstorm and consolidate the office's long-term goals. The retreat was an opportunity for UNOSD staff to strategize its future activities with more realistic targets and indicators.



## 5th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop

3-16 February 2023, Bangkok, Thailand - In person

UNOSD held the 5th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand from 13 to 16 February 2023 to provide an opportunity for developing countries from Asia to engage in policy dialogue on utilizing national GHG inventories for designing and implementing NDCs under the Paris Agreement. The government officials and representatives, research institutions, and academia particularly from Asian countries who are involved in the development and management of national GHG inventory systems participated in the workshop.

Through the workshop, the participants enhanced their capacities on utilizing the GHG inventory system through hands-on experience on the actual GHG estimation practice based on 2006 IPCC guideline, exchanged knowledge and experiences on developing GHG inventory systems in the

Asian region, and advanced networks among the participating organizations, countries, and regions.

The event was co-organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO).

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

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### Side event at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference “Identifying and bridging the capacity gaps to achieve water-related SDGs”

23 March 2022, New York, United States - In-person

On 23 March 2023, UNOSD organized a side event at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference “Identifying and bridging the capacity gaps to achieve water-related SDGs” in New York, United States. The event was co-organized by UNOSD, the National Water and Sanitation Agency of Brazil (ANA), Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water), UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), and UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (UNESCO i-WSSM).

Focusing on identifying and filling the capacity gaps to achieve water-related SDGs, the side event urged the participating countries to announce a Water Action Agenda Commitment stemming from their work on SDG 6, particularly based on their experience of working in collaboration for the use of SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS). Through the workshop, the participants enhanced their awareness on the importance of capacity building in countries for timely achievement of SDG 6, learned about SDG-PSS as a pertinent tool to create evidence on the enabling environment including capacity development around the SDG 6, shared experiences, challenges, and lessons on building national capacity for water management at the national and sub-national level, and submitted an ambitious commitment to the Water Action Agenda.

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

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## 12th UNOSD Steering Committee Meeting

27 March 2023, New York, United States - In person

On 27 March 2023, UNOSD held the 12th Steering Committee Meeting at UNHQs in New York, United States. During the meeting, UNOSD briefed its achievements throughout the previous work cycle and proposed its Work Plan of 2023 to UN DESA and the Tripartite partners namely the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea, Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University. UNOSD also held bilateral meetings with various divisions and branches of UN DESA to discuss about ways to further strengthen its partnerships and exploring new areas of collaborative activities.

## Upcoming UNOSD Programmes and Events (April - June 2023)



### Capacity Development Project for 21 River Basin Authorities on Integrated Water Resource Management

10 to 14 April 2023, Seoul, Republic of Korea

UNOSD, in collaboration with the National Institute of Biological Resource (NIBR) of Korea, will organize a workshop for the experts from Mongolia on the water-related sector from 10 to 14 April 2023 in Korea to provide an advisory service and capacity development training programme on SDG-6 (Water and Sanitation) and 13 (Climate Action).



### 2022-23 International Mayors Forum

25 to 28 April 2023, Dakar, Senegal

UNOSD will organize the 2022-23 International Mayors Forum in Dakar, Senegal from 25 to 28 April 2023. 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.

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### Policy advisory meeting for developing nature-based policies for life on land

19 to 22 June 2023, Ecuador

UNOSD will meet with government officials and stakeholders in Ecuador to discuss about policy advisory opportunities on developing nature-

based policies for life on land (SDG-15).



## Regional Workshop for SDG6-Policy Support System in Africa

29 to 30 June 2023, Nairobi, Kenya

UNOSD will organize the Regional Workshop for SDG6-Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in Africa in Nairobi, Kenya from 29 to 30 June 2023. The workshop will aim to scale up the use of the SDG-PSS as a tool for accelerating progress for SDG-6.



## 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

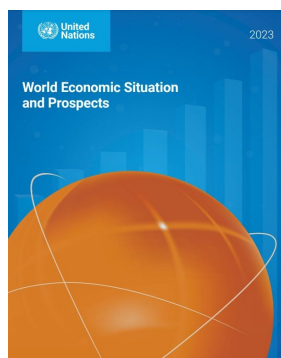


## Our Work 2021-2022

UNOSD published its annual report covering its work from 2021-2022. The report summarizes UNOSD key events and activities during the period and provides a comprehensive overview on its achievements.

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

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## 2023 World Economic Situation and Prospects

The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023 presents a gloomy and uncertain economic outlook for the near term. Global growth is forecast to moderately pick up to 2.7 per cent in 2024 as some of the headwinds will begin to subside. However, this is highly dependent on the pace and sequence of further monetary tightening, the course and consequences of the war in Ukraine, and the possibility of further supply-chain disruptions.

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

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## World Social Report 2023

The World Social Report 2023 explores the economic and social implications of the ageing of the human population. It builds on the Plan of Action's framework for national policies to create equitable, inclusive societies for people of all ages, providing recommendations to put the rights and well-being of older persons at the center, across the life course.

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



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