

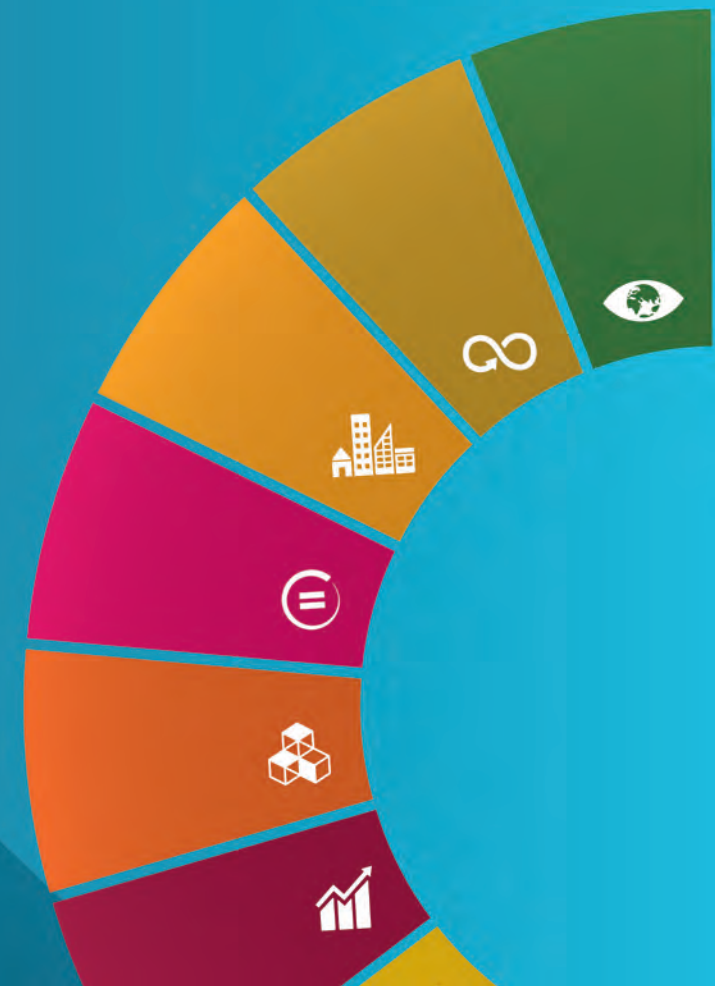
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Scaling Up Climate Action to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals



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FOREWORD

The world has entered a new era of action on sustainable development. The Paris Climate Change Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction have launched a new, global effort to transform the way the world does business.

What is clear through the 2030 Agenda is that sustainable development and tackling climate change go hand-in-hand. We will not keep people from going hungry without protecting our food systems; we will not be able to ensure we have sustainable cities and communities without protecting them from storms or floods; and we cannot ensure children are healthy without addressing the changes in vector-borne diseases due to changing temperatures. The list goes on.

In the end, action on climate change is necessary for sustainable development.

UNDP has decades of experience supporting countries to take action on climate change. With our partners, we have helped people and communities in over 140 countries to mitigate emissions and adapt to climate impacts. Throughout our experience we have learned that climate change actions must be inclusive, gender-responsive, and prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable. The Paris Agreement has laid out the path for the world to work together and it is now our responsibility to take those steps and achieve those ambitions. We must now work with all members of society to take bold and ambitious action.

In 2015, UNDP released its first infographic report that presented the breadth and depth of our support on climate change over the past two

decades. That report emphasized successes and noted the opportunities that climate action presents for countries as they transition their economies towards zero-carbon and climate-resilient sustainable development.

This year, as countries begin to take concrete action to deliver on their national climate goals, we are pleased to release an updated report of UNDP's climate change work. New, in this report, is a special focus on the linkages between climate change and sustainable development. Specifically, the report highlights the importance of climate action in delivering on the SDGs and provides examples of UNDP's on-going work on the ground towards this end. The report also presents UNDP's commitment to scale-up climate change action in order to deliver on the ambitious agenda that countries agreed to in 2015.

As we look to this new era, UNDP will continue to draw upon its extensive experience, partnerships and expertise to help countries transform their towards development that is zero-carbon, climate-resilient and sustainable. We will continue to work hand-in-hand with countries to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

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Achieving sustainable development is only possible with climate action

Climate change is a cross-cutting development issue that affects every aspect of sustainable development and the entire 2030 Agenda

Scaling up climate action is essential for achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals



Building on decades of experience

UNDP has a key role to play



STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

UNDP has a track record of supporting countries that are among the world's most vulnerable to climate change, including all the

48 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and

39 Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Central to UNDP's work is inclusiveness and equity, with particular emphasis on ensuring those most at risk and who have the potential to be agents of change – including women, girls and youth – have a voice and are able to participate in climate action.



BROKERING ACCESS TO CLIMATE FINANCE

UNDP has assisted over

140 countries

to access more than

US\$2.8 billion

in climate finance since 2008. Significant success in climate finance is based on UNDP's extensive partnerships with the Global Environment Facility, Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund, multilateral funds, bilateral partners and the private sector.



SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE TARGETS

UNDP is a leading partner to

43 countries

in developing their

Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).

Now, UNDP is assisting these countries in converting these commitments into concrete actions, linking them to their national development priorities and the SDGs.



BRIDGING CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT



OPERATING AN EXTENSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE



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