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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.

The second edition of the newsletter will cover UNOSD's news, activities, and events from July to September 2021. 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**



## The 5th SDGs Youth Summer Camp

17-20 August 2021, Incheon, Republic of Korea, Online

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.

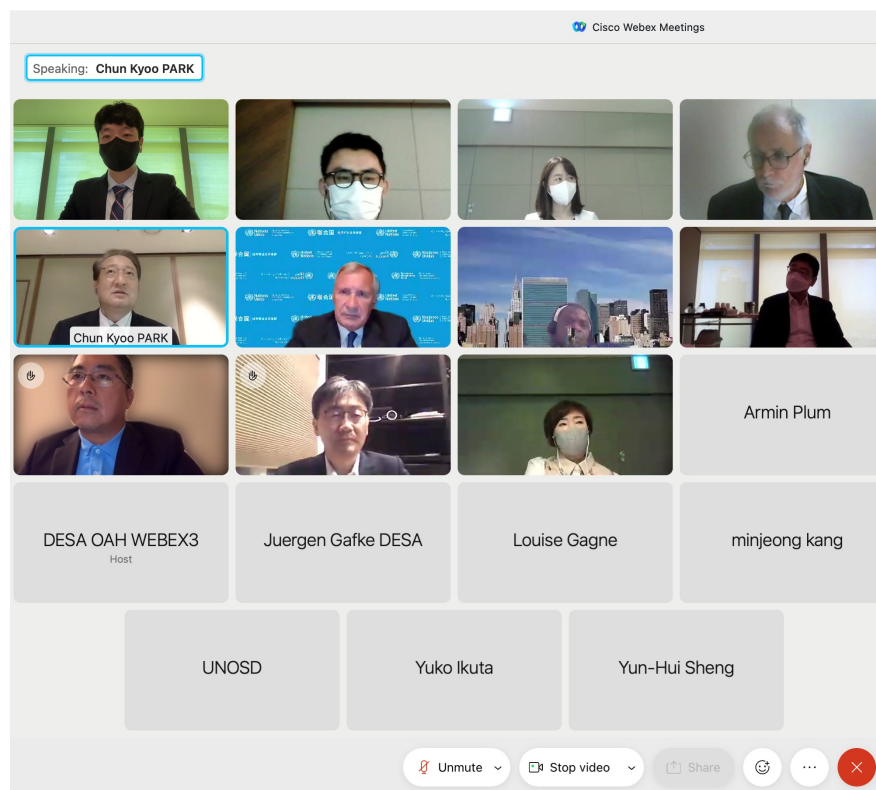
All presentation materials of the event can be accessed [HERE](#).

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## UNOSD Policy Advisory Services

During the second phase of its operation, UNOSD plans to expand its policy advisory function by providing substantive advisory services to developing countries, upon the requests from developing countries, to assist them to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs, especially SDG 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, and 15 through designing and implementing sustainable development policies and strategies. UNOSD will aim to assist in enhancing institutional capacities, monitoring progress on the implementation of the SDGs, identifying and prioritizing needs, and developing appropriate policies, strategies, measures and actions (\*countries will be selected based on evidence-based analysis from the ongoing consultancy on strengthening advisory services for identifying target countries).



## The 10th UNOSD Steering Committee Meeting

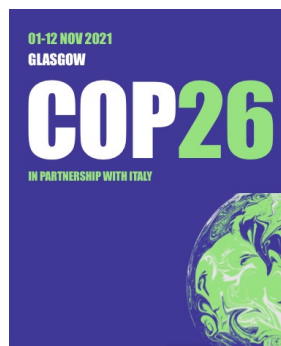
3 September 2021, 10:00-12:00 KST (2 September 21:00-23:00 in New York), Online

On Friday, 3 September 2021 from 10am to 12pm (KST), UNOSD held the **10th Steering Committee Meeting** which gathered its members and partners from UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, the Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University. During the meeting, UNOSD reported its key achievements in 2020-2021 period and planned activities for 2021-2022 period. The meeting facilitated constructive, interactive, and dynamic discussions on how to strengthen and enlarge UNOSD's roles and functions in accelerating progress for the SDGs in both local and global contexts. UNOSD, donors, and partners have taken the opportunity to reassure its partnership and reexamine its commitment to realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## Upcoming UNOSD Events (October - December 2021)

### The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)

1-12 November 2021  
Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow, United Kingdom



UNOSD is organizing two side events at the **"26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)"** in Glasgow, United Kingdom focusing on accelerating climate action and sustainable development through green deal and developing and managing Greenhouse Gas Inventory System in the developing countries on 4 and 9 November, respectively. The side events will provide platforms for policy dialogue to share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned in tackling climate change issues.



## The 4th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific

5-7 October 2021, Hybrid  
Suwon Convention Center, Suwon, Republic of Korea

UNOSD will participate at the **"4th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific"** to be held in Suwon, Republic of Korea. The forum will include a high-level session to discuss 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. UNOSD will organize a promotional booth throughout the forum and the Head of Office will deliver a keynote speech at the Youth Environmental Innovation Challenge.

Please click the 'registration' button to register for the event.

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## UN-ROK 30th Anniversary Event: Policy Dialogue on the Future of Multilateralism and the Role of the Republic of Korea

22 October 2021 (\*subject to change due to COVID-19)

UNOSD will participate at the **"UN-ROK 30th Anniversary Event: Policy Dialogue on the Future of Multilateralism and the Role of the Republic of Korea"** to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Korea's entry into the United Nations and to bring together prominent experts and stakeholders to discuss some of the key global challenges requiring global action and the role of ROK in supporting and strengthening forward-looking multilateralism and the United Nations.



## 2021 International Mayors Forum

Late November/Early December 2021, Online

UNOSD will organize the 2021 International Mayors Forum in late November or early December 2021 online to build the capacity of local governments in implementing the SDGs through lectures, moderated discussions, and peer-learning workshops with UN and international experts, practitioner, policy makers and stakeholders including a special workshop on Asset Management.

## UNOSD 2022-1 Winter Internship

Application Deadline - 15 November 2021





UNOSD offers internship opportunities to students and youth to acquire experiences working at the United Nations and its work environment while making significant contributions to UNOSD activities and its mandate. Currently, UNOSD is accepting applications for 2022-1 (Jan - April) interns. The application deadline is 15 November 2021. The details of the internship can be found [HERE](#).

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## UN DESA Events & Publications



### Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference

14-16 October 2021, Beijing, China

The Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference will provide an opportunity to focus attention on the opportunities, challenges and solutions towards achieving sustainable transport worldwide. It will follow up on the first Global Sustainable Transport Conference, held in 2016 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and is expected to indicate a way forward for sustainable transport to help achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change in the Decade of Action.

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### Secretary-General's Report on Our Common Agenda

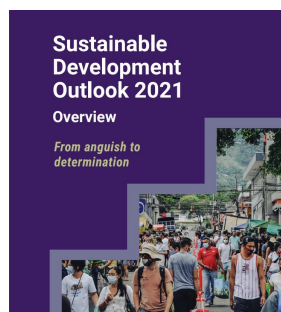
"Our Common Agenda" report looks ahead to the next 25 years and represents the Secretary-General's vision on the future of global cooperation and reinvigorating inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism. The Secretary-General presented his report to the General Assembly in September 2021 before the end of the 75th session of the General Assembly.

Our Common Agenda builds on many of the ideas that emerged during the year-long global listening exercise conducted in the context of the 75th anniversary where more than 1.5 million people in all 193 Member States voiced strong public support for international cooperation, and a desire for more effective, more inclusive and more networked multilateralism in the future.

This report synthesizes key ideas that emerged during the reflection process and offers suggestions on how to take them forward.

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

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### Sustainable Development Outlook 2021

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021 uses the latest available data and estimates to reveal the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and points out areas that require urgent and coordinated action.

As the pandemic continues to unfold, the report outlines some significant impacts in many areas that are already apparent. For example, the global

extreme poverty rate rose for the first time in over 20 years, and 119 to 124 million people were pushed back into extreme poverty in 2020.

The report reiterates the need for investment in data, particularly in times of crisis, as the COVID-19 crisis has clearly demonstrated how data can effectively guide decision-making at each step of the pandemic response.

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

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The Sustainable Development Goals Report  
2021



## The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021

This report examines the world's recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic and is divided into three sections which examine global macro trends, the pandemic's disproportionate impact on women, and a regional economic outlook.

Key findings include that while the world economy is trending towards a recovery, the pandemic is far from over for a majority of countries. Economic growth is set against a backdrop of disparities in vaccination coverage between countries, risks of a prolonged pandemic and insufficient fiscal space to stimulate demand in the world's most vulnerable countries, and women - representing most health service workers, caregivers, and essential service providers - being at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic.

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

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