

ACCELERATING ACTION FOR THE SDGs



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...to realize the ambitious and transformative vision of the 2030 Agenda

In 2023–2024, UN DESA continued to work towards the bold, ambitious, and just transformations needed to put the world back on track to achieve the SDGs, by supporting Member States and engaging UN system partners and other stakeholders in intergovernmental and multistakeholder platforms.

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- Galvanized broad stakeholder engagement and fostered partnerships with the private sector, local authorities, and higher education institutions among others, to build SDG ownership.
- Supported Member States in conducting Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) through preparatory workshops and webinars and facilitated relevant peer learning through VNR Labs.

- Advanced implementation of the 2030 Agenda through support to the ECOSOC forums on financing, science, technology and innovation (STI), and partnerships.
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- Supported SDG implementation at the regional and national levels, in collaboration with Regional Commissions, with special attention to countries in special situations such as Small Island Developing States.
- Contributed to UN system-wide coordination and coherence-building in support of the SDGs.
- Mobilized efforts to advance SDG localization, including collaboration with local networks and on-demand support to conduct Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs).
- Provided data, analysis, policy recommendations and expert guidance to support a successful 2023 SDG Summit and 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), including supporting the intergovernmental consultations on the Political Declaration and the thematic reviews of the five SDGs in focus.

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Interlinked crises and ongoing conflicts continue to threaten SDG progress, with livelihoods overturned and well-being compromised, especially for many vulnerable groups. In 2023–2024, through the SDG Summit, High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and other intergovernmental processes, UN DESA continued to support Member States to deliver sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions to realize the 2030 Agenda and leave no one behind.

Conducting an in-depth review of the implementation of the SDGs

At the July 2024 High-level Political Forum, more than 90 Heads of State and Government, Deputy Prime Ministers, and Ministers, along with other actors, gathered at the UN Headquarters in New York to review progress towards SDG 1 on no poverty, 2 on zero hunger, 13 on climate action, 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. At this first meeting of the forum after the 2023 SDG Summit, 125 high-level presenters, experts, and representatives of the UN system shared experiences and showcased innovative solutions to achieve the SDGs.

Thirty-six countries presented Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), demonstrating further deepening of data and indicators, maturing of institutional frameworks, and more inclusive engagement with stakeholders. Also notable was that several countries continued to address the localization of the SDGs, including through Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs).

Adopted at the closing of the Forum, the focused and balanced Ministerial Declaration identifies current challenges, and future actions and investment pathways to reinforce the 2030 Agenda and deliver on the SDGs.

During the HLPF, 14 VNR Labs served as an informal platform for experience-sharing and reflection on the VNR process, covering a range of topics related to SDG implementation. In addition, UN DESA – in collaboration with key partners – showcased the impact and achievements of higher education institutions, private sector, local and regional governments, parliamentarians, and the scientific community among others through 13 high-level special events. The special events also provided opportunities to learn from experts, such as the United Nations High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs (HLAB) and the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy, and to follow up on recent commitments, from Transforming Education to the High Impact Initiatives announced at the SDG Summit in 2023.

HLPF IN NUMBERS

2024 HLPF and High-level Segment of ECOSOC

Theme: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions

9

Days

5

SDGs under review

36

Countries presented VNRs

Who was there?

About 90

Heads of State and Government, Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers, Vice Ministers and Ministerial-level Officials

125

Keynote speakers, panellists, lead discussants, respondents, and moderators in townhall meeting and panels

176

Statements in general debate

to talk about



About **1000** MGoS and NGOs accredited to ECOSOC

13

Special Events

13

VNR Labs

236

Side Events
162 in person
and 74 virtual

14

Exhibitions



Astra Bonini, Chief of the Integrated Policy Analysis Branch in UN DESA's Division for Sustainable Development Goals, speaks at the Expert Group Meeting on SDG 2 and its interlinkages with other SDGs in Rome, Italy, in March 2024. | FAO/GIUSEPPE CAROTENUTO



Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua, addresses a session on Small Island Developing States during the High-level Political Forum 2024. | UN PHOTO/LOEY FELIPE

Galvanizing ownership and maximizing the support of key stakeholders for the SDGs

UN DESA created spaces alongside intergovernmental meetings for key sectors and stakeholder groups to galvanize their ownership, support and commitments to the 2030 Agenda. For example, the Department worked with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to organize the SDG Action Weekend ahead of the 2023 SDG Summit, which brought more than 6,000 participants to UN Headquarters. The SDG Mobilization Day on 16 September showcased how youth, women, science and academia, local and regional governments, civil society, the private sector, major groups and other stakeholders are contributing to the SDGs. The SDG Acceleration Day on 17 September centred around three special sessions and the UN-led High Impact

Initiatives, such as Energy Compacts, FutureGov, SDG Stimulus and Power of Data. UN DESA also supported the commitments made by governments through the SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform.

Facilitating peer-learning for effective review of SDG implementation

UN DESA facilitated the exchange of experiences and knowledge among government officials from more than 30 countries engaged in preparing VNRs for the 2024 HLPF through three Global Workshops for the 2024 VNRs in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in December 2023, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in April 2024 and New York in July 2024. The workshops also explored specific issues and challenges related to the VNR preparations, featuring sessions on institutions, stakeholder engagement, data and statistics, and means of implementation, among



Secretary-General António Guterres (centre right) participates in the SDG Action Weekend Civil Society Dialogue at UN Headquarters in New York, in September 2023. | UN PHOTO/PAULO FILGUEIRAS



Participants at the Second Global Workshop for the 2024 Voluntary National Reviews in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 2024. | UN DESA

other subjects. UN DESA followed up these workshops with a virtual “knowledge exchange” webinar of VNR-presenting countries with UN entities, academic institutions, and other organizations assisting with the VNR process.

In collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), UN DESA co-convened *SDGs in Practice*, a series of nine virtual and in-person capacity-building and knowledge-sharing training sessions on the margins of the HLPF.

Accelerating localization of the SDGs

UN DESA continued to join efforts with partners to accelerate the push for SDG localization. UN DESA led the formulation of a network on “Localization of the 2030 Agenda” in September 2023, aiming to facilitate collaboration,

coordination, and coherence within the UN in mobilizing action at the local level for SDG achievement.

UN DESA continued to provide capacity-building support to the development of VLRs in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, aimed at facilitating a dialogue between the national and local processes, as well as coordinating coherent approaches to SDG implementation. Local and national governments in Honduras, South Africa and Zimbabwe prepared VLRs, with the support of Italian Cooperation and the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation, and in partnership with Resident Coordinators and United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs).

During the 2024 HLPF, UN DESA showcased effective localization policies and high-impact coalitions led by local and regional governments in relation to the SDGs



Mayor Carmen Paz of San Nicolás, Honduras (centre), consults with key stakeholders from the health sector as part of San Nicolás’ Voluntary Local Review preparatory process in March 2024. | REINA ZAVALA

under review at the 2024 HLPF through convening the Seventh Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF), in collaboration with partners. The forum focused on the SDG Rescue Plan and the Summit of the Future, highlighting the importance of partnerships among different spheres of government, and the role of VLRs and Voluntary Subnational Reviews in fostering policy transformation towards SDGs progress.

Strengthening science-policy-society interface and putting science, technology and innovation to the service of the SDGs

Recognizing the centrality of science to sustainable development, UN DESA continued to support the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) as the Secretariat for the UN Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (IATT). The Department also played a key role in the Secretary-General’s Group of Ten High-level Representatives of Civil Society, Private Sector, and Scientific Community to Promote Science, Technology, and Innovation for the SDGs (10-Member-Group). With the support of UN DESA, the 10-Member-Group has already advanced proposals for initiatives, policy, partnerships and innovative

“ Since 2018, the Voluntary Local Review global movement has provided an unprecedented push towards localization. The more than 200 voluntary local reviews carried out to date have shed light on and raised the profile of local action vis-à-vis national action and international processes.

Progress towards Sustainable Development Goals: towards a rescue plan for people and planet, Report of the Secretary-General (special edition, A/78/80), paragraph 54

solutions related to emerging science and technology for the SDGs. The group has emphasized both formidable challenges and unprecedented opportunities in the face of accelerating climate change and the burgeoning capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI).

One critical capacity-building component of the TFM is Science, Technology and Innovation for SDGs (STI4SDGs) Roadmaps. As a follow-up to the 2023 Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum), UN DESA, together with the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the European Commission on Building Capacity and Scaling Up Adoption of STI4SDGs Roadmaps in Africa, co-organized a workshop in October 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It served to enhance STI capacity, facilitate peer learning and partnership, and support governments in assessing and advancing the implementation of STI roadmaps.

The Department supported STI-driven solutions to SDG challenges, focusing on climate action and harnessing AI for the SDGs, at the 9th STI Forum held in May 2024. In partnership with Engineering for Change, UN DESA brought selected young innovators to the STI

Forum for lightning talks and showcases, spotlighting those innovations from and for Small Island Developing States. The Forum was held around the theme “Science, technology and innovation for reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.



Harnessing the power of partnerships to accelerate SDG implementation

UN DESA continued to galvanize partnerships between Member States and all other key stakeholders for sustainable development, as the Secretariat for the ECOSOC Partnership Forum. The Forum demonstrated how innovative partnerships could be scaled up to drive the implementation of SDGs under review in 2024, leveraging learnings from the High Impact Initiatives. It featured a set of SDG Action Segments organized by key partners from the UN system working in collaboration with Member States and other stakeholders.

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator Initiative led by the Department continued to support effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs – offering training and advisory services for stronger collaboration across sectors to Member States, UN entities, and stakeholders. Through the Partnership Accelerator, UN DESA established the Mexico Network of Partnerships for Local Action, collectively developed by various stakeholders dedicated to realizing the SDGs through strengthened partnerships and local approaches. A comprehensive national partnership landscape assessment for Moldova was conducted, analysing challenges and opportunities to accelerate SDG implementation through multi-stakeholder partnerships. The Department also collaborated with Partnerships2030 and the Global Forum on National SDG Advisory Bodies to raise awareness and develop enabling factors for multi-stakeholder partnerships through the SDG Partnership Symposium and the launch of the Unite to Ignite report.



Participants at the SIDS Partnership Symposium, February 2024, Bangkok, Thailand. | UN ESCAP

UN DESA also further strengthened partnerships in support of SIDS development priorities, by organizing the SIDS Partnership Symposium, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The symposium – held during the 2024 Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development – gathered insights from SIDS stakeholders, explored ways to enhance partnerships on key SIDS priorities, and fostered peer learning for effective collaborations. In addition, the Department supported the organization of the “Partnering for the Planet” online course by St. George’s University, which engaged 468 participants from 74 countries to build capacity and demonstrate partnership principles for SDG support. The course covered modules on partnership approaches, including those related to health and climate adaptation.

Enhancing coordination of the ECOSOC system to support the implementation of the SDGs

In 2023-2024, UN DESA continued to support the ECOSOC Coordination Segment, which emphasized that the reinvigoration of multilateralism is the key to

achieving the 2030 Agenda and crucial for advancing and building momentum towards the Summit of the Future. Discussions stressed the importance of integrated approaches to eradicate poverty and hunger, support for climate change adaptation and innovative strategies for environmental sustainability. It also highlighted financing as a crucial enabler for transformative and sustainable policies, and the fundamental role of international cooperation and partnerships in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs. There was a call for decisive action in response to marked gaps in digital transformation and population dynamics, which have the potential to multiply efforts to advance SDG implementation.

Enhancing the effectiveness and coherence of the UN Development System to support countries in achieving the SDGs

UN DESA played a key role in the ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment, focusing on enhancing the effectiveness and coherence of the UN development system to support Member States in achieving the SDGs. The Department’s comprehensive support aimed to ensure no country is left behind. The segment reviewed progress and provided guidance on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) and the repositioning of the UN development system. It highlighted the need to reinvigorate the Funding Compact for a more strategic and responsive system, emphasizing the importance of adequate, predictable, and flexible funding for the Resident Coordinator system, which is essential for effective leadership and coordination in national development and crisis response. The outcome of the segment underscored several critical actions, including the need for the UN to enhance its efforts in six targeted areas where urgent transitions were needed to deliver SDG acceleration, continue efforts to mainstream gender equality, youth and disability inclusion in the UN’s work, and to close the resident coordinator funding gap to unlock the full potential of the system’s reforms. Additionally, the segment focused on addressing systemic inequalities in

international financial architecture to better enable developing countries to invest in the SDGs. Member States also welcomed the renewed Funding Compact, which will be a critical tool in the coming years to help shift funding trends towards less earmarked, high-quality resources for the UN development system.

Providing data, analysis and policy recommendations for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review

Through four hugely successful surveys in 2023, UN DESA gathered feedback on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution on the repositioning of the UN development system, as well as feedback on the implementation of the QCPR. The review will issue vital policy guidance to strengthen United Nations development system support in accelerating action on the SDGs for the 2025–2028 period. The Department canvassed programme country governments, United Nations entities, resident coordinators, financially contributing governments and UNCTs. Survey feedback shows positive results from reforms to ensure better support for national priorities, perceived enhancements to alignment with national plans, better coordination of policy support, joint planning, and more cohesive communication efforts. Data and findings from the surveys were contained in a Secretary-General’s report, which offers analysis and recommendations for consideration by Member States in ECOSOC with a view to the 2024 QCPR to be undertaken by the General Assembly.



Supporting Small Island Developing States on their paths to resilient prosperity

UN DESA helped deliver the landmark Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS – A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity (ABAS) at the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4). The ABAS outcome – adopted by consensus at the

Conference and for which UN DESA supported the intergovernmental negotiations – sets out the sustainable development aspirations of SIDS over the next ten years and the support required from the international community to achieve them. The conference itself assessed SIDS’ progress towards their sustainable development objectives and was a forum for practical and impactful solutions and partnerships to address SIDS’ most pressing challenges.

As secretariat of the conference, UN DESA coordinated substantive and logistical preparations, in collaboration with the host country and other UN entities. Under the theme “Charting the course towards resilient prosperity”, it brought more than 3,000 representatives from 121 countries, the UN system and other stakeholders to Antigua and Barbuda in 2024. Plenary sessions, five interactive dialogues, over 200 side events, and five informal special events convened by the Host – in collaboration with UN entities – galvanized support among stakeholders, including Member States, the private sector, and civil society for a sustainable future for SIDS. UN DESA, together with UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service/DGC, coordinated the special accreditation process that granted 105 civil society organizations and other stakeholder organizations special accreditation to attend the SIDS4 Conference, and supported the registration of 1,030 stakeholders, 537 of whom attended the Conference in person. Webinars, social media and newsletters were key channels employed by UN DESA to promote the SIDS4 Conference and avenues for stakeholder participation. The Secretary-General also convened a high-level meeting on mobilizing resources to implement the new SIDS agenda.

To support sound intergovernmental decision-making on the ABAS outcome, UN DESA convened two global stakeholder consultations in 2023 to bring substantive inputs from stakeholders. The first global online consultation was held between June/July 2023 and generated 170 responses. UN DESA prepared a global report and three regional snapshots (AIS, Caribbean and Pacific) summarizing the inputs received

and outlining several policy recommendations that can assist SIDS in achieving their sustainable development priorities. The second global online consultation was held between December 23 and January 24 to solicit informal inputs from stakeholders related to the themes of the five interactive dialogues for SIDS4. The consultation generated 64 responses from stakeholders from different sectors and regions of the world which were captured in a summary report highlighting key messages and takeaways from the consultation.

Promoting integrated planning & decision-making capacities of policymakers and stakeholders in Caribbean SIDS

UN DESA continued to build national capacities for integrated planning and mainstreaming sustainable and green growth opportunities in the Caribbean. A regional workshop entitled “Accelerating Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in the Caribbean Region: Sustainable and Green Transition Opportunities” was organized in November 2023 in cooperation with ECLAC and the RCO/UNCT. The workshop benefited policymakers, civil society, academia, private sector and relevant stakeholders from Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, and Jamaica. Participants addressed their sustainable recovery post-COVID-19, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, identifying green growth opportunities to achieve sustainability and resilience.

Bringing business voices and impacts closer to intergovernmental deliberations

Building on collaborative relationships with major private sector umbrella organizations, UN DESA carved out spaces alongside important intergovernmental gatherings to shine a spotlight on the impact of the business sector on SDG implementation. The



UN DESA Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua, Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, Prime Minister Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda, and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS Rabab Fatima at the closing session of SIDS4 in Antigua and Barbuda in May 2024. | UN PHOTO

Department collaborated with UN Global Compact and the International Chamber of Commerce on the 2023 Private Sector Forum, bringing together leading CEOs, investors, Heads of State and Government, senior UN leadership and civil society representatives for interactive discussion and to build alliances to turbocharge SDG implementation. UN DESA also continued to collaborate with International Organisation of Employers, World Business Council of Sustainable Development, and UN Global Compact to bring the annual SDG Global Business Forum to the special events programme of the High-level Political Forum in July. Considering the goals under in-depth review, the 2024 SDG Business Forum placed special emphasis on a just transition, poverty eradication and the future

of work, as well as the corporate governance aspects of food systems transformation.

Ensuring higher education supports sustainable development

Recognizing the key role of higher education in achieving sustainable development, UN DESA continued to co-chair the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), a partnership between the UN and the higher education community, including UN University, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education and the Sulitest Association. The 2024 HESI Global Forum at the HLPF, under the theme “The Future of Higher Education for Sustainable Development”, served as a



Bolaji Balogun, CEO of Chapel Hill Denham (centre left), Maria Fernanda Garza, Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (centre right), and Fabio Barbosa, CEO of Natura (far right), discussing leveraging points to accelerate SDG investments during the 2023 Private Sector Forum, in New York. | UN GLOBAL COMPACT

preparatory platform for initiatives to be advocated or launched at the Summit of the Future.

Enhancing global coordination and collaboration on sustainable transport

UN DESA continued to play a key role in the organization's work on sustainable transport by preparing for the Implementation Plan of the upcoming United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport – declared by the General Assembly to start in 2026 – as well as the proposed Third United Nations Sustainable Transport Conference. In November 2023, UN DESA organized the first-ever UN Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Transport, together with the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). The meeting brought together a wide array of representatives from Member States, the United Nations system, think tanks, civil society

and other stakeholders to consider how sustainable transport can best accelerate SDG progress. In conjunction with the meeting, a celebratory meeting was held to commemorate the first World Sustainable Transport Day on 26 November, as mandated by the General Assembly.

Supporting countries and stakeholders in navigating the future of work

The need to accelerate action towards creating decent jobs as a crucial response to addressing poverty and deepening inequalities was highlighted at the ECOSOC Special Meeting on the Future of Work, supported by UN DESA. Under the theme "Towards a productive, inclusive, and sustainable global society," Member States and other stakeholders underscored how demographic trends and rapid technological

advancement were shaping the future of work. Quality education and skills training were highlighted as essential, alongside the need to close the digital divide. Furthermore, particular attention was paid to supporting vulnerable groups in the labour market through improved access to social protection programmes and urging international cooperation to ensure policies keep pace with rapid market changes.

Harnessing artificial intelligence for the SDGs

Member States recognized the importance of accelerating action to regulate AI globally and ensure the potential of AI is utilized in support of sustainable development at the ECOSOC Special Meeting on Harnessing

Artificial Intelligence for the SDGs in May 2024. Supported by UN DESA, the meeting underscored the need to address the risk of AI exacerbating existing inequalities due to the widening global digital divide. The discussions also emphasized the significant challenges in regulating AI globally, balancing innovation and regulation, keeping up with the rapid pace of technological advancement, emphasizing ethical and societal implications, and overcoming technical expertise and capacity gaps. Presenters also highlighted specific applications of AI for the SDGs. In support of the meeting, UN DESA together with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Slalom Element Lab, organized a special hands-on AI for Good Lab, demonstrating how AI is being deployed to advance the SDGs. Member States were urged to invest in responsible AI development and governance that leaves no one behind.

UN DESA HIGHLIGHTS 2023–2024:

Intergovernmental support: at the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)

UN DESA convened world leaders, civil society, youth and other actors at the SIDS4 conference in Antigua and Barbuda in May 2024 to address key issues confronting small island nations – including the climate emergency, spiraling debt and health crises. The Conference was a resounding success, culminating in the adoption of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS – a Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity (ABAS). It establishes the sustainable development aspirations of small islands over the next 10 years and the support required from the international community to achieve them. UN DESA now will work to champion follow up on the ABAS in a range of intergovernmental fora, recognizing that partnerships will be fundamental

to pair bold action from SIDS governments with support from the international community.

SIDS4 featured more than 170 side events and five special events, and UN DESA also organized two Global Policy Dialogues at the Conference – one on the economic prospects for SIDS and one on their demographic prospects, drawing on expert analysis from the Department's *2024 World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)* report and the *Population Prospects of Countries in Special Situations* report.

Analysis: on SIDS prospects for the future

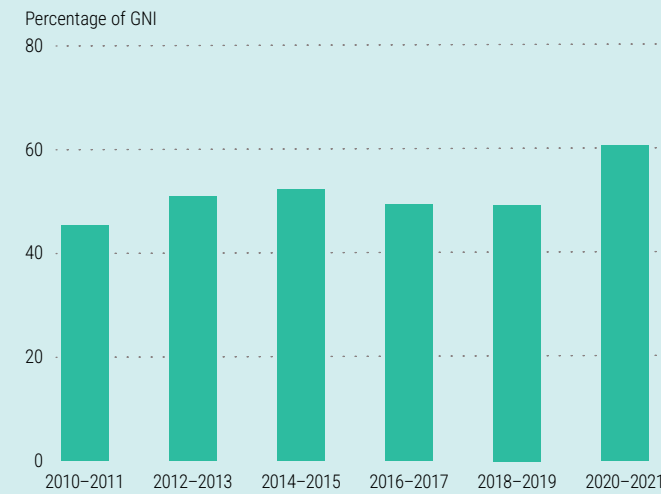
UN DESA highlighted the promising yet vulnerable economic prospects of SIDS in the *2024 World Economic Situation and Prospects* report. In 2023, SIDS experienced a robust rebound in tourism, crucial for their



Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, with Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the SIDS4 Conference, and Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, host of SIDS4. | UN DESA

SPOTLIGHT ON SIDS & UN DESA

UN DESA analysis shows that SIDS' external debt stock has grown by more than 50 per cent, relative to their income



Source: UN DESA, based on the World Bank World Development Indicators database.

Note: Seventeen SIDS are included in this analysis based on data availability.

economies, with projections indicating a growth of 3.1 per cent in 2024. However, challenges persist, including climate change impacts, oil price fluctuations and significant output losses following the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these obstacles, SIDS are making strides in recovery, with tourism nearing pre-pandemic levels and innovative financing mechanisms like debt-for-climate swaps being explored to foster resilience and sustainable development. The report emphasized the critical need for targeted support and international cooperation to address the unique vulnerabilities and adaptation finance needs of SIDS, ensuring their path towards sustainable economic recovery and growth.

Capacity-building: on financing in SIDS

UN DESA worked with SIDS to prioritize sustainable financing strategies. Through projects like “Financing for SIDS (FINS)”, spanning Fiji, the Dominican Republic and Seychelles, the focus is on integrating national financing frameworks to bolster planning and coordination. Technical guidance from UN DESA aided SIDS in crafting strategic investment projects aligned with



UN DESA colleagues work with Government counterparts in Fiji on an integrated national financing framework. | UN DESA

the SDGs, promoting resilience and sustainability. UN DESA also is dedicated to empowering SIDS with the statistical tools and expertise needed to navigate their complex development challenges. The Department supported SIDS through workshops, advisory missions and projects to enhance statistical capabilities crucial for policymaking and sustainable development.

UN DESA capacity-building initiatives also fostered collaboration and knowledge-sharing among SIDS, addressing common challenges. Long-term projects including the “Programme on Statistics and Data” and on “Resilient and Agile National Statistical Systems” demonstrated UN DESA’s commitment to building sustainable statistical capacities for SIDS and promoting data-driven decision-making.



For more information on SIDS and UN DESA partnerships, scan the QR code above or visit bit.ly/SIDS4DESA