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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 Goas (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

Starting from June 2021 onwards, UNOSD will begin to publish its very own newsletter on a quarterly basis to enhance its partnership and communication not only with its partners, but also with the public. The first issue will cover UNOSD's news, activities, and events from January to June 2021. The purpose of the newsletter is to share and disseminate not only UNOSD news, but also the materials of the United Nations related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which could be found valuable and useful to various stakeholders.

UNOSD Highlights & Activities



Low Emission Development to Achieve Carbon Neutrality and SDGs: 12th International Greenhouse Gas Conference

28 May 2021, 14:00-18:20 KST, Incheon, Republic of Korea, Hybrid

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'.

All presentation materials and recordings of the event can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.



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2020-21 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

22-26 February 2021, 20:00-22:00 KST, Online

The **2020-21 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF)** was held ionline in partnership with the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF) which discussed good practices, strategies, and lessons learned to build back better and greener through sustainable and low-carbon industrialization. The Forum was held for five days under the themes of "Building Back Better and Greener", "Transformative Partnerships for Financing and Investing in Sustainable Infrastructure: Energy and Transport", "Industrial, Technology and Labour Force Development Policies for Sustainable Industrial Development", "Building Local Sustainable, Low-Carbon Agro-Processing and Construction Materials Inustries", and "Moving To Zero-Waste, Circular Economies" respectively.

All presentation materials and recordings of 2020-21 SDTF can be accessed at

2020-21 SDTF Event Page.

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2020-2021 Executive Training Course (ETC) for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

22-26 March 2021, 20:00-22:30 KST, Online

This year, the **Executive Training Course (ETC) for Policymakers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** had its backbone around the overacrching theme of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) with a theme of "sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievenment of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery of sustainable development." The 2020-21 ETC focused on 5 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SDG 3, 8, 12, 16, and 17 which were identified as key SDGs towards promoting sustainable and resilient recovery.

All presentation materials and recordings of 2020-21 ETC can be accessed at 2020-21 ETC Event Page.



3rd Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Training Workshop

3-4 March 2021, 16:00-18:00 KST, Incheon, Republic of Korea, Hybrid

UNOSD, in partnership with the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO) and the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR), held the the **3rd Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Workshop** online which allowed country representatives and experts, mainly in the Asia-Pacific region, to share their experiences and lessons learned on the recent update of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This year's workshop was designed to share countries' recent experiences and lessons learned from NDCs submitted to UNFCCC Secretariat. This workshop gathered country representatives, practitioners, and experts to exchange their views and experiences on the role of national inventory systems in developing NDCs to implement the Paris Agreement.

All presentation materials and recordings of 3rd GHG Workshop can be accessed at

3rd GHG Workshop Event Page.

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Upcoming UNOSD Events (July-September 2021)



5th Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Youth Summer Camp

17-20 August 2021, 10:00-16:00 KST, Hybrid Incheon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD is organizing the **"5th SDGs Youth Summer Camp"** to build and enhance the youth's knowledge on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs particularly on SDG-12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and design thinking methodology in partnership with the Design Factory Korea (DFK) of Yonsei University, the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Korea, and the Korea Environment Corporation (Keco). The details of the summer camp can be found $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}.$

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UNOSD 2021-2 Fall Internship

Application Deadline - 15 July 2021

UNOSD offers students and youth the internship opportunity to acquire experiences working at the United Nations and its work environment while making a significant contribution to UNOSD activities and mandate. Currently, UNOSD is accepting applications for 2021-2 Fall (Sep - Dec) interns. The application deadline is 15 July 2021. The details of the internship can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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UN DESA Events & Publications



2021 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

6-15 July 2021, New York

The 2021 HLPF will be held from 6 to 15 July 2021 in a hybrid format in New York. This year, the Forum will discuss ways to ensure a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 that puts us on track to realize the 2030 Agenda. The theme will be "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

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World Social Report 2021: Reconsidering Rural Development

The World Social Report 2021, a flagship publication of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) on major social development issues offers new strategies to ensure that the 3.4 billion people who live in rural areas are not left behind as global efforts focus on boosting socio-economic growth and tackling climate change in the middle of the COVID-19 recovery.

The report calls for an end to the rural-urban divide and offers new approaches to advance rural development that would allow rural populations to reach the urban standard of living without having to migrate to urban areas. The full report can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2021

The report highlights the risk of a sharply diverging world in the near term where the gaps between rich and poor widen because some countries lack the necessary financial resources to combat the COVID-19 crisis and its socioeconomic impact. Short-term risks are compounded by growing systemic risks that threaten to further derail progress, such as climate change.



