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Summary

In 2015, 193 world leaders agreed on a plan to create a fairer, greener, better world by 2030: the Sustainable Development Goals. However, as we reach the halfway point, the world remains significantly off track. Although the task ahead is challenging, now is the time not for despair but for solidarity and urgent action to deliver a better future for all humanity.

The United Nations Office for Partnerships serves as the global gateway to the United Nations to convene and co-create partnership opportunities and catalyse resources in order to accelerate solutions to keep the promises of the Goals.

The Office is guided by the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system, 2019 ([A/74/73-E/2019/14](#)). In accordance with General Assembly decisions 52/466 and 53/475, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly of the activities and impact of the Office every year.

The present report provides a summary of programmes and initiatives as well as key advances made by the Office in 2022 as part of its efforts to mobilize partners to advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

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I. United Nations Office for Partnerships

1. The United Nations Office for Partnerships serves as the global gateway through which organizations and individuals from all parts of society, and across the United Nations system, co-create solutions to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals, bring about transformational change, and build a fairer world for people and the planet, in which no one is left behind.

2. The Office works to achieve these aims through the work of its constituent teams:

(a) **Sustainable Development Goals Advocates.** The Office supports the work of the Advocates, 17 highly influential champions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also ensures that their activities are aligned with the priorities and messaging of the United Nations leadership;

(b) **Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub.** The Hub is a multi-stakeholder platform which facilitates enhanced coordination and alignment on Goals advocacy narratives. Additionally, it co-creates and carries out advocacy initiatives in support of the Goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals action zone to engage sustainable development champions during the high-level week of the General Assembly;

(c) **Climate Action Mobilization.** The Office supports the work of the Secretary-General's Office in mobilizing support for ambitious climate action and the activities of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change;

(d) **United Nations Democracy Fund.** This is a United Nations trust fund that supports projects strengthening the voice of civil society organizations and encourages the participation of all groups in the democratic process, including women and young people;

(e) **United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.** The primary interface between the United Nations Foundation and the United Nations system, the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) supports projects implemented globally by United Nations entities. It works closely with the Foundation to finance initiatives aimed at accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including projects that advance global health priorities, improve access to data and the online space and assist in the attainment of a net-zero carbon economy.

3. The United Nations Office for Partnerships collaborates closely with key drivers within the United Nations partnership ecosystem, such as the Department of Global Communications, the Development Coordination Office, the Climate Action Team and the United Nations Global Compact.

II. Year in review

4. The year 2022 saw the world open up progressively following the widespread lockdowns and restrictions on movement implemented in many countries in the wake of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. However, hopes that the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals could be accelerated to get back on track were not realized, as the world faced a cost-of-living crisis due to conflict and instability, a major rise in food prices that put millions at increased risk of famine, and the existential threat of the climate emergency.

5. Many of the development gains made in recent decades have been wiped out. If we are to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, fresh momentum must be brought into existing partnerships, and new, innovative forms of collaboration must be created by 2030. Against this challenging backdrop, the United Nations Office for

Partnerships, with valuable support from the Governments of Canada and Qatar, has continued to bring important stakeholders together and motivate and mobilize partners.

6. The Sustainable Development Goals Moment was one of the highlights of the high-level week of the General Assembly, bringing the Goals to a wider audience. Held in the General Assembly Hall in September, the 90-minute Moment featured a number of global thought leaders, high-profile individuals and notable speakers, including Sustainable Development Goals Advocate Co-Chairs, the Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, and the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; philanthropist, Melinda Gates; actress and Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Priyanka Chopra-Jonas; poet, Amanda Gorman; Goodwill Ambassador of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Nomzamo Mbatha; and K-pop stars and Sustainable Development Goals Advocates, Blackpink.

7. Throughout the year, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina J. Mohammed, convened a series of Sustainable Development Goals round tables, bringing together leaders, experts, advocates and influencers on actions and solutions towards the advancement of the Goals. The round tables were recorded and broadcast online from the Sustainable Development Goals Studio, an industry-standard broadcast facility created by the Office in partnership with the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications and the Office of Information and Communications Technology.

8. The United Nations Office for Partnerships continued to work closely with United Nations leadership on powerful incisive language used in public addresses by the Secretary-General, notably with regard to a windfall tax on fossil fuel companies and calls for the industry to be made accountable for its impact on the crisis. The Office ensured that young people had a strong voice at the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, through the involvement of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

9. The United Nations Office for Partnerships conceptualized the global partnership initiative of the United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery and worked closely with its primary partner, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, on the road map in order to demonstrate how science and global collaboration help in recovering from the pandemic while focusing on the needs of people being left behind. The road map was issued in November 2020 in conjunction with 38 research funding agencies worldwide. The Wellcome Trust reported that, as a result of the initiative, at least \$804 million had been invested over 15 months in almost 4,000 research projects aimed at answering the Secretary-General's call to action. The road map is a great example of leveraging the convening power of the United Nations with the Deputy Secretary-General and then supporting a platform for engagement, in particular with researchers in low- and middle-income countries. Building on the success of that initiative, the Office and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research agreed to continue to support two new research initiatives: a \$20 million investment in Women RISE, for research to promote women's health and economic empowerment for a fair COVID-19 recovery, and a \$24 million investment under the 2022 special call of the New Frontiers in Research Fund, for research for post-pandemic recovery.

10. The United Nations Democracy Fund continued to play a key role in fostering inclusive and participatory democracies by empowering marginalized communities and facilitating the exchange of knowledge. In 2022, the Fund supported projects aimed at advancing media and freedom of information, the rule of law and human rights, and electoral processes and at strengthening civil society interaction with government, youth engagement and women's empowerment.

11. The majority of initiatives supported by UNFIP in 2022 were focused on global health priorities, data equity and the Secretary-General's climate action agenda.

Highlights include measles prevention and treatment programmes implemented by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF; projects designed to create accurate data models that predict humanitarian crises, enabling a timelier release of funds and resources; and a project to increase participation in the Secretary-General's coalition for net zero emissions.

12. The Conscious Fashion and Lifestyle Network of the United Nations continued to provide a platform for textile and creative industry stakeholders, Governments and non-governmental organizations to share sustainable solutions and report progress on their contribution to delivering the Sustainable Development Goals. The Network – a joint initiative of the Office, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Fashion Impact Fund, a non-profit organization – held its inaugural annual meeting on 2 June 2022. It featured discussions on how the platform was fostering the transparent, inclusive and transformative engagement of global stakeholders to drive urgent action for sustainability. The work of the Network was recognized by the Council of Fashion Designers of America with the prestigious 2022 Environmental Sustainability Award, which was accepted by the Deputy Secretary-General on behalf of the United Nations at the annual Council award ceremony on 7 November 2022.

III. Advocacy, engagement and mobilization for the Sustainable Development Goals

A. Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

13. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates are a group of 17 influential public figures, ranging from CEOs and actors to activists and K-pop stars. They are appointed by the Secretary-General to use their unique global platforms to bring awareness of the Goals to their audiences and accelerate ambition around achieving them. There are also currently 11 Advocates Emeritus.

14. The group members have significant followings on social media, which can be leveraged to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals. They have a combined total of nearly 7 million followers on X (formerly known as Twitter) and more than 6 million on Instagram.

15. In March 2022, the Secretary-General appointed the Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, and the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, as new Co-Chairs of the Advocates group. In May 2022, he appointed the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Chobani and founder of the Tent Partnership for Refugees, Hamdi Ulukaya, as a new Sustainable Development Goals Advocate. The President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, and the former Prime Minister of Norway, Erna Solberg, have agreed to stay engaged as Co-Chairs of the Advocates Emeritus group to continue their advocacy for the Goals (see tables 1 and 2).

16. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates programme is hosted by the Office, which connects the Advocates to opportunities worldwide, helps them to engage with the United Nations System and ensures that they are kept up to date on the priorities and messages of the United Nations leadership.

17. The annual meeting of the Advocates with the Secretary-General was held in September 2022. The discussion covered a number of topics, including the need for a new social contract, reform of the global financial architecture, debt relief to enable developing countries to invest in the Sustainable Development Goals, and a sophisticated data system to accurately measure global progress on the Goals. The meeting has contributed to the efforts to advance the Bridgetown initiative led by Ms. Mottley and to create a comprehensive data system with the support of the President of Microsoft, Brad Smith, and other stakeholders.

Table 1
Current Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Title</i>
Mia Mottley	Prime Minister of Barbados (Co-Chair)
Justin Trudeau	Prime Minister of Canada (Co-Chair)
Queen Mathilde of the Belgians	President of Child Focus and UNICEF Belgium
Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar	Founder of the Education Above All Foundation
Muhammad Sanusi II	Emir of Kano and Chair of the Kano State Investment Advisory Committee
Kailash Satyarthi	Founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan and recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize
Hindou Ibrahim	Co-Chair of the International Indigenous People Forum on Climate Change and founder of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad
Graça Machel	Founder of the Graça Machel Trust
Brad Smith	President of Microsoft
Jeffrey Sachs	Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and Director of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Edward Ndopu	Humanitarian and activist
Valentina Muñoz Rabanal	Influencer, activist and programmer
Blackpink	Global influential South Korean K-pop band and Advocates for the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Dia Mirza	Actress and producer
Richard Curtis	Screenwriter, producer and film director
Forest Whitaker	Actor, producer, director, and founder of the Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative
Hamdi Ulukaya	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Chobani and founder of the Tent Partnership for Refugees

Table 2
Sustainable Development Goals Advocates Emeritus

<i>Advocate Emeritus</i>	<i>Title</i>
Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo	President of Ghana
Erna Solberg	Former Prime Minister of Norway
Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden	Founder of Crown Princess Victoria's Fund
Leymah Gbowee	Founder of the Gbowee Peace Foundation and recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

<i>Advocate Emeritus</i>	<i>Title</i>
Muhammed Yunus	Founder of Grameen Bank and recipient of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize
Nadia Murad	Co-recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Goodwill Ambassador
Alaa Murabit	Medical doctor, recipient of the Meritorious Service Cross of Canada and United Nations High-level Commissioner on Health Employment and Economic Growth
Dho Young-Shim	Chair of the Sustainable Tourism for Eliminating Poverty Foundation of the World Tourism Organization
Paul Polman	Co-founder and Chair of IMAGINE, Honorary Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce and The B Team and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Global Compact
Jack Ma	Founder and Executive Chair of the Alibaba Group and founder of the Jack Ma Foundation
Lionel Messi	Football player and 2010 UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
Marta Vieira da Silva	Football player and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Goodwill Ambassador
Shakira Mebarak	Singer, songwriter, philanthropist and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

Table 3

Key activations of Sustainable Development Goals Advocates, 2022

<i>Advocates</i>	<i>Activation</i>
Sheikha Moza bint Nasser and Kailash Satyarthi	Created the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion in the Fan Zone of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar
Valentina Muñoz Rabanal and Kailash Satyarthi	Participated in the opening of the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development as keynote speakers
Mia Mottley and Justin Trudeau	Issued a joint statement at the Summit of the Americas in 2022, outlining their commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals
Mia Mottley, Richard Curtis, Forest Whitaker, Valentina Muñoz Rabanal and Erna Solberg	Recorded a number of video interviews with the United Nations Office for Partnerships at the Sustainable Development Goals Studio in New York, which the Office distributed for amplification
Richard Curtis	Helped the Office to curate the Sustainable Development Goals Moment and produced a video highlighting the urgency of the world's "to-do list" as a reference to the Goals, which served as a call to action
Blackpink	Worked closely with the Office to create a promotional video for the Sustainable Development Goals Moment as well as a video to introduce the climate action segment
Valentina Muñoz Rabanal, Muhammad Sanusi II and Jeffrey Sachs	Participated as panellists in the Transforming Education Summit
Sheikha Moza bint Nasser	Was an education champion on the Transforming Education Summit advisory committee

<i>Advocates</i>	<i>Activation</i>
Mia Mottley and Brad Smith	Participated in the Global Africa Business Initiative with the support of the Office and the United Nations Global Compact
Brad Smith, Hindou Ibrahim, Jeffrey Sachs and Mia Mottley	Had their programmes supported and engagements amplified by the Office at the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, one notable outcome of which was the leadership of Mr. Smith in having Microsoft join the Secretary-General's initiative to ensure global access to early warning systems within the next five years

B. Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub

18. The Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub has engaged, connected and convened a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the year, leveraging their collective capabilities in support of the Goals.

19. To further promote strategic advocacy and movement-building for the Sustainable Development Goals, the Hub convened five coordination meetings during the year, in addition to conducting numerous briefings and holding various bilateral meetings in the lead-up to the high-level week of the General Assembly (see table 4):

Table 4
Dates and topics of Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub meetings in 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
2 February 2022	Plans and priorities
3 March 2022	International Women's Day/sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women
6 April 2022	Financing for Sustainable Development/annual meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund
22 June 2022	United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the progress report of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and the Summit of the Group of Seven Industrialized Countries
26 October 2022	Twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Financing for Development/G20 Summit, and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign

20. For the fourth time since its inception in 2019, the Hub convened the Sustainable Development Goals action zone, an event timed to coincide with the General Assembly. A diverse range of voices discussed some of the key issues, including poverty and inequalities, gender and climate, and demonstrated the impact and scale of collaboration across all generations and sectors of society to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. In 32 sessions, the 82 speakers brought the issues (and the work of the United Nations) beyond the usual audiences to a strong global community from 166 countries (see table 5).

Table 5
Sustainable Development Goals action zone in numbers, 2022

33 sessions:	82 speakers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 opening and closing plenaries • 3 panels with local and global perspectives • 3 “lightning talks” • 11 “in-conversations” • 4 creative performances • 3 live Q&A “ask away” sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 per cent women • 34 per cent under 35 years of age • 63 per cent from the Global South: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11 per cent from Latin America and the Caribbean ○ 29 per cent from Africa ○ 16 per cent from Asia ○ 4 per cent from Oceania ○ 3 per cent from the Middle East
Sectors represented:	Engagement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 per cent activists • 21 per cent United Nations entities • 17 per cent civil society organizations • 13 per cent private sector and foundations • 13 per cent media and creative community • 10 per cent government and local authorities • 5 per cent academia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 239 questions submitted by live audience to speakers ○ 2,004 poll responses from the live audience • Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posts on the @SDGActionZone Instagram and Facebook accounts reached 17,000 followers and prompted 43,500 visits to related profiles on X (formerly known as Twitter) and LinkedIn ○ Teaser film was viewed by more than 14,700 people across all platforms

21. The Hub is a partner of Global Goals Week along with the United Nations Foundation, Project Everyone, the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Global Communications. Global Goals Week is a global coalition of 177 partners to promote collective action on the Sustainable Development Goals during the General Assembly. The Hub supports partner mobilization efforts to bring greater coherence and momentum to this space. In 2022, more than 200 Global Goals Week events were held, including 67 in-person events in 19 countries, with over 167,000 people participating. In addition, more than 960,000 people took part in online events.

C. Climate action mobilization

22. In 2022, the Office supported the Climate Action Team in mobilizing key partners to amplify the Secretary-General’s highest-priority calls to action, accentuating the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 13, on climate action, to all of the other Goals.

23. In liaison with its extensive networks of external stakeholders, the Office identified engaging, high-impact speakers qualified to discuss the latest, most effective solutions to the climate crisis at major United Nations events, such as the COP27 Dialogues, the Sustainable Development Goals action zone and the Sustainable Development Goals Moment.

24. The Office played a pivotal role in the success of the second and final year of the Secretary-General's inaugural Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and recommended candidates for the second cohort, in close partnership with the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

25. The Office provided core support for the Secretary-General's climate agenda during key moments on the global stage, helping to generate global headlines and media visibility and shape the global climate narrative and agenda.

IV. United Nations Democracy Fund

26. The United Nations Democracy Fund provides grants to civil society organizations to strengthen their voices, promote human rights and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. The Fund was established during the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly as a United Nations general trust fund and was officially launched in April 2006.

27. The Fund works at the forefront of civic space protection and promotion amid increasing measures to shrink or close such space globally. Project funding is focused on local civil society organizations in countries that are in both the transition and the consolidation phases of democratization. By supporting civil society organizations, many at the grass-roots level, the Fund plays a synergistic role in the work of the United Nations to strengthen democratic governance globally. In 2022, key project themes included media and freedom of information, the rule of law and human rights, support for electoral processes, strengthening civil society interaction with government, youth engagement and women's empowerment (see table 10).

A. Governance

28. The governing mechanism of the United Nations Democracy Fund, the Advisory Board, includes members from the following groups:

- States Members of the United Nations that made the largest cumulative financial contributions to the Fund over the previous three years
- States Members of the United Nations reflecting geographical diversity
- International civil society organizations
- Individuals serving in their personal capacity (see annex III for the composition of the Board in 2022)

29. The Fund's Programme Consultative Group provides inputs for the project selection process, making use of the specific expertise of each of its members: the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Department of Peace Operations, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). Similarly, United Nations resident coordinators and country teams play a central role in the project selection process and provide support for monitoring and implementation.

30. The Advisory Board continued to play an active leadership role throughout 2022, proposing policy guidance on programme development and funding guidelines and recommending funding proposals for approval by the Secretary-General. The Board met twice in 2022 to endorse projects shortlisted in its sixteenth round of funding, amounting to \$7.5 million, following the fifteenth round, amounting to \$9 million, in 2021. Since its inception, the United Nations Democracy Fund has disbursed \$185 million.

B. Democracy in action

31. The Fund's contribution to advancing the values of democracy was underlined on the fifteenth anniversary of the International Day of Democracy, marked on 15 September 2022. The United Nations Office for Partnerships led the #DemocracyDay social media campaign and hosted a round-table discussion in the Sustainable Development Goals Studio. The discussion centred on the protection of media freedom and media literacy as critical tools for combating misinformation and disinformation.

32. The Fund regularly posts updates, newsletters and news stories on its website, informing the wider public of its achievements and lessons learned from its projects. For highlights of Fund projects in 2022, see tables 6 to 9.

Table 6
Strengthening independent media in the Arab region

Implementing partner	Journalists for Human Rights
Location	Lebanon and Tunisia
Description	Journalists for Human Rights aims to strengthen independent media in the Arab region by enhancing the capacity of journalists to cover sensitive human rights stories and improving their legal knowledge through partnerships with civic actors.
Outcomes	Engagement with the relevant authorities has begun in Lebanon and Tunisia. In Lebanon, 100 per cent of the surveyed sample of trained journalists reported increased confidence in covering human rights issues in their country.

Table 7
Media literacy for evidence-based decision-making

Implementing partner	Africa Check
Location	Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa
Description	One initiative of this civil society organization is aimed at improving fact-checking and media literacy in Africa, where many citizens, including journalists, do not have the skills to interrogate the validity of the avalanche of information with which they are confronted, in particular on social media platforms.
Outcomes	Africa Check has over 8 million subscribers to its WhatsApp chat accounts and is regarded as the fact-checking partner of choice in the countries where the project is in operation.

Table 8
Final report of the Global Commission on Democracy and Emergencies

Implementing partner	Global Commission on Democracy and Emergencies
Location	Global
Description	The final report of the Global Commission on Democracy and Emergencies, presented in January 2022, contained policy recommendations based on lessons learned and best practices.
Outcomes	The report included two key proposals put forward by the United Nations Democracy Fund: (a) States should plan for the phase-down of emergency powers in consultation with civil society; (b) Civic space should be opened and strengthened through participatory direct deliberation mechanisms such as citizen assemblies.

Table 9
Strengthening fair legislation for women affected by sexual violence and exploitation

Implementing partner	Abaad Resource Center for Gender Equality
Location	Lebanon
Description	The work of this non-profit organization is focused on gender equality in Lebanon, a report on which was presented at the fourth session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law at the United Nations Office at Geneva in November 2022.
Objectives	The project is supporting women's political participation and securing the support of members of parliament.

C. Sixteenth round of funding

33. In the sixteenth round of funding, in 2022, the Fund received 2,121 project proposals from organizations across 126 countries. It welcomed proposals that address challenges to civic space and democracy as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Overall, 33 projects were funded in 2022 at a total cost of \$7.5 million (see table 10).

Table 10
United Nations Democracy Fund in numbers, 2022 (sixteenth round of funding)

2,121 project proposals from 126 countries

33 funded projects

Origin of project proposals:

- Middle East and North Africa (24 per cent)
- Africa (28 per cent)
- Asia and the Pacific (18 per cent)
- Europe (15 per cent)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (12 per cent)
- Global (3 per cent)

Key thematic areas:

- Rule of law and human rights (31 per cent)
- Women’s empowerment (21 per cent)
- Youth engagement (21 per cent)
- Support for electoral processes (9 per cent)
- Media and freedom of information (9 per cent)
- Strengthening civil society interaction with government (9 per cent)

D. Seventeenth round of funding

34. In the seventeenth round, the Fund welcomed proposals starting in November 2022 in all its thematic areas. It received 1,872 proposals, mainly from civil society organizations across 133 countries.

V. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

35. UNFIP is a trust fund set up to serve as the primary point of contact between the United Nations and the United Nations Foundation – an independent charitable organization created to work closely with the Organization to drive global progress on key issues and tackle urgent problems.

36. For more than two decades, UNFIP and the United Nations Foundation have worked in close collaboration on hundreds of innovative and cross-sector projects, as well as initiatives implemented by the United Nations system around the world. In doing so, the Fund works towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A. Governance

37. The work of UNFIP is overseen by its Advisory Board, which is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and provides the Secretary-General with advice pertaining to the relationship between the United Nations and the Foundation.

38. The Foundation is governed by an independent international board of directors. Its strategy is informed by the Sustainable Development Goals and priorities of the United Nations, and is focused on the following:

- Strengthening support for United Nations leadership and cooperation to meet collective challenges
- Supporting innovative ways to solve collective challenges and contributing to knowledge and best practices for networked and inclusive multilateralism
- Engaging new constituencies to diversify and strengthen support for the United Nations and collective action in a way that builds resilience

39. To advance these objectives, the Foundation draws on a set of core capabilities, including the provision of a trusted space for dialogue, communications and public engagement to reach new audiences, and the incubation of multi-stakeholder initiatives to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, it mobilizes financial resources for the United Nations.

40. The relationship between the United Nations and the Foundation dates back to 1998 and is governed by a relationship agreement that was most recently renewed in

2014. The principal day-to-day governing mechanisms between the two organizations are the UNFIP Advisory Board and the Joint Coordination Committee, both of which meet at least twice a year.

B. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships projects funded by the United Nations Foundation in 2022

41. Alongside its activities, the United Nations Foundation continues to serve as a vehicle for the United Nations system to mobilize and channel resources from private and charitable sources. The levels of resource flows vary from year to year, as do the thematic priorities, depending on need and opportunity. In 2022, the Foundation disbursed \$27.3 million in funding through UNFIP for various United Nations initiatives. United Nations fiduciary projects were most prominent, totalling \$13.8 million, including more than \$9 million for the Ukraine country-based pooled fund of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Table 11 provides a snapshot of projects supported in 2022 and cumulatively since 1998.

Table 11
United Nations Fund for International Partnerships in numbers

<i>Period</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
2022	\$27.3 million	A total of 23 projects on global health (\$7.6 million), United Nations initiatives (\$5.9 million) and United Nations fiduciaries (\$13.8 million)
1998–2022	\$1.5 billion	A total of 696 projects, 128 participating countries and 48 United Nations implementing partners

42. The following tables are organized by programmatic area and provide details of key grants from the Foundation that were disbursed by UNFIP in 2022.

1. Global health

43. Working closely with WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and other entities, the Foundation works to advance a range of global health priorities, including the reduction of the spread of measles and rubella, the provision of polio vaccines, malaria interventions and prevention strategies, and COVID-19 support for refugee populations (see tables 12 to 16).

Table 12
Measles and rubella

Implementing partners	UNICEF and WHO
Location	Global
Amount	\$3.6 million (1.7 million to UNICEF and \$1.9 million to WHO)
Description	The project was aimed at supporting countries in preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from measles outbreaks.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance coordination mechanisms for measles outbreak preparedness and response • Expand vaccination efforts to vulnerable communities through resource mobilization

Table 13
Measles outbreak preparation

Implementing partner	WHO
Location	Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Niger, Nigeria and South Sudan.
Amount	\$1.7 million
Description	The aim was to reduce the number of measles outbreaks in high-risk countries, reduce the impact of measles on children and strengthen the immunization programmes of countries.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development and implementation of national strategic response plans for measles outbreaks • Strengthen the preparedness and response capacities for measles outbreaks

Table 14
Poliomyelitis

Implementing partner	UNICEF
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.6 million
Description	The project was aimed at enabling the procurement of bivalent oral polio vaccines and enhancing the polio vaccination rate through the support of the Shot@Life campaign of the United Nations Foundation, through which the Foundation works to decrease vaccine-preventable childhood deaths by means of public advocacy and resource mobilization efforts.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinate children in countries with a high risk of polio transmission

Table 15
Malaria

Implementing partner	UNHCR
Location	South Sudan
Amount	\$500,000
Description	The project was aimed at preventing the spread of malaria in South Sudan through the support of the United to Beat Malaria campaign of the United Nations Foundation, through which the Foundation works to increase investment in malaria interventions by means of public advocacy and resource mobilization.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute long-lasting insecticidal nets to prevent the spread of malaria • Conduct behavioural awareness campaigns to inform communities about malaria prevention • Provide support to primary health-care programmes

Table 16
COVID-19 health support for refugees

Implementing partner	UNHCR
Location	Global
Amount	\$100,000
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening health-care systems and improving access to essential health services for refugees during the pandemic.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable access to life-saving health services • Promote essential disease prevention measures

2. United Nations initiatives

44. Working closely with the United Nations system entities, the Foundation provided catalytic and capacity-building support in key areas, including climate action; digital cooperation, data and artificial intelligence; the prohibition of biological weapons; and effective multilateralism (see tables 17 to 23).

Table 17
Climate action

Implementing partner	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
Location	Global
Amount	\$750,000
Description	This project was aimed at supporting the Secretary-General's climate action strategy in addressing the climate crisis through the implementation of a four-pillar strategy focused on mitigation, finance, adaptation and resilience, and mobilization and communication.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation in the number of countries, in particular major emitters, submitting long-term strategies for net zero emissions targets • Increase the number of members of the global Net Zero Emissions Coalition • Increase the participation of key sectors, including shipping, aviation, heavy industry and finance, in committing to credible net zero plans

Table 18
High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism, phase II

Implementing partner	United Nations University
Location	Global
Amount	\$209,000
Description	The project was aimed at preparing for and providing substantive support to the Secretariat for the High-Level Advisory Board between December 2021 and the issuance of its independent report at the end of 2022 or in early 2023.

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out substantive research in the areas of effective multilateralism to support follow-up to Our Common Agenda • Draft framing papers to support the launch of the Advisory Board • Connect the work of the Advisory Board to researchers from the United Nations and civil society organizations • Provide administrative and logistical support for the work of the Advisory Board on the independent report
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Table 19

Implementation of the Secretary-General's Road Map for Digital Cooperation

Implementing partner	Office of the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Technology
Location	Global
Amount	\$10,000
Description	The project was aimed at advancing the implementation of the Road Map for Digital Cooperation through an inclusive and multi-stakeholder approach.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support efforts to establish a baseline of digital connectivity that individuals need in order to access the online space • Establish a multi-stakeholder digital inclusion coalition • Launch a broad, multi-stakeholder network to promote holistic, inclusive approaches to digital capacity-building for sustainable development • Develop system-wide guidance on human rights due diligence and impact assessments in relation to the use of new technologies

Table 20

Global data access

Implementing partners	Executive Office of the Secretary-General, and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Bangkok
Location	Global and South Asia
Amount	\$348,723 to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and \$2.4 million to UNOPS Bangkok
Description	The project was aimed at catalysing the formation of a connected and cohesive ecosystem of “plug-and-play” data and artificial intelligence products and services, including the access to, use and reuse of data, thereby accelerating the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a legal and governance framework, enabling the streamlined sharing of data to minimize legal overheads • Develop flexible data usage to enable data exploration

Table 21
Centre for Humanitarian Data of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Implementing partner	United Nations Office for Project Services
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.3 million
Description	The aim was to improve and scale up the use of forecasts and predictive models to anticipate humanitarian crises.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance through data analysis and the development of models and trigger mechanisms for anticipatory action frameworks • Develop digital tools for local actors to access climate information and monitor forecasts that trigger early actions and support open-access data through the Humanitarian Data Exchange platform • Trigger the release of funds before conditions escalate

Table 22
Global Pulse 2022 innovation portfolio

Implementing partner	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
Location	Global
Amount	\$186,000
Description	The aim was to harness the power of big data and artificial intelligence to protect vulnerable populations during crises.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance digital innovations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, respond effectively to crises and address emerging global challenges • Facilitate the development of global frameworks that maximize the impact of digital innovation, minimize the risk of harm and create pathways to scale and sustainability

Table 23
Preventing the weaponization of biology

Implementing partner	United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
Location	Global
Amount	\$511,746
Description	The aim was to enhance the regime prohibiting biological weapons and build greater transparency in related research activities around the globe.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring the life sciences research community into the discussion • Create technological pathways to enhance transparency • Build a biological risk-mitigation toolkit database

C. Fiduciary agreements

45. A number of United Nations entities have requested assistance from the Foundation to serve as a fiduciary or fiscal agent to receive and disburse charitable contributions in cases where the Foundation's tax-exempt charitable status enables private donations from individuals, foundations or corporate donors for United Nations activities and programmes.

46. In 2022, the Foundation provided, through UNFIP, almost \$13.8 million in funding to United Nations system entities through fiduciary channels (see table 24).

Table 24
Fiduciary agreements

<i>Fiduciary</i>	<i>Funds (United States dollars)</i>
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: mobilizing voluntary contributions for country-based pooled funds	9 155 920
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Central Emergency Response Fund	1 647 419
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Global Fund for Coral Reefs	1 121 250
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat: catalysing climate action and enhanced engagement by non-party stakeholders	714 059
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	473 496
UNOPS: support for the Stop TB Partnership	335 582
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Somalia and South Sudan humanitarian funds	174 366
UNDP: external engagement campaign on climate and inequality	173 672

VI. Conclusion

47. In the face of multiple crises ranging from the climate emergency to geopolitical instability and rising poverty, which have given rise to vulnerable populations increasingly in need of humanitarian aid, the Sustainable Development Goals remain the world's best chance for ensuring a sustainable, inclusive, resilient and peaceful future. However, as we approach the halfway point for the achievement of the Goals in 2030, it is clear that we are far off track.

48. In 2022, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications, the Development Coordination Office, the United Nations Global Compact and other United Nations entities, remains central to the Organization's efforts to generate progress, foster inclusive and innovative spaces for all sectors of society, spearhead a host of high-impact advocacy and partnership initiatives and create innovative and effective collaborations that deliver the Goals.

49. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates used their considerable influence and platforms to call for actions that accelerate the achievement of the Goals, at events including the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Cup and their annual meeting with the Secretary-General. The Goals round tables, which reach a global audience through the United Nations YouTube channel, were a platform for compelling activists, politicians, and senior United Nations officials to discuss a variety of Goals-related themes. The Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub

engaged, connected and convened diverse stakeholders on the advancement of the Goals and was a driver of solutions for global challenges, notably through the Sustainable Development Goals action zone in September 2022.

50. The United Nations Democracy Fund and UNFIP, the trust funds of the United Nations Office for Partnerships, ensured that invaluable financial support was directed to civil society organizations and the innovative work of the United Nations system.

51. Going forward, the Office will strengthen its engagement with Member States to drive impactful and inclusive collaborations towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. In order to foster global solidarity and facilitate cooperation among diverse sectors of society, the Office has embarked on a comprehensive evaluation of its activities with a view to sustaining impactful partnerships and exploring innovative approaches that benefit both humanity and the planet, as it looks ahead.

Annex I

Financial contributions to the United Nations Democracy Fund, by donors, October 2005 to December 2022

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Cumulative contribution received</i>
Algeria	100 000
Argentina	30 000
Australia	9 212 424
Bulgaria	10 000
Canada	2 409 220
Chile	405 005
Croatia	71 000
Cyprus	5 000
Czechia	281 485
Denmark	265 018
Ecuador	5 000
Estonia	10 395
France	4 793 716
Georgia	24 943
Germany	32 900 707
Hungary	75 000
India	32 562 543
Iraq	5 000
Ireland	658 724
Israel	57 500
Italy	2 947 800
Japan	10 180 000
Latvia	15 000
Libya	15 000
Lithuania	49 332
Madagascar	5 000
Malta	11 347
Mongolia	10 000
Morocco	105 000
Panama	44 309
Peru	152 473
Poland	1 393 481
Portugal	150 000
Qatar	10 000 000
Republic of Korea	1 569 317
Romania	472 860
Senegal	100 000
Slovakia	92 147

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Cumulative contribution received</i>
Slovenia	127 924
Spain	5 043 311
Sri Lanka	5 000
Sweden	36 485 495
Türkiye	320 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	683 653
United States of America	79 576 000
Anita and Luca Belgiorno-Nettis Foundation	125 000
Institute on Governance, Canada	2 230
Total	233 564 359

Annex II

Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Democracy Fund, 2022

Member States who have made the largest cumulative financial contributions to the Fund over the previous three years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States of America • Sweden • Germany • Canada • Poland • India • Republic of Korea
Member States appointed by the Secretary-General to reflect diverse geographical representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chile • Greece • Maldives • Morocco • Nepal • Senegal
Non-governmental organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIVICUS • Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network
Individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Braam (Netherlands): Executive Director, Bertelsmann Foundation, North America, and First Vice-President and Board Director, Bertelsmann Stiftung Board, Germany • Mahmood Mamdani (Uganda): Professor of Government, Anthropology, Political Science and African Studies, Columbia University, Chancellor, Kampala International University, and Director, Makerere Institute of Social Research

Annex III**Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, 2022**

Chair

Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General

Member States

In the capacity of the President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly:

Collen Vixen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations (until July 2022)

In the capacity of the Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly:

Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations (until September 2022)

In the capacity of the President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly:

Lachezara Stoeva, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations (from July 2022)

United Nations

Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management, Strategy and Compliance

Annemarie Hou, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships (ex officio)

Civil society

Yassine Fall, Economist

Luis A. Ubiñas, President of the Board of Trustees, Pan American Development Foundation
