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### **United Nations Office for Partnerships**

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#### Summary

The United Nations Office for Partnerships is a global gateway for uniting stakeholders to advance the Sustainable Development Goals: it convenes, co-creates and mobilizes multi-stakeholder partnerships and initiatives to grow solutions that support the achievement of the Goals. The Office guides and engages with internal and external partners at all levels to innovate and amplify action to accelerate progress towards 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 development of the United Nations system, 2019 (A/74/73-E/2019/14). In accordance with Assembly decisions 52/466 and 53/475, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly of the activities and impact of the Office every year.

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### I. United Nations Office for Partnerships

- 1. The United Nations Office for Partnerships serves as a global gateway to the United Nations: it convenes, creates and mobilizes partnerships and fosters multi-stakeholder engagement with the United Nations system to drive impactful global change.
- 2. Through its network of global leaders, influential figures and organizations, the Office works to address global challenges with a strategic and inclusive approach. It acts as a guiding partner for internal and external organizations on partnerships and programmes related to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 3. The Office engages with Member States and United Nations system partners to advance solutions, fostering discussion to help to scale up action at all levels. Its expertise in convening stakeholders and managing programmes enables the Office to play a unique role in advancing United Nations priorities. In addition, it supports the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in implementing key initiatives that complement its multi-stakeholder engagement approach.
- 4. The Office works to achieve these aims through its constituent teams that work on the following areas:
- (a) United Nations Fund for International Partnerships. As the primary interface between the United Nations Foundation and the United Nations system, the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) 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, climate action, digital cooperation and equality for girls and women;
- (b) **Sustainable Development Goals Advocates**. The Office supports the work of the Advocates, 17 influential champions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development appointed by the Secretary-General to promote the Organization's priorities and messages. The Prime Ministers of Barbados and Canada are the current Co-Chairs of the Sustainable Development Advocates group;
- (c) **Climate action mobilization**. The Office assists the work of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to mobilize support for ambitious climate action;
- (d) Women Rise for All initiative. Launched in 2020, this is an initiative of the Deputy Secretary-General aimed at amplifying the voice of the Secretary-General and leveraging women's leadership, to keep the promise of the Goals. The Office manages the initiative, connecting women leaders and networks around the world to the United Nations. We the Women is a campaign under the Women Rise for All initiative, conducted in collaboration with the Government of Germany, to engage women around the world in shaping solutions for the future;
- (e) United Nations Democracy Fund. This is a general trust fund that supports projects aimed at strengthening the voice of civil society organizations, promoting human rights and encouraging the participation of all groups in democratic processes.
- 5. The United Nations Office for Partnerships collaborates closely on key issues with the United Nations partnership ecosystem, including the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, the Department of Global Communications, the Development Coordination Office, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Climate Action Team, the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Youth Office, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

### II. Year in review

- 6. At a time of escalating conflicts, worsening climate impacts and deep geopolitical divisions, the world faces mounting challenges that threaten the progress made towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Rising economic inequalities are putting millions of people further at risk of being left behind.
- 7. The 2024 Summit of the Future, which culminated in the adoption of the Pact for the Future, marked a significant turning point. In the far-reaching Pact, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating progress towards achieving the Goals while advancing new global initiatives, including the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations.
- 8. In 2024, the Office played a key role in forging strategic collaborations and fostering cross-sector engagement to drive sustainable development. Through flagship initiatives, high-level meetings and multi-stakeholder dialogues, it worked to bridge critical gaps in the climate agenda and to strengthen women's leadership, the positive use of technology and policy implementation.
- 9. Throughout the year and with the support of the Office, the Deputy Secretary-General led a series of high-level meetings that brought together global leaders, experts and innovators to accelerate progress towards achieving the Goals. These meetings served as powerful platforms for collaboration, helping to train the spotlight on urgent priorities.

#### **III.** United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

10. UNFIP is a trust fund that serves as the primary point of contact between the United Nations and the United Nations Foundation. In 2024, UNFIP and the Foundation worked in close collaboration on cross-sectoral projects and initiatives implemented by the UNFIP global network of 50 United Nations system entities.

#### A. Governance

- 11. 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.
- 12. The Foundation is governed by an independent international board of directors and its work with the United Nations system is governed by a relationship agreement. The agreement reaffirms the Foundation's mission: to conduct public education and engagement activities aimed at diversifying and strengthening support for the United Nations; to provide a platform for cross-sectoral innovation to advance the work of the United Nations; and to mobilize financial resources for the United Nations and its priorities.
- 13. The governing mechanisms between the United Nations and the Foundation are the UNFIP Advisory Board and the Joint Coordination Committee.

## B. Funding for thematic priorities, including global health, energy and climate, and United Nations initiatives

14. The United Nations Foundation disbursed \$23.5 million in funding through UNFIP in 2024, including \$12.7 million in grants for United Nations projects and \$10.8 million to United Nations system entities through fiduciaries. Global health

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projects were most prominent, totalling \$6.8 million (see annex I, table 1). Key initiatives supported by the Foundation through UNFIP in 2024 fell under the areas of global health, and energy and climate.

#### C. Fiduciary agreements

- 15. At the request of the United Nations, the Foundation establishes and maintains fiduciary mechanisms to encourage charitable support for United Nations funds, entities and initiatives. These mechanisms allow the Foundation to receive and disburse contributions on a charitable basis from private donors to the United Nations, including to enable tax-exempt donations from United States and global donors, where appropriate.
- 16. In 2024, United Nations system entities used fiduciary agreements to secure approximately \$10.8 million from diverse donors. These funds were channelled by the Foundation to United Nations system entities through UNFIP (see annex I, tables 1 to 27).
- 17. The following United Nations funds, entities and initiatives have a fiduciary agreement with the Foundation:

#### • Funds:

- Central Emergency Response Fund
- Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund
- Peacebuilding Fund
- United Nations Capital Development Fund
- Global Fund for Coral Reefs
- Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund
- Montenegro Acceleration Fund
- Multiple country-based pooled funds
- Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan

#### • Entities:

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- United Nations Office for Partnerships
- United Nations Youth Office
- Mine Action Service
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

#### Initiatives:

- Early Warnings for All (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Stop TB Partnership (United Nations Office for Project Services)
- United Nations voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

- Peace Support Facility emergency repair of a floating storage and offloading tanker in Yemen (UNDP)
- United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UNDP)
- The Lion's Share Fund (UNDP)
- UNITLIFE trust fund (United Nations Capital Development Fund)

# IV. Advocacy, engagement and mobilization for the Sustainable Development Goals

#### A. Sustainable Development Goals Lounge

- 18. Transformative change begins with conversations that bridge divides and inspire action. The need for such conversations inspired the United Nations Office for Partnerships to reimagine the historic reading room of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library by transforming it into the Sustainable Development Goals Lounge.
- 19. The Lounge provided a vital platform, during the high-level week of the General Assembly, for critically assessing progress and discussing actionable next steps. More than 110 speakers were featured, including five current Heads of State and Government, seven ministers, three former Heads of State and Government and a broad range of senior United Nations representatives, private sector leaders, activists and experts. Sessions were focused on tackling the barriers to successfully achieving the Goals and charting paths forward.
- 20. Discussions were focused on solutions to many of today's most pressing global challenges from financial reform and gender equity to climate action, health, education and the ethical governance of artificial intelligence.
- 21. During the event, Denmark pledged to increase its contributions to the International Development Association (IDA) by 40 per cent, reinforcing support for its twenty-first replenishment. IDA, a key financial resource, aids 77 low-income countries, including 40 in Africa.
- 22. Dialogues on food systems catalysed new collaborations between the private sector, the Government of Rwanda and private foundations, marking a significant step towards more resilient, sustainable and accessible food systems.
- 23. Conversations in the Lounge also advanced the global dialogue on artificial intelligence, underscoring the urgent need for inclusive and robust artificial intelligence infrastructure and spurring follow-up commitments and new private and public sector investments to support the development of such infrastructure.
- 24. The Lounge was the culmination of collaborative efforts by numerous stakeholders and Member States to take meaningful action to accelerate progress towards achieving the Goals. It created pathways for multi-stakeholder engagement in support of the Pact for the Future, particularly in the area of building artificial intelligence skills.
- 25. The success of the Lounge demonstrated the transformative potential of partnerships in action. Over five days, the Lounge hosted more than 21 hours of programming and more than 2,000 in-person attendees, with more than 500,000 attending discussions remotely.

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#### **B.** Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

- 26. The Secretary-General's Sustainable Development Goals Advocates are a group of 17 influential public figures, ranging from chief executive officers to actors and activists. They use their global platforms to bring awareness of the Goals to their global audiences and galvanize ambition. They have a combined total of nearly 23 million followers on social media.
- 27. The terms of seven Advocates ended in 2024: Blackpink, Eddie Ndopu, Forest Whitaker, Muhammad Sanusi II, Kailash Satyarthi, Richard Curtis and Valentina Muñoz Rabanal. Four new Advocates were appointed in 2024: Massimo Bottura, Monica Geingos, Lilly Singh and Diane von Furstenberg.
- 28. 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 they are kept up to date on the priorities and messages of senior leadership.
- 29. In 2024, the Advocates convened, advocated and supported initiatives around key priorities including artificial intelligence, food systems, climate action, gender equality and financing for development.
- 30. The annual meeting of the Advocates group with the Secretary-General was held at the Sustainable Development Goals Lounge. The Advocates acknowledged that, while the Goals represent a shared vision for the future, renewed global commitment, stronger governance mechanisms and innovative strategies are essential to overcome challenges to their achievement.

#### **Current Sustainable Development Goals Advocates**

Advocate	Title
Mia Mottley	Prime Minister of Barbados (Co-Chair)
Justin Trudeau	Former Prime Minister of Canada, for the period 2015–2025 (Co-Chair)
Queen Mathilde of the Belgians	Honorary President of Child Focus and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Belgium
Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar	Founder of the Education Above All Foundation
Hindou Ibrahim	Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples' 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	Vice Chair and President of Microsoft
Jeffrey Sachs	Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and President of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Diane von Furstenberg	Fashion designer, philanthropist and author

Advocate	Title
Massimo Bottura	Chef and owner, Osteria Francescana and founder of Food for Soul
Lilly Singh	Award-winning entertainer and founder of the Unicorn Island Fund
Monica Geingos	Executive Chairperson, One Economy Foundation and Chancellor of Kepler College
Dia Mirza	Actress, producer and United Nations Environment Programme Goodwill Ambassador
Hamdi Ulukaya	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Chobani and founder of the Tent Partnership for Refugees

#### Box 1

## **Examples of the activities of the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates in 2024**

The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, has been a prominent voice for comprehensive reform of the global financial architecture to enable greater investment in sustainable development. Together with the Deputy Secretary-General, she communicated the importance of initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goal stimulus and the Bridgetown Initiative for the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture at the 2024 Global Inclusive Growth Summit, held during the Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C.

The former Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, led the group's efforts to raise awareness of the Goals, with a focus on education and climate action. With newly appointed Advocate Lilly Singh, he opened the Sustainable Development Goals Moment during the high-level week of the General Assembly. He also co-hosted an event on the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge at the Sustainable Development Goals Lounge.

Queen Mathilde travelled to Côte d'Ivoire in 2024 in her capacity as Advocate to highlight the progress made and challenges faced by that country with respect to the Goals. Her trip was coordinated by the Royal Palace of Brussels, the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Resident Coordinator Office.

As the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2024, Hindou Ibrahim continued to advocate the inclusion of Indigenous communities and Indigenous knowledge in high-level networks. For example, she encouraged the presidency of the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to include Indigenous communities in the deliberations of the Conference and advised on Indigenous issues in that connection. She is continuing her advocacy efforts in advance of the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Office supported and coordinated all these engagements in collaboration with the wider United Nations system and Member States.

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#### C. Women Rise for All

- 31. In partnership with the Government of Germany, UN-Women and country teams, the United Nations Office for Partnerships spearheaded the We the Women campaign under the umbrella of the Women Rise for All initiative. As part of the campaign, a global survey was launched on International Women's Day; more than 25,000 women from 185 countries responded, offering critical insights into their hopes, the challenges that they face and their priorities for the future. The survey results provided the foundation for the campaign's advocacy efforts in the lead-up to the Summit of the Future.
- 32. To complement the survey with qualitative insights, eight intergenerational dialogues were also convened, in Barbados, Bhutan, Chile, Honduras, Jordan, Morocco, Namibia and Nigeria. These dialogues brought more than 300 women together to discuss women's leadership in advancing the Goals.
- 33. In March 2024, in collaboration with the Vital Voices Global Partnership, the Office presented an interactive exhibition entitled "Portraits of progress: women powering the global Goals" at United Nations Headquarters. Together with the Government of Germany, the Office also co-hosted a We the Women breakfast during the Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C., with a view to strengthening the network of women leaders committed to advancing development policies.
- 34. The results of the global survey were released in June 2024. Notwithstanding the serious challenges that they faced, 85 per cent of respondents identified as advocates for women's rights and 60 per cent expressed optimism about increased women's leadership over the next decade. Women across all regions shared a determination and readiness to shape the future, while highlighting key barriers such as mental health, the burden of unpaid care work, economic insecurity and exclusion from decision-making. They called for a more inclusive multilateral system. The report containing the results was launched at the Sustainable Development Goals Studio, at an event featuring the Deputy Secretary-General, the Executive Director of UN-Women, Sima Bahous, and the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany, Svenja Schulze.
- 35. In September 2024, during the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, the second annual Women Rise for All lunch brought together more than 60 women leaders to highlight the pivotal role of women in advancing the Goals and to strengthen women's connection to the United Nations and international networks. The event amplified the voices of women leaders across diverse sectors. A highlight of the lunch was the presentation of the We the Women campaign and the unveiling of the results of the global survey, which revealed the priorities of women worldwide. The event also showcased the We the Women campaign film, in which women's leadership was celebrated and connections across borders were fostered. It was followed by a panel discussion highlighting diverse changemakers and reinforcing the importance of women-led solutions.
- 36. In parallel, the Office hosted a We the Women photo exhibition, highlighting the leadership and resilience of women around the world. The Office joined forces with JC Decaux and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Fund to feature the campaign on 15 digital billboards across New York City, with a view to increasing awareness and strengthening engagement in the initiative.

#### D. Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian settings

- 37. In 2024, the United Nations Office for Partnerships developed a new initiative to scale up and accelerate mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian settings, which is a key priority for the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General.
- 38. In 2018, the Secretary-General convened a round table on mental health in coordination with a number of United Nations organizations and the Wellcome Trust. In continuation of this effort, in 2024 the Office collaborated with the Wellcome Trust, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to co-host a retreat, which brought together over 50 experts from various sectors. The retreat was convened by the Deputy Secretary-General and co-hosted by the Chair of the Wellcome Trust and former Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard.
- 39. Participants included leaders and technical experts from United Nations entities (WHO, UNICEF, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), the Department of Safety and Security, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, Member States (Lebanon, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Sierra Leone, United States of America and Zambia), international organizations and non-governmental organizations (World Vision International, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Rescue Committee, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and War Child), academia (University of Copenhagen, New York University and Queen Margaret University) and the private sector (Spotify and Google).
- 40. The retreat led to the adoption of the Greentree Acceleration Plan, a strategic framework for scaling up evidence-based interventions in humanitarian settings and accelerating research and innovation in mental health and psychosocial support. The Plan contains recommendations aimed at ensuring that mental health and psychosocial support are prioritized in global international humanitarian aid frameworks.
- 41. Under the leadership of Julia Gillard, the Wellcome Trust intends to provide catalytic funding over the next three years to support the Greentree Acceleration Plan. Its implementation will begin in two countries, with a special focus on displaced populations and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

#### E. Climate action mobilization

- 42. In 2024, the United Nations Office for Partnerships played a key role in supporting the Secretary-General's climate priorities, with a focus on high-level advocacy and youth mobilization.
- 43. A major milestone was the "Moment of truth" climate address delivered by the Secretary-General on 5 June 2024. In the speech to mark World Environment Day, the Secretary-General presented stark new data on the state of the climate and called for urgent, transformative action from world leaders to keep the 1.5°C target alive. The Office provided concept development, communications, partner coordination and logistics for the event.
- 44. In the lead-up to the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Office organized high-level meetings during the General Assembly. The Mission 1.5 climate engagement campaign, organized in cooperation with the Secretary-General's

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Climate Action Team, highlighted the need for accelerated national action, just energy transitions and climate finance. At the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge event, co-hosted by the then Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the Office, and featuring ambitious private sector voices, pricing was emphasized as a key tool for global decarbonization. The Early Warnings for All event in support of the Secretary-General's Early Warnings for All climate initiative, which was co-hosted by WMO and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, brought together global leaders, including the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, and ministers from Chad and Maldives, as well as private sector voices, such as the Vice Chair and President of Microsoft and Sustainable Development Goals Advocate, Brad Smith. The event served to showcase progress towards the establishment of universal early warning systems by 2027, as well as the role of public-private collaboration in scaling up climate resilience. Leaders committed to advancing the initiative by strengthening efforts at all levels, mobilizing innovative financing and turning technology and policy into real, on-the-ground solutions for the communities most at risk.

- 45. The Office provided sustained support to the Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, including by facilitating the Group's first meeting of the year with the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, and coordinating regular engagement with YOUNGO and the Youth Climate Champion of the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Office also co-hosted an event entitled "Youth Climate Lab: keeping 1.5 alive" on the margins of the Economic and Social Council youth forum, in partnership with UNDP and UNICEF.
- 46. In addition, the Office supported four regional youth climate consultations, in Africa, Latin America, Europe and North America, where young people reflected on the outcomes of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and provided recommendations for future action.

#### F. United Nations Sustainable Fashion and Lifestyle Network

47. Recognizing the environmental, economic and social impacts of the fashion and lifestyle industries, the United Nations Sustainable Fashion and Lifestyle Network, which is co-led by the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, continued to drive progress. Through its events in 2024, the Network grew partnerships to make an impact in the lifestyle sector and highlighted the industry's unique potential to shift mindsets and inspire climate-conscious consumer behaviours. For example, the Network enabled a key partnership between the Government of Sweden, the Swedish School of Textiles and the Department of Global Communications that resulted in a new generation of sustainable uniforms that were designed by students and provided in kind to tour guides at United Nations Headquarters.

### V. United Nations Democracy Fund

48. Established during the 2005 World Summit, the United Nations Democracy Fund is a grant-making body that supports civil society organizations and the participation of all groups in democratic processes, particularly in countries experiencing democratic challenges and transitions (see annex II, box 1).

#### A. Governance

- 49. The Fund's governing mechanism is its Advisory Board, which is composed of Member States, international civil society organizations and individuals serving in their personal capacity (see annex II, table 2).
- 50. The Fund's Programme Consultative Group provides inputs for the project selection process, drawing on the expertise of each of its entities: the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Department of Peace Operations, OHCHR, UNDP, UNODC and UN-Women.
- 51. Resident coordinators and country teams play a central role in the project selection process and provide support for monitoring and implementation.
- 52. The Advisory Board continued to play an active leadership role throughout 2024, proposing policy guidance on programme development and funding guidelines and considering and recommending funding proposals for approval by the Secretary-General. The Board met twice in 2024.

#### B. Democracy in action

53. To commemorate the International Day of Democracy, on 10 September 2024, the Fund co-convened a discussion on the impact of artificial intelligence on democratic processes, civic engagement and governance. The event brought together experts from civil society, academia and the United Nations to explore opportunities and challenges related to artificial intelligence in democratic contexts.

#### Box 2

#### Highlights of United Nations Democracy Fund projects in 2024

The Legal Aid Society is working to advance women's rights in marriage in Pakistan. As part of the project, marriage contracts are being properly documented to protect women's rights. Community engagement activities are designed to educate women about, and to empower them to claim, their rights.

The Gender Centre for Empowering Development is working to increase the participation of young women in political parties in Ghana. As part of the project, gender-sensitive party policies have been formulated and workshops and mentorship programmes are being organized to nurture young women's leadership skills, preparing them for active roles in politics.

The Strengthening Youth Movements for Inclusion in Local Development Policy project is empowering young people in Colombia to drive civic and environmental change. Through advocacy campaigns and innovative social media strategies, it fosters civic participation, democratic discussion and sound governance by engaging young people in local development policies and environmental activism.

#### C. Eighteenth round of funding

54. The call for proposals for the eighteenth round of funding was open from 1 to 30 November 2023. The Fund received 1,863 project proposals from organizations across 133 countries, the largest share of which were submitted by local civil society organizations in Africa. Overall, 25 projects were approved for funding in 2024, at a total cost of \$4.79 million (see annex II, table 2).

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#### VI. Conclusion

- 55. In 2024, the international community's focus was on consolidation and calibration; the Summit of the Future added impetus and direction with only five years remaining in which to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. However, escalating conflicts and the climate crisis have significantly undermined the global community's efforts to accelerate progress towards achieving the Goals and to ensure that no one is left behind.
- 56. The United Nations Office for Partnerships remains committed to advancing global goals through collaborative partnerships. This will be achieved through a focus on the core functions of the Office, and its ability to convene, advocate, and engage. The Office will continue to create and nurture partnerships across sectors. The need to articulate the value of multilateralism and a shared commitment to a better and fairer world will only become more acute in the coming years. The Office will deliver on its mission to be a global gateway to the United Nations in order to keep the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Annex I

## **United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)**

Table 1

Funding of United Nations projects and fiduciaries by the United Nations Foundation through the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

January–December 2024	
United Nations Foundation funding to the	Projects in the following areas:
United Nations system	• \$6.8 million – global health
	• \$5.0 million – United Nations initiatives
	• \$900,000 - energy and climate
	Subtotal: \$12.7 million
United Nations Foundation fiduciaries for the United Nations system entities	Subtotal: \$10.8 million
	Total: \$23.5 million
1998–2024	
Total United Nations Foundation grants to the	720 projects
United Nations system disbursed by UNFIP since 1998: \$1.5 billion <sup>a</sup>	138 participating countries
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> In addition, just over \$200 million has been cumulatively granted to United Nations entities through channels other than UNFIP, although that funding has also been reported to UNFIP.

Tables 2 to 26 provide details of key grants from the Foundation that were disbursed by UNFIP in 2024.

#### 1. Global health

The Foundation has a long track record of collaboration with the United Nations system on global health, including the World Health Organization (WHO), The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other United Nations entities.

Table 2 **Measles outbreak preparation** 

Implementing partner	WHO
Location	Global
Amount	\$1 million
Description	The project was aimed at helping countries to prevent, respond to and recover from measles outbreaks, while strengthening surveillance for rapid detection.

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Outcomes

• Enhanced coordination for measles outbreak preparedness and response.

• Expanded vaccination in middle-income countries that are not eligible for Gavi Alliance support.

• Strengthened national capacity for preparedness and surveillance.

Table 3
Strengthening health system resilience through immunization

Implementing partners	WHO and UNICEF
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.8 million (WHO) and \$1.8 million (UNICEF)
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening health system resilience across all phases of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks.
Outcomes	• Faster response to vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks, and early warnings.
	• Fewer large-scale or disruptive vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks globally.
	<ul> <li>Increased immunization coverage and immunity in vulnerable and wider populations.</li> </ul>
	• Reduced under-vaccination in high-risk areas as a result of targeted strategies.
	• Improved vaccine confidence and demand.
	• Lower vaccine-preventable disease-related illness and deaths through coordinated responses.
	• Stronger health systems through root cause analysis and efforts aligned with measles outbreak strategic response plans.
	• Enhanced vaccine-preventable disease surveillance and lab capacity for timely detection.

Table 4 **Oral polio vaccine for children** 

Implementing partner	UNICEF
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.1 million
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the vaccination of approximately 10.8 million children in polio-affected and high-risk countries.
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Reached 10.8 million children under 5 years of age with polio immunization and services.</li> </ul>
	• Improved strategic polio vaccine management and supply.
	• Strengthened outbreak response and preparedness capacity.

Table 5

## Implementing malaria prevention and control activities for vulnerable refugees and nearby host communities

Implementing partner UNHCR

Location Ethiopia and South Sudan

Amount \$500,000

Description The project supported malaria prevention and control for vulnerable

refugees and host communities in Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Outcome Strengthened healthcare systems through training, staffing and campaign

design.

Table 6

## Achieving well-being for all: strengthening health systems and services for refugees and host communities

Implementing partner	UNHCR
implementing parties	UNITOR

Location Ethiopia and Uganda

Amount \$500,000

Description A project to enhance sustainable access to quality, affordable health services

for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia and Uganda, aimed at

improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on host community systems.

Outcome UNHCR will be able to continue to prioritize live-saving health protection

for vulnerable communities at risk of malaria and communicable diseases

in Ethiopia and Uganda.

Table 7

#### Mobilizing local private sector response to reduce maternal and newborn health disparities

Implementing partner United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Location Kenya

Amount \$140,000

Description The project was aimed at improving the quality of maternal and newborn

health services in private healthcare facilities in arid and semi-arid lands

(Narok County) and Nairobi's informal urban settlements.

Outcomes • 25 per cent increase in maternal and newborn use of target facilities.

• Higher client satisfaction due to improved quality of care.

#### 2. Energy and climate

As the demand for minerals crucial to renewable energy technologies continues to rise, the Foundation collaborated closely with the Office of the Secretary-General to leverage the convening power of the United Nations.

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Table 8

Secretary-General's panel on critical energy transition minerals

Implementing partner Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Location Global
Amount \$552,000

Description In response to developing countries' requests, the Secretary-General

convened a panel on critical energy transition minerals at the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Outcomes In its report, the panel identifies ways to ground the renewables revolution

in justice and equity, so that it spurs sustainable development, respects people, protects the environment and powers prosperity in resource-rich developing countries. The panel sets out seven guiding principles to direct action across the value chain and five actionable recommendations to help

to put the principles into practice.

Table 9
Support to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Implementing partner Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Location Bonn, Germany

Amount \$380,000

Description The secretariat provides the foundation for global cooperation to address

climate change.

Outcome Successful, inclusive negotiations with the participation of representatives

of eligible developing countries.

#### 3. United Nations initiatives

Working with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and other United Nations entities, the Foundation supported leadership initiatives with transformative potential in areas ranging from global data access and disability inclusion to climate governance, civic space and youth engagement.

Table 10

#### Centre for humanitarian data of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Implementing partner United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Location Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Amount \$1.4 million

Description The project was aimed at improving data and forecasting to anticipate

shocks and enable early humanitarian responses.

#### Outcomes

- Relevant data available to support the development of trigger mechanisms.
- Central emergency response fund and country-based pooled fund anticipatory action allocations are based on robust trigger mechanisms and other risk analyses.
- Data science capacity boosted in six countries and regional offices prioritized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Table 11

#### Strengthening the disaster resilience of small and medium-sized enterprises

Implementing partner	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
Location	Bridgetown, Barbados; Sendai, Japan; Barcelona, Spain; and Geneva, Switzerland
Amount	\$1.7 million
Description	The project was aimed at supporting public and private sector engagement to strengthen the climate resilience of small and medium-sized enterprises.
Outcomes	• Landscaping studies carried out.
	• Workshops, recommendations and resources for planning and investment.
	<ul> <li>Novel business continuity plans developed by select small and medium- sized enterprises.</li> </ul>
	• Trainers trained.
	Lessons and impact stories shared.

Table 12

## Strengthening community resilience by promoting climate and environmental governance for sustainable livelihoods in south-eastern Mexico

Implementing partner	United Nations Development Programme – Mexico
Location	Central and south-eastern Mexico
Amount	\$874,000
Description	The project was aimed at helping communities in the Yucatán peninsula and Los Altos de Chiapas adapt to the climate crisis.
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Three community resilience mechanisms in the Yucatán peninsula developed sustainability instruments for long-term performance.</li> </ul>
	• Four community-based groups in the Los Altos de Chiapas region and one in the Yucatán peninsula region established new livelihood resilience mechanisms, reducing vulnerability to climate impacts.
	• Each beneficiary group increased its knowledge of local adaptation actions.

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- A total of 25 communities on the Yucatán peninsula that are regularly affected by climate disasters will strengthen their food production systems for enhanced security and autonomy.
- Youth and women in two types of market-oriented employment were integrated into the traditional food production system in 25 Mayan communities on the Yucatán peninsula.
- A local and participatory water quality monitoring network, and contamination solutions, will be established in 20 Yucatán peninsula communities.

Table 13 **Data insight for social and humanitarian action** 

Implementing partner	UNOPS
Location	South Asia and global
Amount	\$475,000
Description	The project was aimed at catalysing a connected and cohesive ecosystem of "plug-and-play" data and artificial intelligence products.
Outcomes	• A facility to implement Global Data Access Initiative pilot use cases was developed.
	• Two use cases, damage assessment and vulnerability mapping, were launched as scalable proof of concept.
	• A central platform was built to enable front-line users to access Global Data Access Initiative products.
	• Aligned with partners on impact tracking, key performance indicators and deliverables for the first impact wave.
	• Front-line workers are trained, capable and actively using Initiative tools.
	• Reusable data assets, machine learning products and legal templates were created; piloting with users is under way.
	• Platforms are maintained, with fast resolution of technical issues.
	• Scaling is under way with pilot expansion in progress.
	• The role of the Initiative in the artificial intelligence for social good space is established.
	• Strong partner relationships are being built and maintained to support the objectives of the Initiative.
	• Through communication, the credibility of and awareness about the Initiative within the artificial intelligence for social good ecosystem is being enhanced.

Table 14 Addressing racism and promoting dignity for all in the United Nations Secretariat

Implementing partner	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
Location	Johannesburg, South Africa, and New York, United States of America
Amount	\$147,000
Description	The project was aimed at combating racism and racial discrimination within the Secretariat.
Outcomes	• A United Nations workplace that actively addresses racism, ensures accountability and promotes dignity and inclusion is being fostered.
	<ul> <li>Mandate delivery is supported by building an organizational culture of belonging, equity and engagement for all, regardless of race, colour or national origin.</li> </ul>

Table 15 **Protection of civic space in El Salvador** 

Implementing partner	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Location	El Salvador
Amount	\$95,000
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening the capacity of United Nations human rights bodies and civil society organizations to monitor and document risks to and attacks against civil society actors.
Outcomes	• More systematic monitoring of civic space in El Salvador, including by civil society organizations, has increased the availability of information on the state of civic space and related threats for key stakeholders, including OHCHR.
	<ul> <li>Civil society organizations are increasingly engaging with international mechanisms with regard to attacks on human rights defenders, including environmental and women human rights defenders, and threats to civic space.</li> </ul>
	• Salvadoran civil society organizations are increasingly providing network-based support and assistance to activists, human rights defenders and journalists facing threats or attacks.

Table 16 **Towards successful Summit of the Future Action Days** 

Implementing partner	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
Location	New York
Amount	\$93,000
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening inclusive multilateralism by fostering impactful engagement and broad stakeholder inclusion around the Summit of the Future and beyond.

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#### Outcomes

- Through visual assets and communications materials, Action Days participants engaged with the themes and goals of the Summit of the Future.
- Enhanced inclusivity and accessibility of the Action Days through multimedia and multilingual services.
- Momentum from the Summit and Action Days sustained by promoting related assets across United Nations platforms throughout 2025.

Table 17

#### Support to the United Nations Youth Office

Implementing partner	United Nations Youth Office
Location	New York
Amount	\$60,000
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening youth engagement and advocacy on sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights within the United Nations.
Outcome	Enhanced staff capacity at the Youth Office for the successful implementation of the youth, peace and security agenda and disability inclusion.

Table 18

#### 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference

Implementing partner	Department of Global Communications
Location	Nairobi
Amount	\$50,000
Description	The 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference provided a platform for civil society organizations to contribute ideas, recommendations and lessons in the lead-up to the Summit of the Future and the adoption of the Pact for the Future.
Outcomes	• Increased global awareness of the Summit of the Future and the Pact for the Future.
	• Facilitated the participation of at least 200 representatives from grass-roots organizations and marginalized groups in the Summit.
	• Resulted in a comprehensive report aggregating civil society inputs.

Table 19 United Nations resident coordinators global meeting 2023

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Location New York \$50,000 Amount

Description The annual resident coordinators global meeting was a critical opportunity

> for resident coordinators to engage with the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and other key senior United Nations system leaders, and

to share experiences with each other.

Resident coordinators contributed to: Outcomes

- Strategic guidance, trend insights and clear expectations for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development following the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, and looking ahead to the Summit of the Future.
- Renewed commitment to lead coherent, effective United Nations development support at the country level.
- Clarity on United Nations development system reform progress and consensus on areas needing acceleration, in accordance with the guidance of the Economic and Social Council contained in the 2023 report of the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and the resident coordinator system review.
- Sharing and gaining of knowledge on good practices with regard to critical cross-cutting issues (thematic, organizational and coordination-related).
- A 50 per cent increase in global awareness of the Summit of the Future and the Pact for the Future, according to social media and survey data.
- Inclusion of more than 200 representatives of grass-roots organizations and marginalized groups in the Summit, with at least 30 per cent stakeholder diversity.
- A civil society report with more than 100 recommendations, which was submitted to the Summit's drafting committee.

Table 20 Implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy

Implementing partner	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
implementing partner	Executive of the secretary General

Location New York \$47,000 Amount

Description The project was aimed at sustaining progress on and strengthening

implementation and monitoring of the United Nations Disability Inclusion

Strategy across the United Nations system.

Outcomes • United Nations accountability with respect to disability inclusion is being strengthened internally and externally.

> • External and internal outreach and communication are supporting the mainstreaming of disability inclusion.

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Table 21

Mobilizing voluntary contributions for country-based pooled funds

Implementing partner Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Location Global

Amount \$4.7 million

Description Country-based pooled funds are established by the United Nations

Emergency Relief Coordinator when a new emergency occurs or when an

existing humanitarian situation deteriorates.

Outcomes Contributions are pooled into unearmarked funds to support local

humanitarian efforts and allocated transparently to the best-placed responders (non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and

national Red Cross or Red Crescent societies) based on priorities in humanitarian response plans or emerging needs, thereby ensuring that

funds support affected communities.

Table 22

Mobilizing contributions for the Global Fund for Coral Reefs

Implementing partner Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office of the United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP)

Location Global

Amount \$4.2 million

Description The Global Fund for Coral Reefs is an innovative blended finance

mechanism established to mobilize \$625 million (\$125 million in grants

and \$500 million in investment capital) for coral reef ecosystem

conservation and resilience.

Outcomes The Fund deploys grant financing in order to build a pipeline of revenue-

generating initiatives to leverage private finance for the conservation of

coral reefs.

Table 23

Catalysing climate action and enhanced engagement by non-Party stakeholders

Implementing partner Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Location Bonn, Germany

Amount \$1.2 million

Description The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement lays the foundation

for global climate cooperation, empowering actors to achieve the

objectives of those agreements and prioritizing humanity's well-being and

sustainable development in climate action.

#### Outcomes

- Revised strategy of the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action.
- Strengthened Charter governance through efficient functioning of its steering committee and working groups, with the working groups on decarbonization, low carbon manufacturing and policy engagement fulfilling their mandates.
- Establishment of adequate resources and processes in place to support the steering committee and working groups.
- Effective management of and engagement with stakeholders.
- Enhanced credibility and visibility of the Charter signatories.
- Climate action catalysed through the sharing of best practices, examples and case studies.

Table 24

Mobilizing contributions for the Central Emergency Response Fund

Implementing partner	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Location	Global
Amount	\$300,000
Description	The Central Emergency Response Fund was established to enable more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to victims of humanitarian crisis.
Outcome	The Fund is a standby unearmarked pooled fund that provides grants to eligible organizations.

Table 25 **Mobilizing contributions for the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund** 

Implementing partner	UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office	
Location	Global	
Amount	\$275,000	
Description	The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund supports the roles of women in peace, security and humanitarian action through flexible, rapid financing for high-impact interventions.	
Outcomes	Strengthen capacity to prevent conflict, respond to crises, seize peacebuilding opportunities and ensure sustainable, locally owned investments.	

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Table 26 **Digital transformation of the human rights mechanisms** 

Implementing partner	OHCHR
Location	Global
Amount	\$50,000
Description	OHCHR deployed digital tools that improved outreach, inclusiveness and the tracking of human rights impacts. It intends to develop digital tools to enhance the accessibility and efficiency of human rights mechanisms.
Outcomes	Improve efficiency, accessibility and evidence-based decision-making.

Table 27
Funding provided by the United Nations Foundation through fiduciary channels in 2024

(United States dollars)

Fiduciary	Funds
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	274 872
OHCHR: digital transformation of the human rights mechanisms	49 819
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Global Fund for Coral Reefs	4 211 942
Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: catalysing climate action and enhanced engagement by non-Party stakeholders	1 200 975
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Central Emergency Response Fund	304 603
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: mobilizing voluntary contributions for country-based pooled funds	4 710 746

#### **Annex II**

### **United Nations Democracy Fund**

The thematic areas covered by United Nations Democracy Fund projects are as follows:

- Civic engagement and community activism
- Media and freedom of information
- Rule of law and human rights
- Support for electoral processes
- Strengthening civil society interaction with government
- Youth engagement
- · Women's leadership and gender equality

#### United Nations Democracy Fund in numbers, 2024 (eighteenth round of funding)

1,863 project proposals from 133 countries, 25 funded projects

Origin of approved project proposals:

- Africa (28 per cent)
- Asia and Pacific (16 per cent)
- Middle East (32 per cent)
- Europe (12 per cent)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (12 per cent)

Projects funded by key thematic area:

- Strengthening civil society interaction with government (24 per cent)
- Rule of law and human rights (12 per cent)
- Youth engagement (32 per cent)
- Women's leadership and gender equality (17 per cent)
- Support for electoral processes (7 per cent)
- Media and freedom of information (7 per cent)

#### Table 1

## Financial contributions to the United Nations Democracy Fund, by donor, January–December 2024

(United States dollars)

Donor	Cumulative contribution received
Canada	742 060
Chile	7 135
Panama	2 750
Peru	11 379
Poland	154 919
Republic of Korea	100 000
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency/Sweden	2 752 698

Donor	Cumulative contribution received
Türkiye	10 000
United States of America	3 000 000
Total	6 780 941

Table 2 Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Democracy Fund, 2024

Member States that have made the largest cumulative financial contributions to the Fund over the previous three	• United States of America			
	• Sweden			
	• Germany			
years	• Canada			
	• India			
	• Republic of Korea			
	• Poland			
Member States appointed	• Chile			
by the Secretary-General to reflect diverse geographical	• Costa Rica			
representation	• Jordan			
	Republic of Kenya			
	• Samoa			
Non-governmental organizations	• CIVICUS			
	• Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network			
Individuals	• Board Chair, Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi (Ghana): Executive Vice-President, African Center for Economic Transformation.			
	• Penny Abeywardena (Sri Lanka): New York University McSilver Institute fellow. Former Commissioner for International Affairs of the City of New York.			
	• Claudia Chwalisz (Canada): Founder and Chief Executive Officer of DemocracyNext. Former Innovative Citizen Participation Lead at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.			

## **Annex III**

## Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, 2024

Chair	Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations	• Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
	• Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
	• Annemarie Hou, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships (ex officio)
Member States	• In the capacity of President of the Economic and Social Council:
	Paula Narváez Ojeda, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations (until 24 July 2024)
	Robert Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations (from 25 July 2024)
	• In the capacity of Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly:
	Carlos Amorín, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations (until 9 September 2024)
	Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations (from 10 September 2024)
Civil society	• Luis A. Ubiñas, Chair of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation

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## **Annex IV**

# **Composition of the United Nations-United Nations Foundation Joint Coordination Committee, 2024**

Co-Chairs	<ul> <li>Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General</li> <li>Elizabeth Cousens, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation</li> </ul>
United Nations	Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Development Coordination
	• Lionel Berridge, Executive Secretary, secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
	• Lotta Tähtinen, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
	• Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, Department of Global Communications
	• Saada Daher Hassan, Head of the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General (ex officio)
United Nations Foundation	•Sofia Borges, Senior Vice-President