Development

Many people associate the United Nations with the issues of peace and security, but most of Organization’s resources are devoted to advancing the pledge of its Charter to “promote higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development”. UN development efforts have profoundly affected the lives and well-being of millions of people throughout the world. UN endeavours are guided by the conviction that lasting international peace and security are possible only if the economic and social well-being of people everywhere is assured.

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**UN Websites**


**UN Bodies and Offices working on development**

  - Subsidiary Bodies of ECOSOC: [https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/content/subsidiary-bodies-ecosoc](https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/content/subsidiary-bodies-ecosoc)
  unites the 33 UN funds, programmes, agencies, departments, and offices that play a role in development. Its aim is to ensure the delivery of more coherent, effective and efficient support to countries seeking to attain internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals
  an independent UN organization working closely with UNDP; it makes investments in the least developed countries (LDCs) using grants and loans. It is the only UN body working on the ground exclusively in LDCs
Research & Documentation

- UNRIC Library Backgrounders