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### Welcome

The United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) was established in 2011 by the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Korea and is supported by the Republic of Korea Ministry of Environment, Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University.

The Office is part of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

DSDG acts as the Secretariat for SDGs, providing support and capacity building for the 17 SDGs and their related thematic issues of water, energy, climate, oceans, urbanization, transport, science and technology, the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), and partnerships with and support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The Division contributes substantive analytical work on thematic issues of the SDGs to various intergovernmental processes on the 2030 Agenda, including those under the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the High-level Political Forum.



UNOSD was established specifically to support developing countries including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Land-Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs), as well as countries in special situations, in devising and implementing policies for sustainable development.

The Office supports Member States in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with focus on the environmental goals.

UNOSD delivers on its mandate by promoting synergies between researchers, capacity-building institutions, UN programmes and other centers of expertise related to sustainable development.

The Office is located at Yonsei University International Campus in the new district of Songdo, Incheon City, Republic of Korea – operating in the heart of a central player in sustainable development global governance and an emerging international hub of sustainable development research, implementation expertise, and policy making.



## UNOSD in 2021-22

Each year, UNOSD's small but highly dedicated and professional team works closely with partners and stakeholders to implement an extensive work programme for sustainable development, focused on:

This report covers UNOSD Works from April 2021 through December 2022. Throughout this period, the Office worked with a stronger sense of partnership for enhanced knowledge and capacity of Member States, particularly developing countries, including small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition on strategies, policies and practical solutions and actions to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2022, the Office has made gradual recovery back to business-as-usual since the COVID-19 outbreak. The Office held an in-person activity in Incheon, Republic of Korea for the first time in August 2022 after having adopted to virtual activities since 2019. The team is truly excited to organize more interactive and engaging activities that can help the international community to recover better and greener.

This publication illustrates some of the key work undertaken by UNOSD during the aforementioned period. As the publication is not an exhaustive survey of our activities and programmes, readers may visit us at our website, **unosd.un.org**, to read more about them.

We hope you will enjoy the reading.



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- Knowledge Sharing
- Capacity Building
- Policy Advisory
- Research

# **The Office**

In the UN architecture, UNOSD is part of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

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### The United Nations System

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# **For Sustainable Development**

In 2015, all UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - a blueprint for ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring peace and prosperity for all by 2030. At its heart are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals.

The 17 SDGs have 169 targets and are interlinked, meaning that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and so development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

The SDGs aim to be relevant to all countries - poor, rich, and middle-income - to promote prosperity while protecting the environment and tackling climate change. They have a strong focus on improving equity so that "no one is left behind."

While acknowledging the interconnectedness of the SDGs, UNOSD focuses on the environmental pillars of the SDGs.



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- 3 IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- 4 WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- 5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
  6 The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
  7 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- 8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat
- 9 The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, Office of Administration of Justice, and the Office on Sport for Development and Peace

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System

# **The Flagship Activities of UNOSD**











#### Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF)

Serves as a multi-stakeholder platform to discuss different issues related to the implementation of SDGs following the thread of the 2022 HLPF, and integrating a focus on accelerating the progress towards the 2030 Agenda and COVID-19 pandemic sustainable recovery.

### **Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the** 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Provides participants with the concepts and tools for mainstreaming and implementing national strategies for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs through the daily work of the participating policymakers and policy-shapers.

#### International Mayors Forum

Aims to build the capacity of local governments to implement the SDGs through lectures, moderated discussions, workshops with UN and international experts, practitioners and researchers, and peer learning and exchanges of experiences between policy makers and stakeholders.

#### Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory System Training Workshop

Provides engaging and interactive training on methodologies based on the 2006 IPCC guidelines to build capacity of the developing countries in responding to the reporting required by the Paris Agreement transparency framework.

#### SDGs Youth Summer Camp

Every year, in close collaboration with Yonsei University and Ministry of Environment through K-eco, UNOSD brings a group of passionate youths to raise awareness on the SDGs and equip them with knowledge and tools related to the SDGs implementation through lectures, group work, plenary and group discussions.

# **The Highlights**

#### Low Emission Development to Achieve Carbon Neutrality and SDGs: 12th International Greenhouse Gas Conference 28 May 2021, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD, in partnership with Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR), hosted the 12th International Greenhouse Gas Conference on "Low Emission Development to Achieve Carbon Neutrality and SDGs" in Incheon Republic of Korea, to share the current discourses on the synergies between Climate Action and the SDGs and to disseminate the best practices from the leading countries on a national level.

The conference was held as a side event to the 2021 Seoul P4G Summit, -Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 - a global initiative to provide a forum for developing concrete public-private partnerships at scale to deliver on the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

The conference consisted of the launching of UNOSD's second phase (2021-2030) and the Decade of Action in the Republic of Korea followed by two sessions on 'Synergies in Joint Implementation of Climate Action and the SDGs for Recovery' and 'Preparing for Carbon Neutrality by 2050'.

#### The 5th SDGs Youth Summer Camp 17-20 August 2021

UNOSD, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Korea, the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco), and the Design Factory Korea (DFK) of Yonsei University, hosted the 5th SDGs Youth Summer Camp online from 17 to 20 August 2021.

The summer camp served to enhance the youth's knowledge on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and foster their critical thinking and leadership in achieving sustainable development by applying design-thinking methodology to dialogues and exercises for the means of accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 12; Responsible Consumption and Production. During the summer camp, the participants developed and presented creative and innovative solutions on accelerating the progress for SDG 12 and the SDGs.

#### Side Events at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) 4-9 September 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom

During the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, UNOSD organized 3 side events at the SDG Pavilion and the Korea Pavilion to address timely topics on building back better and greener and accelerating progress on GHG emission management and reduction. Various speakers and experts from relevant fields enriched the side events through their insightful knowledge and analysis.

#1 Side Event: The role of fossil fuel subsidy reform (FFSR) and renewable energy investment for a green recovery: Building capacities for fossil fuel to renewable energy (FFRE) transition

#2 Side Event: Green Deals to Accelerate Ecosystem Restoration, Climate Action and Sustainable Development Goals Implementation #3 Side Event: "Advancing Greenhouse Gas Inventory Systems"







#### The 4th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific 5-7 October 2021, Suwon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD participated at the "4th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific" held in Suwon, Republic of Korea. The forum hosted a high-level session on discussing key issues related to strengthening policy support for green recovery in the Asia-Pacific Region, achieving carbon neutrality through nature-based solution, and adopting a communique for enhancing international partnership and solidarity in the Asia-Pacific region.

H.E. Ms. Jeoung-ae Han, the Minister of Environment of the Republic Korea and H.E. Mr. Demetrio do Amaral de Carvalho, the Secretary of State for Environment of Timor-Leste visited UNOSD's promotional booth during the forum. Meanwhile, Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, the Head of UNOSD, delivered a keynote speech at the Youth Environmental Innovation Challenge.



### 2021-22 International Mayors Forum

#### 24-27 January 2022 (online)

UNOSD convened mayors, local leaders and stakeholders at the 2021-2022 International Mayors Forum to discuss strategies and measures to enhance local governments' knowledge and skills around a series of essential topics.

The goal of the forum was to build a better and greener society after the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, while also accelerating progress for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. The forum examined social, economic, and environmental impacts of COVID-19 on cities and local governments and explored potential solutions for greener and sustainable responses.



The Forum was co-organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) in collaboration with the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

#### 4th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop 23-24 February 2022 (online)

The 4th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop engaged government officials and representatives, and national institutions, particularly from the Asia-Pacific countries, concerned with the development of national GHG inventory systems.

This allows countries to measure, report and verify the current state of emissions and make projections and future scenarios. It is also essential for understanding development trends, improving resource management and energy efficiency, and developing policies and methodologies to reach carbon neutrality. With the completion of the Paris Agreement Rulebook in the 2021 UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow, the importance



of national greenhouse gas inventory is becoming more prominent. Inventory is the basis of the transparency framework and is also essential for the fulfillment of reporting obligations under the Agreement.

Within this framework, this year's workshop was designed to share the up-to-date knowledge on climate change and its interlinkages to Sustainable Development and to provide introduction to the necessary skill sets and useful resources to estimate GHG emissions and build GHG inventories.

#### 2021-22 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF) 28 February-3 March 2022 (online)

The 2021-2022 SDTF covered the thematic areas of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF 2022) including building back better from COVID-19 while accelerating progress for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; namely SDGs 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. The forum not only examined the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on SDG-4, 5, 14, 15 and 17 but also other SDGs given the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video),

H.E. Ms. Han Jeoung Ae, Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea (video), Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of Office, UNOSD, and H.E. Ambassador Mr. Toru Morikawa, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) delivered congratulatory and opening remarks for the forum.

#### 2021-22 Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 11-14 April 2022 (online)

The Executive Training Course for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development regularly takes place in Incheon City, where it gathers around 70 participants every year. For the second year in a row, however, this flagship activity of the UNOSD cannot take place in person due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Therefore, this edition of the Executive Training Course for Policymakers took place in the form of a series of two-and-a-half-hour online sessions over four days between 11-14 April 2022 (8:00pm - 10:30pm, Korea Standard Time).

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. The training was attended by 386 online participants throughout its 4-day course.

#### Side Event at the 2nd Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference 7 June 2022, 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 the highest level of interaction between speakers and audience.

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.

#### Side Event at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference: "Plastics and Marine Pollution: Innovation for SDG 14.1" 29 June 2022, 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.

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.

#### Training Event at the Eleventh World Urban Forum (WUF11) 30 June 2022, 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.









#### Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Climate Change 20-21 July 2022, Tokyo, Japan

The Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Third Global Climate and SDG Synergy Conference) was held on the theme, 'Building the Evidence Base for Synergistic Action in Support of Raising Climate and SDGs Ambition'.

The Conference, convened by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the UNFCCC Secretariat, is hosted by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, in partnership with the UN University (UNU) Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).



During the Conference, UNOSD moderated the Parallel Session 2.3 - Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) which highlighted key elements, lessons learned and success stories of robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms for synergistic action on climate change across all sectors.

#### Scoping Mission to Mongolia for UNOSD Policy Advisory Services 1-5 August 2022, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

As part of the advisory services for SDGs Implementation for Member States, UNOSD conducted a scoping mission to Mongolia for UNOSD policy advisory services. The objectives of the mission were to identify SDG priority areas of collaboration for the UNOSD policy advisory services based on the needs assessment, strengthen partnership with the government of Mongolia in capacity building programmes, and discuss possible opportunities and cooperation in the area of SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and 13 (Climate Action) with relevant ministries and departments.



During the mission UNOSD held meetings with various local governmental organizations such as the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, the National Academy of Governance, and the Tull River Basin Authority as well as the UN Resident Coordinator Office, UNDP, and UNICEF in Mongolia. UNOSD aims to continue the interaction and partnership with the relevant stakeholders to provide tailored policy advisory services to Mongolia to expedite its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### 6th Sustainable Development Goals Youth Summer Camp 16-19 August 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD hosted the 6th SDGs Youth Summer Camp at the Yonsei University International Campus, Incheon, Republic of Korea from Tuesday, 16 August to Friday, 19 August 2022 in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea, Korea Environment Corporation, and Yonsei University.



The summer camp was the very first in-person summer camp held since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2019.

This year's summer camp gathered 49 youth participants from 30 countries. The summer camp mainly adopted design thinking methodology, an innovative user-centered approach, as a means to enhance the participants' knowledge on the SDGs and its implementation particularly on SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Throughout the programme, the participants had opportunities to learn about the SDGs from lectures, discussions, and group works facilitated by experts and practitioners in the field. On the last day, the participants presented their innovative ideas and solutions for accelerating SDG-4, 15, 17, and other related goals and targets.

#### Study Tour for Government Officials from Namibia and Zimbabwe on SDG Integration 29 August-2 September 2022, Kigali, Rwanda

UNOSD, in close collaboration with the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch (NSCBB) of DSDG/UN DESA, convened the study tour for Zimbabwean and Namibian government officials in Kigali, Rwanda from 29 August to 2 September 2022. The study tour provided a platform for the officials to share experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, SDGs, and the African Union Agenda 2063.



This included sessions on mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 into its national development plan and strategies, sharing good practices on

implementing SD policy, review, evaluation, and coordination in the contexts prevailing in Namibia and Zimbabwe, and learning about how Rwanda has leveraged private sector participation to accelerate sustainable development. The study tour was attended by 20 Zimbabwean and 20 Namibian officials

#### Side Event at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Leaders Forum 14 October 2022, Jeju, Republic of Korea

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 ecological research with special emphasis 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.

#### 2022 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum 25-28 October 2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD organized the 2022 SDTF from 25 to 28 October 2022 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The 2022 SDTF in collaboration with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), was an opportunity for UNOSD to have direct contact again with its traditional international audience.

It gathered over 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).

#### 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







#### Side Event at the 27th Conference of the Parties of UNFCCC 10-14 November 2022, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

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).

#### "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

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.

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

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.

This side event showcased 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 also discussed 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.



## **The Strategic Direction**

UNOSD operates under the direction of DSDG within UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which acts as the Secretariat for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), providing substantive support and capacity-building for the goals and their related thematic issues.

Over the past decade, the UNOSD has set ambitious goals that have generated numerous resultsbased activities at output levels and that have contributed towards the advancement of UN DESA's mandate, including the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

In 2023 January, UNOSD has developed its Long-term Strategy covering for the year 2023-2030.

With great excitement, UNOSD looks forward to performing with effectiveness, impact and sustainability in the years ahead.

#### Vision

• By the end of 2030, UNOSD will be a key institution partnering with member states to create substantive success stories in the achievement of the environmental SDGs, under the leadership of DESA

#### **Mission**

- towards the environmental SDGs.

#### Outcomes

- Enhanced knowledge among Member States, particularly developing countries, including small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition on strategies, policies and practical solutions and actions to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals.
- · Enhanced capacity of Member States, particularly developing countries, including small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition to develop and implement policies, plans and programmes to accelerate the implementation of internationally agreed sustainable development goals, particularly the 2030 Agenda, at the national and subnational levels by 2030.

#### Workstreams

- Knowledge Sharing
- · Capacity Building
- Policy Advisory
- Research



• We are committed to find solutions to advance the environmental SDGs that are tailored to target countries' needs. · We are dedicated to connect stakeholders with expertise, knowledge and tools for transformative changes

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# **Sustainable Development Goals**



Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere



Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



**Goal 4.** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



**Goal 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



**Goal 9.** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and

**Goal 12.** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global

### **Collaborating partners of UNOSD**

UNOSD continues to strengthen existing partnerships and forges new ones with international organizations including the UN Office for Resident Coordinators, UNDP Country Offices, UN Country Teams, government and non-government organizations, academia, and civil societies.



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