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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 2024. 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



13th Steering Committee Meeting and UNOSD Teambuilding Workshop

22-24 January 2024, Incheon, Republic of Korea

On 22 January 2024, UNOSD held the 13th Steering Committee Meeting in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The committee members from UN DESA, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University gathered to be briefed about UNOSD's achievements in 2023 and its workplan for 2024. At the meeting, the committee discussed about ways to maximize synergies among the partners and implement UNOSD's activities more effectively that can lead to tangible and measurable outcomes.

From 23 to 24 January 2024, UN DESA and UNOSD staff participated in a teambuilding workshop designed to strengthen UNOSD's implementation strategies, enhance collaboration with UN DESA, and develop interpersonal communication skills. Through the workshop, the staff were able to agree on key strategies and objectives for 2024 UNOSD workplan and share ideas on how to create more enabling working environment.



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

From 20 to 22 February 2024, UNOSD organized a final workshop of the "Phase 3 of the Project "Water in the World We Want": Accelerating the achievement of water-related SDGs - Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) to support countries for water-related sustainable development " in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The final workshop was co-organized by UNOSD, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (MOE), the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco), UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (UNESCO i-WSSM), the Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The final workshop gathered nearly 50 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.

Through the final workshop, the participants shared best practices and lessons learned to ensure a more significant impact of the project during the fourth phase, discussed ways to improve SDG-6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) for its extended use in accelerating the SDG-6 (Water and Sanitation), and developed an agreed strategy and activity plan for the fourth phase of the project.

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

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Webinar

Commemorating Zero Waste Day 2024

Accelerating policy and practice for waste management systems and resource circularity

Friday, 29 March 2024
4-5:00 PM (Seoul) | 2-3:00 PM (Jakarta) | 12:30-1:30 PM (New Delhi)
8-9:00 AM (Paris) | 10-11:00 AM (Nairobi)

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WEBINAR: Commemorating Zero Waste Day - Accelerating Policy and Practice for Waste Management Systems and Resource Circularity

29 March 2024, Online, 4-5pm in Korea Standard Time (KST)

On 29 March 2024 from 4-5pm (KST), UNOSD organized a webinar titled "Commemorating Zero Waste Day - Accelerating Policy and Practice for Waste Management Systems and Resource Circularity" to raise public awareness and mobilize key stakeholders worldwide on the urgency of transitioning towards zero waste through improved waste management systems and policies, and best practices on resource circularity. The webinar was co-organized by UNOSD and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC).

The webinar consisted of high-level interventions (video messages) by H.E. Mr. Max Fontaine Andonirina, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Madagascar and Honorable Mr. Yoo Jeongbok, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea.

The webinar also invited experts on waste management from International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), Expert Group on Solid Waste Management Policy Support for Circularity, UNEP IETC, and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) to exchange knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions for achieving a zero-waste future and resource circularity across national to local levels.

Upcoming UNOSD Programmes and Events
(April - June 2024)

Benchmarking Mission of the National Planning Commission (NPC) of Namibia in the Republic of Korea



Seoul & Sejong, Republic of Korea
2-5 April 2024

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Day 1

- Global Knowledge Exchange & Development Center (GKEDC)
- UNDP Seoul Policy Centre (USPC)
- Seoul Metropolitan City Government

Day 2

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport



Day 3

- Ministry of Science and ICT
- UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)
- Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT)/UN ESCAP



Day 4

- Yonsei University Department of Public Policy and Management/Institute of African Studies



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Benchmarking Mission of the National Planning Commission (NPC) of Namibia in the Republic of Korea

2-5 April 2024, Seoul & Sejong, Republic of Korea

The benchmarking mission will take place from 2 to 5 April 2024 in Seoul and Sejong, Republic of Korea. The programme will invite 20 government officials from the National Planning Commission and other entities of the Republic of Namibia.

The programme aims to support Namibia's formulation of the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP 6) by enhancing officials' knowledge and capacity for evidence-based and results-oriented planning and their capabilities to address current challenges and priorities.

The NDP 6 will be aligned with Namibia's Vision 2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and serve as the foundation for implementing the regional Agenda 2063.



6th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop

27-31 May 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

UNOSD will organize the 6th Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory System Training Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand from 27 to 31 May 2024. The workshop will focus on giving intensive hands-on training on GHG inventories, as well as covering topics related to Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), an integral component of Paris Agreement, the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR), electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory report and the ETF reporting tools in line with the evolving international climate architecture.



The 3rd Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference (2024 Dushanbe Water Conference)

10-13 June 2024, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

UNOSD will organize a side event during the 2024 Dushanbe Water Conference to be held from 10 to 13 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The conference will provide a platform to follow up the outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference and generate the actions needed. In addition, the conference will provide an opportunity for encouraging voluntary commitments that can address our common concerns on water.



2024 International Mayors Forum

2-4 July 2024, Jakarta, Indonesia

2024 International Mayors Forum will be held from 2 to 4 July 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia co-organized by UNOSD, the Special Capital Region of Jakarta, and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Asia and the Pacific (ASPAC).

The forum will discuss about resources, capacity development, and innovation needed to strengthen national to local coordination and multi-level governance for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provide a platform for the participating local governments to present their Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs).

The forum is expected to gather nearly 200 leaders and experts from local governments and municipalities who are involved in localizing SDG strategies and policies.

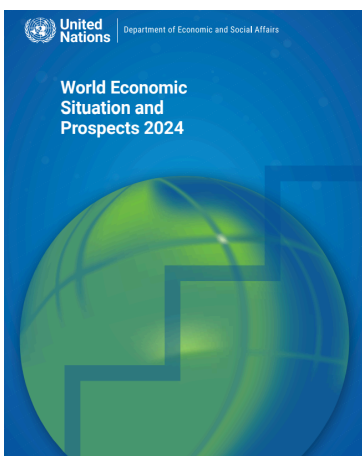


UNOSD Internship

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UN DESA Events & Publications



World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024

2024 WESP presents a sombre economic outlook for the near term. Persistently high interest rates, further escalation of conflicts, sluggish international trade, and increasing climate disasters, pose significant challenges to global growth. The prospects of a prolonged period of tighter credit conditions and higher borrowing costs present strong headwinds for a world economy saddled with debt, while in need of more investments to resuscitate growth, fight climate change and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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

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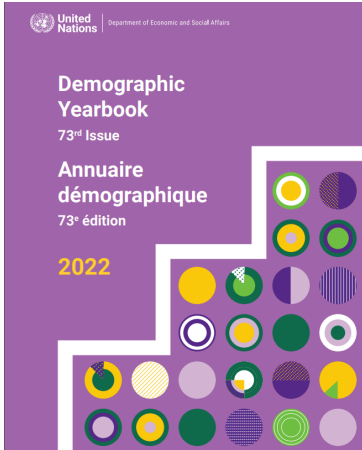


World Population Ageing 2023

The World Population Ageing 2023 examines the potential of LDCs to benefit from the demographic dividend. Through an analysis of demographic, social, economic and health-related indicators, as well as associated policies and investments, the report assesses the challenges and opportunities of translating favourable demographic trends into economic and developmental gains.

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

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Demographic Yearbook 2022

The Demographic Yearbook 2022 is the 73rd issue in a series published since 1948. 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.

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

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