



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.

[Basic Facts about the United Nations, 42nd Edition © 2017](#)

UN Websites

- Promote Sustainable Development :
<http://www.un.org/en/sections/what-we-do/promote-sustainable-development/index.html>

UN Bodies and Offices working on development

- General Assembly
 - Second Committee (Economic and Financial):
<http://www.un.org/en/ga/second/index.shtml>
 - Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural):
<http://www.un.org/en/ga/third/index.shtml>
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC): <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/>
 - Subsidiary Bodies of ECOSOC:
<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/content/subsidiary-bodies-ecosoc>
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): <http://www.undp.org>
UNDP works in about 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.
- United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF): <http://www.uncdf.org>
The UN Capital Development Fund makes public and private finance work for the poor in the world's 47 least developed countries (LDCs). With its capital mandate and instruments, UNCDF offers "last mile" finance models that unlock public and private resources, especially at the domestic level, in support of households, localities and small enterprises that are underserved, where development needs are greatest and where resources are scarcest.
- United Nations Sustainable Development Group: <http://www.undg.org/>
At the global level, the UNSDG serves as a high-level forum for joint policy formation and decision-making. It guides, supports, tracks and oversees the coordination of development operations in 162 countries and territories. The Group is composed of the executive heads of UNSDG member entities. The UNSDG Vice-chair also convenes the UNSDG Core Group comprised of DESA, FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP, WHO, the rotating chair of the Regional Economic Commissions, and the chairs of the UNSDG Strategic Results Groups.

Research & Documentation

- UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library - Research Guide on various development topics:
<http://research.un.org/>
- UNOG Library & Archives - Research Guides – Economics, Trade & Development:
<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/>
- UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library - Research Guides - UN Resources – Development:
<http://research.un.org/en/un-resources/topic/development>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounders
 - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Selected Online Resources:
<https://unric.org/en/unric-library-backgrounder-sdgs/>
 - Other development topics:
<https://unric.org/en/info-point-library/backgrounders/>
- Ask Dag: Where can I find the first General Assembly resolution setting 0.7% of GDP as the target for development assistance?
<http://ask.un.org/faq/273591>