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# Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific  
**35%**

Africa  
**12%**

Europe and America  
**42%**

Latin America and the Caribbean  
**10%**

At the request of developing countries, CTCN provides technology solutions, capacity building and advice on policy, legal and regulatory frameworks tailored to the needs of individual countries.

Through these services, CTCN aims to address barriers that hinder the development and transfer of climate technologies, and to help create an enabling environment for reduced greenhouse gas emissions and climate vulnerability, improved local innovation capacities and increased investments in climate and technology projects. UNEP hosts the CTCN with the support of a global Network, over

840 institutions with sectoral expertise in climate technology. The CTCN has completed 28 (from 1 January to 31 December 2023) technical assistances to developing countries in 2023 successfully transferring knowledge and experience of Annex I countries to Non-Annex I countries. The types of services included the development of decision support tools and information (25 per cent) and feasibility study of technology options (21 per cent) in thematic areas like 'Early warning and Environmental assessment' and 'Infrastructure and Urban planning'.

## KEY FACTS

**Over 840 Network** members are registered in 103 countries of which 444 (52%) come from the private sector

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Cool Coalition



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
**7%**
- Asia and the Pacific  
**32%**
- Europe  
**22%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**8%**
- North America  
**21%**
- West Asia  
**10%**

The Cool Coalition is a multistakeholder network that connects a wide range of key actors—including governments, cities, international organizations, businesses, finance, academia and civil society groups—to facilitate knowledge exchange, advocacy and joint action towards a rapid global transition to efficient and climate-friendly cooling.

The Coalition promotes a 'reduce-shift-improve-protect' approach to meet the cooling needs of both industrialized and developing countries. The Coalition supported the COP28 UAE Presidency to launch and attract over

70 country commitments to a Global Cooling Pledge including a commitment to reduce cooling-related emissions by at least 68 per cent by 2050, responding to the increasing use of air conditioning and other cooling equipment worldwide and it marks the world's first collective focus on energy emissions from the cooling sector. This Pledge has been endorsed by over 60 non-state actors, including from the private sector. The partners of the Cool Coalition, including private sector entities, are now working to support countries to take commitments under the Global Cooling Pledge into action.

## KEY FACTS

**128+ partners**, including **23 countries** and several private sector entities, international organizations, academia and civil society organizations

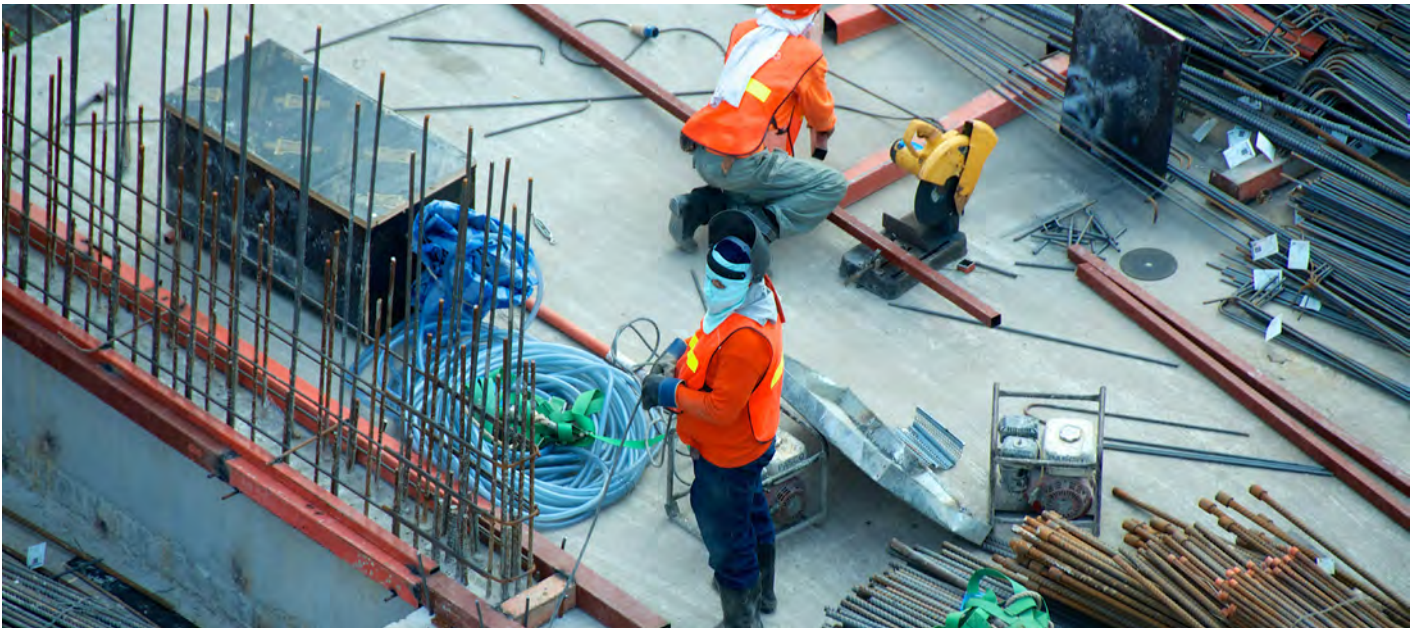
## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

West Asia  
**10%**

Africa  
**3%**  
Asia and the Pacific  
**38%**

Europe  
**45%**

Latin America and the Caribbean  
**2%**

North America  
**2%**

Founded at COP21, hosted by UNEP and with around 280 members—including 39 countries—the GlobalABC is the leading global platform for all building stakeholders committed to a common vision: a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector.

GlobalABC is an advocate for market transformation focusing on catalysing action by defining a carbon neutrality strategy for the built environment and illustrating the sector's importance for global climate action through

international high-level events, including COPs, the COP28 Buildings Pavilion, Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) and Mission Innovation (MI).

GlobalABC develops policy guidance and global and regional buildings and construction roadmaps outlining aspirational targets, timelines and key actions for essential policies and technologies, and offering a model for national and city-level buildings and construction roadmaps to support and raise the ambition of the nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

## KEY FACTS

Works in **37 countries**

Over **150 architecture** and engineering companies and **90 construction companies** have joined the **Race to Zero** campaign

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# International Methane Emissions Observatory: Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP 2.0)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
**59%**
- Asia and the Pacific  
**26%**
- Central Asia  
**18%**
- Europe  
**89%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**59%**
- Middle East  
**45%**
- North America  
**40%**

The OGMP 2.0 is UNEP's flagship oil and gas reporting and mitigation programme. It is the only comprehensive, measurement-based reporting framework for the oil and gas industry that improves the accuracy and transparency of methane emissions reporting. To date over 140 companies have joined, with assets in more than 70 countries on five continents, representing over 35 per cent of the world's oil and gas production, over 70 per cent of liquefied natural gas flows, nearly 25

per cent of global natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines and over 10 per cent of global gas storage capacity.

OGMP 2.0's data is one of the key components of UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory's (IMEO) as a solution to the methane data problem. The OGMP 2.0 is at the basis of the European Union methane regulation and is inspiring the policies and regulations of other countries around the world.

## KEY FACTS

**Over 140 members** drawn from the private sector, governments, NGOs and international organizations.

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa **10%**
- Asia **41%**
- Europe and America **50%**

The CCAC is a partnership of over 180 governments and organizations committed to reducing short-lived climate pollutants. Since its founding in 2012, the CCAC has raised awareness of the need to act on these pollutants to rapidly reduce the rate of near term warming while achieving multiple benefits for health, food security and ecosystems. CCAC has carried out activities in key emitting sectors based on robust science and analysis in over 70 countries around the world through the funding of project and actions by CCAC partners.

guidance. This work is underpinned by technical guidelines, developed in partnership with IKEA and the Stockholm Environment Institute and based on a decade of experience working with national governments. The technical guidelines instruct companies on how to develop supply chain air pollution inventories. In 2023, the CCAC supported the testing and application of the guidelines, which are now used by all Alliance companies, and has begun expanding the guidance to cover greenhouse gases as well as the development of a decision-making tool.

Since its launch at COP26 in 2021, the CCAC has worked with the WEF Alliance for Clean Air to support the expansion and greater application of private sector air pollutants supply chain inventory

## KEY FACTS

**160+ partners** (88 state partners, 63 NGOs and 20 inter-governmental organizations)

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# District Energy in Cities Initiative



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
**6%**
- Asia and the Pacific  
**12%**
- Europe  
**38%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**6%**
- North America  
**26%**
- West Asia  
**12%**

This Initiative is a multistakeholder partnership coordinated by UNEP with financial support from DANIDA, the Global Environment Facility, Italian Ministry of Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, and the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program (K-CEP). It is one of six accelerators of the SEforALL Energy Efficiency Accelerator Platform. The Initiative supports local and national governments to build know-how and implement enabling policies that will accelerate investment in low-carbon and climate-resilient district energy systems. It currently provides technical support to cities in four pilot countries and ten replication countries.

A study tour focused on district cooling was organized in Singapore with 50 country representatives with support from the private sector. The Initiative successfully facilitated the private financing of Asia's largest district cooling concession in Hyderabad PharmaCity. Additionally, the Initiative supported UNIDO and the Government of Colombia at the first Latin American District Energy Conference.

Pre-feasibility studies were completed for three projects in Chile and support was provided to the national district cooling conference in India.

## KEY FACTS

In-kind contribution valued at **USD 100,000**

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**25%**

Asia  
**15%**

Europe  
**30%**

Latin American and  
the Caribbean  
**10%**

North America  
**20%**

PCFV is the leading global public-private initiative promoting cleaner fuels and vehicles in developing countries and countries in transition. It brings together 73 organizations to combine their resources and efforts to achieve cleaner air and lower greenhouse gas emissions from road transport.

The PCFV organised a high-level African Petroleum Ministers meeting in November 2022 to discuss the continent's progress to cleaner fuels and agree on how to fast track the

implementation of low sulphur fuels in the continent by 2023. The meeting was jointly organised by UNEP together with Ipieca and the Government of the Netherlands. The African Refiners and Distributors Association was also represented. Further to the meeting, the implementation of low sulphur fuels was recommended by 1 July 2023 for fuel imports into the continent (as yet it is not fully implemented), with refineries expected to upgrade within regionally agreed timelines to produce low sulphur fuels.

## KEY FACTS

**13 members** drawn from the private sector

**USD 30,000** mobilized from private sector

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Seed Capital Assistance Facility II (SCAF II)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**59%**

Asia and the Pacific  
**41%**

SCAF is a public sector donor-funded facility managed by UNEP and implemented by FS-UNEP. It shares project development costs and seed financing with selected private equity funds, venture capital funds and project development companies to make finance available during the development phase of projects promoting climate-friendly technologies in developing countries and emerging economies.

Since inception SCAF provided USD 15.63 million co-financing for clean energy projects and funds in frontier

markets (Asia and Africa). The projected impact once the projects have been supported will lead to 2,581 MW capacity of renewable energy supported, almost 5.6 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e p.a. mitigated and 21,130 jobs created. Moreover, SCAF mobilized over USD 4.1 billion through various forms of equity and debt investments in renewable energy assets and project development. Amounts provided and mobilized in USD per year are in relation to the continued existing collective mobilization goal of USD 100 billion commitment through to 2025 with UNEP support.

## KEY FACTS

**USD 4.103 billion** mobilised (projected)

**131 projects** supported directly and indirectly

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa region

25%

Asia and the Pacific

25%

Latin America and the Caribbean

25%

UN-REDD is a UN knowledge and advisory partnership focused on reducing forest emissions and enhancing forest carbon stocks. It aims to contribute to national sustainable development by providing technical assistance and knowledge to 65 partner countries to protect their forests, access to finance, and achieve economic and climate goals through REDD+. UN-REDD collaborates with partner countries to advance the implementation of the Paris Agreement, with a focus on reducing deforestation and promoting sustainable land uses.

In a similar vein, UNEP collaborates with the Business Alliance for Scaling

Climate Solutions Coalition (BASCS), a diverse coalition of private companies, NGOs and international organizations. BASCS is dedicated to collecting and sharing information and opportunities that enable the private sector to scale and enhance climate solutions. UNEP plays a crucial role in this alliance by providing independent technical advice on investments in emission reductions and removals in the forest sector.

UNEP's expert advice on forest carbon credits, particularly on the conditions for achieving high-integrity emission reductions, has been instrumental in helping companies navigate the intricate process of purchasing forest carbon credits.

## KEY FACTS

### 2025 outcomes:

- Reducing forest emissions by one gigaton per year
- Mobilizing USD 5 billion
- Enhancing forest ambitions in over 15 countries

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Playing for the Planet Alliance



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific  
**3%**

Europe  
**91%**

North America  
**6%**

In joining the Alliance, the video games industry (including gaming studios and trade associations) has made specific and measurable commitments supporting the global environmental agenda.

In 2023, the Alliance saw significant growth with 60 per cent of members committing to become net-zero or carbon negative by 2030, and a growing interest in green messaging in games. The Alliance coordinates research, best practices and standards to promote sustainability in the industry.

The gaming industry has a significant impact on the environment, generating carbon dioxide emissions throughout its value chain. To address this, Project Drawdown has released an industry-specific framework for the gaming industry to integrate climate solutions into their operations and advocate for clean energy policies. The Green Games Guide, developed by UK Interactive Entertainment (UKIE) and Games London in partnership with the Playing for the Planet Alliance, provides practical advice for UK games businesses to reduce emissions and waste.

## KEY FACTS

**USD 120,000** mobilized from private sector

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership (SIP)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**16.67%**

Asia and the Pacific  
**50%**

Europe  
**16.67%**

North America  
**16.67%**

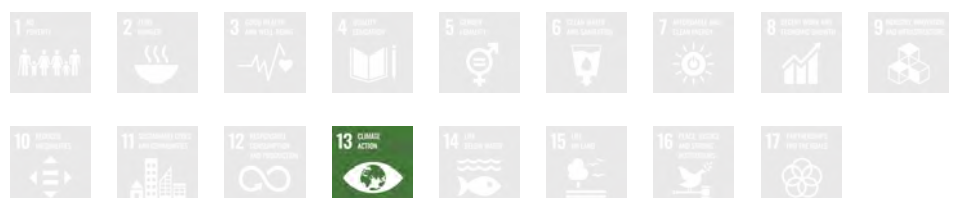
Launched in 2018, SIP is a platform to promote and support integrated approaches to sustainable infrastructure planning and development. It conducts work through a lens of interdependence by considering how different infrastructure systems, sectors, phases and governance structures all connect. This approach can help deliver optimal social, environmental and economic outcomes of infrastructure development.

In 2023, SIP co-organised an event with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) on using tools to make infrastructure more sustainable. The event was framed around ICE and UNEP's normative guidance, which collectively cover comprehensive sustainability considerations.

## KEY FACTS

**11 private sector partners**

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# United for Efficiency Partnership (U4E)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific  
**19%**

Europe  
**50%**

North America  
**31%**

U4E, led by UNEP, propels developing countries towards energy-efficient markets in lighting, refrigeration, air conditioning, motors and transformers, which consume over 50 per cent of global electricity. At COP28, U4E supported the Global Cooling and Renewable Energy Pledges. During the reporting period, 21 countries, including Chile, Rwanda and China, adopted new energy efficiency policies, with 19 more poised to follow.

U4E collaborated regionally in Africa, Asia and Latin America and launched new guidelines for ceiling fans and off-grid refrigeration. South Africa's new

lighting regulations will save over 1 TWh of electricity annually by 2030, eliminating two power plants. Rwanda and the Gambia started new U4E-led projects with the Green Climate Fund to transform markets towards energy-efficient air conditioners and refrigerators. U4E's efforts include financial incentives for energy-efficient appliance purchases, promoting sustainable market transformation and global climate stability.

Additionally, U4E partners with global multinationals, ensuring a collaborative approach to international standards for energy-efficient products.

## KEY FACTS

Supports **80+ committed countries** in sustainable consumption

**Two new model regulation guidelines** for ceiling fans and off-grid presentation

## SDGs IN FOCUS





## &Green Fund



### GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia  
**50%**

Latin America and  
the Caribbean  
**50%**

Established in 2017 to invest in helping businesses delink deforestation from major commodity supply chains. Since its launch, it has invested USD 193 million dollars in businesses across Viet Nam, Brazil, Indonesia, Colombia and Côte d'Ivoire.

The &Green fund contributes to the climate change action, nature action and financial and economic transformation subprogrammes by promoting and funding transition to more sustainable land use practices, including deforestation-free commodity production.

### KEY FACTS

**USD 193.4 million**  
in investment

### SDGs IN FOCUS





# AGRI3 Fund



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**14%**

Asia and  
the Pacific  
**7%**

Latin America and  
the Caribbean  
**79%**

Established in 2020 to promote greater private investment in sustainable agriculture and deforestation-free commodity production. Since its launch, its guarantees have enabled the provision of over USD 90 million in finance for sustainable land use in China, Brazil and Nicaragua.

The AGRI3 Fund aims to mobilize USD 1 billion of financing by providing credit enhancement tools and technical assistance to enable a transition to more sustainable practices in agricultural value chains and avert deforestation. The Fund will provide guarantees to commercial banks and other financial institutions, and subordinated loans to customers

of these institutions, which will become known as ‘partner-banks’, to mobilize financing by de-risking and catalysing transactions that actively prevent deforestation; stimulate reforestation; contribute to efficient sustainable agricultural production; and improve rural livelihoods.

The AGRI3 fund continues to contribute towards several subprogrammes including climate action, nature action and financial and economic transformation. UNEP assisted in the design and fundraising of the AGRI3 Fund. The AGRI3 Fund aims to mobilize USD 1 billion in finance for nature and climate-positive agriculture and forestry.

## KEY FACTS

**USD 90 million (loans)**  
for sustainable land use

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Agriculture and Food programme (TEEB AgriFood)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific  
**48%**

Latin America and the Caribbean  
**52%**

The TEEB AgriFood initiative seeks to provide a comprehensive economic evaluation of the 'eco-agri-food systems' complex and demonstrate that the economic environment in which farmers operate is distorted by significant externalities, both negative and positive, and a lack of awareness of dependency on natural, human and social capital.

It brings together scientists, economists, policymakers, business leaders and farmer organizations to frame, undertake and use holistic evaluations of agricultural systems, practices, products and policy scenarios against a comprehensive range of impacts and dependencies across food value chains. It makes and illustrates the case for 'systems thinking' instead of 'silo thinking' when evaluating eco-agri-food systems.

The operational guidelines for business were officially launched on 14 September 2023 during an online event that included a comprehensive presentation of the guidelines, business applications, a Q&A session and discussions on global initiatives aiming to transform the food system. The main purpose of these guidelines is to assist businesses in integrating the value of their impacts on nature and people into their decision-making processes. TEEB AgriFood also organized two project steering committee consultation webinars and a survey to inform the final version of its operational guidelines. The work was done in partnership with the Capitals Coalition which was leading on the development of the operational guidelines for business.

## KEY FACTS

**19 private sector partners/members**

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Green Fins Initiative



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**10.44%**

Asia and the Pacific  
**30.92%**

Europe  
**16.47%**

North America  
**18.47%**

Latin America and the Caribbean  
**17.27%**

West Asia  
**6.43%**

Green Fins is a proven conservation management approach—implemented internationally by The Reef-World Foundation and UNEP—that leads to a measurable reduction in the negative environmental impacts associated with marine tourism. It provides the only internationally recognised environmental standard for marine tourism and its robust assessment system measures compliance. Green Fins encourages and empowers divers, snorkellers, the diving industry and coastal communities to reduce the pressures on coral reefs by offering marine tourism companies practical, low-cost alternatives to harmful practices—such as anchoring, fish feeding and chemical pollution—as well as providing strategic training, support and resources.

In 2023, scoping was completed for introduction of Green Fins in Aqaba, Jordan. A series of management reports are being prepared to transform and enhance Green Fins Hub’s accumulated data points. The systems and processes are being tested for building capacity, introducing and integrating a pilot group of conservation collaborators on the community forum and engaging Green Fins conservation experts, agencies and travel industries and national partners in the community forum.

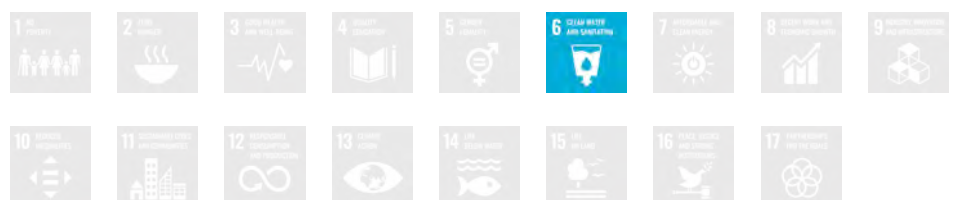
By December 31st December 2023, 904 operators around the world had been exposed to the Green Fins learnings, lessons and assessment process since the initiative began in 2004. To be ‘active’ members, operators must have been assessed or evaluated in the last 18 months.

## KEY FACTS

In 2022 there were **185 operators** who were active members

**343 active members**

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Restoration Factory



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**100%**

The Restoration Factory is a capacity building programme which has been developed to help ecological entrepreneurs (ecopreneurs) devise bankable and attractive business models that restore landscapes and preserve ecosystems. The programme combines a structured entrepreneurship curriculum with the expertise of local support organizations to deliver long-term, inclusive and climate-resilient business opportunities that are fit for purpose. It is a joint initiative by UNEP and other organizations designed to support early-stage eco-entrepreneurs in Kenya working on restoration projects. This programme provides a six-month hybrid training programme where the goal is to prepare participants to access markets and

foster connections and partnerships, with 400+ ecopreneurs set to receive training between 2023 and 2024 and a continued effort to reach up to 100 ecopreneurs a year until 2030 under the SAFE initiative. Additionally, the initiative has developed the Restoration Explorer, a digital platform and one-day training programme, in collaboration with the World Conservation Monitoring Center, to help restoration project developers choose profitable business models aligned with their restoration goals. The business incubation training program has also been incorporated into the UN Decade Multi-Partner Trust Fund first 5-year action plan and the UN-REDD program for private sector engagement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

## KEY FACTS

**400 Entrepreneurs trained**

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Restoration Seed Capital Facility (RSCF)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- EU  
**50%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**16.6%**
- North America  
**16.6%**
- Pacific  
**16.6%**

The RSCF was launched by UNEP to encourage private finance to contribute to forest restoration by helping private investment fund managers set up dedicated investment funds and forest restoration projects in developing countries. This initiative aligns with the goals of the Bonn Challenge and aims to significantly scale up forest and landscape restoration during the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030. The facility aims to reverse the loss and degradation of forests, protect and restore tropical forest areas, and positively contribute to climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity and rural livelihoods.

RSCF’s purpose is to promote Forest Landscape Restoration through the support of impact driven fund managers and investors.

RSCF does this by co-financing the development and establishment of new investment funds and supports pipeline and project development for existing funds that invest in FLR aligned projects. The RSCF support works on a cost sharing basis. The Facility supports fund managers dedicated to sustainable land use activities that are aligned with the goals of Forest Landscape Restoration.

## KEY FACTS

To date, four RSCF-supported projects have reached investment totalling **USD 66.6 million**

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa **7%**
- Europe **58%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean **28%**
- West Asia **7%**

Led by UNEP and FAO, the UN Decade is building a strong, broad-based global movement to ramp up restoration and put the world on track for a sustainable future. Through communications, events and a dedicated web platform, the UN Decade will provide a hub for everyone interested in restoration to find projects, partners, funding and the knowledge they need to make their restoration efforts a success by 2030.

Restoration activities require substantial financial resources, and individuals, governments, international lenders and

private businesses need to increase their support. Redirecting agricultural and fishing subsidies to support restoration is crucial for healthier ecosystems, bigger harvests and more secure incomes. The Action Plan 2021–2030 published in April 2023 emphasizes the critical importance of preserving ecosystems for sustaining life on Earth. The plan calls for collaboration aiming to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean.

## KEY FACTS

In-kind contribution from E-On valued at **USD 1 million**

In-kind contribution valued at **USD 1.5 million** facilitated through non-partnerships for the UN Decade World Restoration Flagships

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Good Food Finance Network (GFFN)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific

14%

Europe

43%

Latin America and the Caribbean

14%

North America

29%

The GFFN is a collaborative platform focused on mobilizing capital and fostering a supportive financial environment for the transition to sustainable food systems. By uniting leaders in the financial sector and recognizing the role of supporting actors in the food systems value chain, GFFN addresses inefficiencies and facilitates communication and collaboration. The initiative aims to increase investments in

science-based, data-driven solutions for a better food system, presenting a USD 350 billion investment opportunity with the potential for USD 4.5 trillion in new market opportunities annually. Committed members, part of the 'High Ambition Group', set targets related to climate change resilience and biodiversity, aligning with the Global Biodiversity Framework's (GBF) goals for 2030.

## KEY FACTS

7 private sector members

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# The Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Asia and the Pacific

17%

Europe

50%

Latin America and the Caribbean

16%

North America

17%

The TLFF is a financial initiative launched in October 2016 by a partnership between ADM Capital, BNP Paribas SA, UNEP and the World Agroforestry Centre. The TLFF was designed to support Indonesia in achieving its climate targets under the Paris Agreement by providing debt finance to renewable energy and sustainable agriculture projects. It included a grant fund managed by UNEP, which offers technical assistance and support for pipeline development. The facility seeks to unlock private finance in sustainable landscape management, contributing to the SDGs through climate conservation and biodiversity protection.

The TLFF project was officially completed in 2023. The multistakeholder partnership facilitated the structuring and financing of a USD 95 million loan to set up and operate a large sustainable natural rubber production operation in Indonesia. TLFF contributed to the various subprogrammes by promoting the funding transition to more sustainable land use practices, including deforestation-free production.

## KEY FACTS

**3 private sector partners/members**

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint



Africa  
**4.5%**

Asia and  
the Pacific  
**32%**

Central and  
Eastern Europe  
**4.5%**

Europe  
**41%**

Latin America and  
the Caribbean  
**18%**

The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint is a voluntary partnership formed by UNEP and WHO to prevent exposure to lead through promoting the phase-out of paints containing lead. The Lead Paint Alliance is guided by an Advisory Council chaired by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and consisting of government representatives from Colombia, Republic of Moldova, Kenya and Thailand, the International Pollutants Elimination Network, Health and Environmental Alliance, the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, the World Coating Council, AkzoNobel and Pacific Paint (Boysen) Philippines (paint companies).

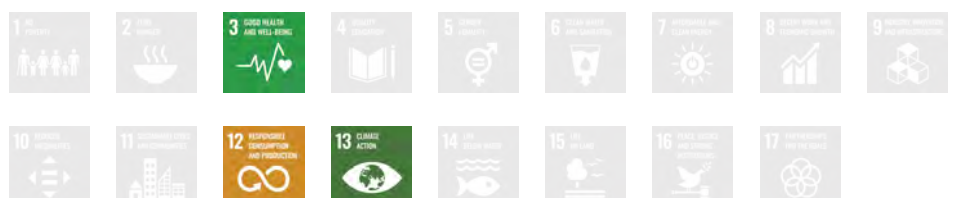
Twenty-five small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have successfully completed pilots on lead paint reformulation, proving that it is achievable. The Lead Paint Alliance worked hand-in-hand with governments to raise awareness about the dangers of lead paint, championing the creation of regulatory frameworks to set legal boundaries on lead content in paint and encouraging the reformulation of paints to eliminate lead compounds. Additionally, the Alliance spearheaded efforts to aid in the implementation of national restrictions on lead paint by crafting and disseminating comprehensive guidance on compliance and enforcement of lead paint laws.

## KEY FACTS

**22 private sector members**  
out of 110 total members

As of 16 January 2024, **48% of countries (94)** have confirmed that they have legally binding controls on the production, import, sale and use of lead paints

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Global Mercury Partnership



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
**2%**
- Asia  
**11%**
- Europe  
**84%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**3%**

Initiated in 2005, the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership aims to protect human health and the environment from emissions and releases of mercury to air, water and land. The Partnership focuses on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, providing state of the art knowledge and science as well as raising awareness towards global action on mercury.

The Partnership Advisory Group held its fourteenth meeting in December 2023 to share updates on a few events, including the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm COPs, workshops on mercury-containing products and side events on mercury-related topics were organized in 2023. The Partnership's secretariat also organized webinars and information sharing sessions on mercury reduction.

## KEY FACTS

More than **250 partners** from governments, IGOs, NGOs, industry and academia

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# The Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter (GPML)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
**13.49%**

Asia and  
the Pacific  
**34.96 %**

Eastern Europe  
**1.84%**

Latin America and  
the Caribbean  
**6.13 %**

Western Europe  
and other  
**43.55%**

There are a significant number of actors and initiatives working on plastic pollution, and coordination amongst them to maximize resources and increase impact continues to be of utmost importance. The Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter (GPML) has enabled international, multistakeholder coordination since its inception 12 years ago. It currently consists of over 650 member organizations from civil society, the private sector, academia and research, government agencies and intergovernmental organizations.

UNEP provides secretariat services to the GPML and serves as a permanent member of its Steering Committee, fostering collaboration among stakeholders to combat plastic pollution and marine litter.

The GPML seeks to protect the global marine environment and biodiversity, human well-being and animal welfare by addressing the global problem of plastic pollution and marine litter using a life-cycle approach. It serves as a global platform for sharing knowledge, coordinating efforts, and advancing solutions, including through its Digital Platform, a multistakeholder, knowledge sharing and networking tool which aims to facilitate action on plastic pollution and marine litter reduction and prevention. The partnership aims to contribute significantly to achieving SDG 14.1 by 2025.

## KEY FACTS

**135+ private sector  
representatives**

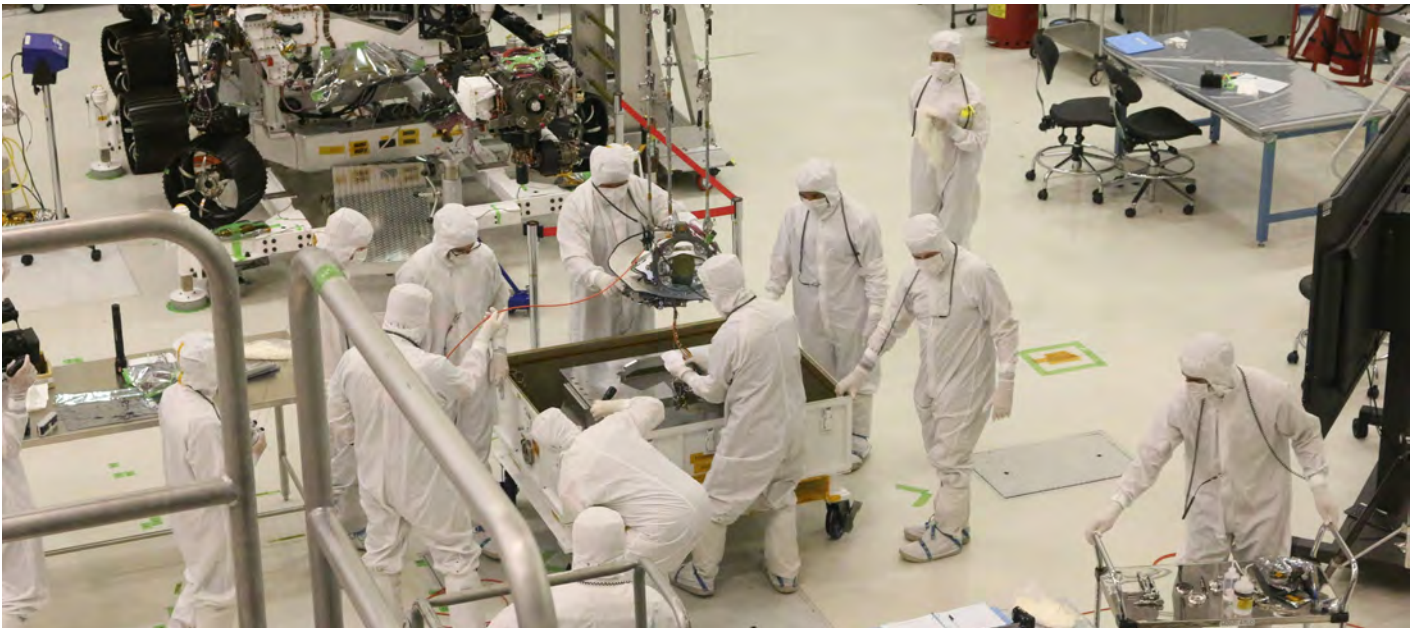
## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Global Framework on Chemicals



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa

**34%**

Asia and the Pacific

**27%**

Latin America and the Caribbean

**26%**

West Asia

**13%**

From 1 July 2022 through to 30 June 2023, the SAICM Secretariat carried out activities related to the SAICM GEF Project 9971. With the support of UNEP, SMEs received support to modify their paint formulations, eliminating lead content. Cooperation Agreements were signed with 14 companies in four countries (Jordan, Egypt, Kenya and Uganda). Eleven companies finished reformulation and submitted reports. Out of these companies: eight companies reformulated products in the lab, but fine tuning is still needed to adjust colour, or hiding power, or reduce cost to start industrial production; two companies scaled-up reformulations;

and one company already started production of lead-free paint. Since its start in 2019, the SAICM GEF Project 9971 has engaged a total of 61 SMEs in these demonstration pilots. At its fifth session held from 25 to 29 September 2023 in Bonn, Germany, the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) adopted the “Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste”. This Framework, which replaces the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), aims to ensure the sound management of chemicals and waste throughout their entire life cycle.

## KEY FACTS

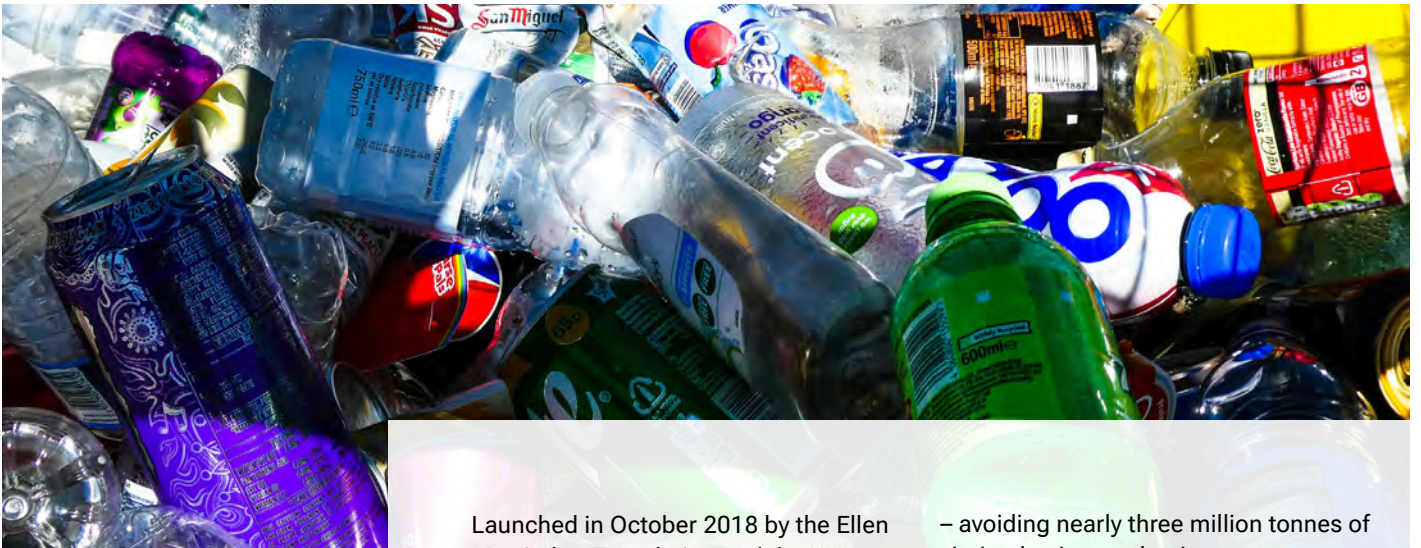
**32 representatives**

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# New Plastics Economy Global Commitment



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Global

Launched in October 2018 by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the UN Environment Programme, the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment unites businesses, governments and other organizations from around the world behind a common vision of a circular economy for plastic, in which it never becomes waste or pollution.

– avoiding nearly three million tonnes of virgin plastics production a year compared to business as usual. It has seen signatories increase their use of recycled plastics by 1.5 million tonnes annually—equivalent to leaving a barrel of oil in the ground every two seconds— as well as avoiding 2.5 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Since 2018, more than 1,000 organizations have given their backing to the Global Commitment, including signatory governments and more than 250 businesses representing 20 per cent of all plastic packaging produced globally.

The Global Commitment has also catalysed change far beyond its signatory group. It has done so by creating broad alignment on the vision, providing unprecedented transparency, revealing barriers, and laying the foundations for the Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty as well as for 11 national and regional Plastics Pacts.

Global Commitment has become the biggest global voluntary effort to tackle plastic waste and pollution. Over the last five years, Global Commitment business signatories have significantly outperformed their peers in tackling plastic waste, showing that a concerted effort can unlock change. Signatories stabilised their use of virgin plastics

In the context of the negotiation of an international legally binding instrument on ending plastic pollution, the Voluntary business action that complements longterm policy change will also remain vital to push progress further, faster.

## KEY FACTS

143 business signatories

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on Environment (UN-SPBF)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa  
17%

Asia and the Pacific  
49%

Europe  
17%

North America  
17%

Launched at the UN Environment Assembly in December 2017, the UN-SPBF is the United Nations' fastest-growing inter-agency, multisector convening platform on the environment. The Forum builds on the power of partnership to scale up solutions and grow green technology markets, ones that are driven by advances in science and technology, empowering policies, and innovative financing. Since its launch, the Forum has grown into a dynamic interface of over 3,500 contributors and partner institutions—representing the worlds of business, science and policy—who are committed to this vision. It provides a unique platform for multiple sectors to

work together to help shape a sustainable and equitable future for all. In the context of the Forum, UNEP and its partners take a multipronged approach to leverage the Forum's convening power: to (i) convene influential science-business-policy-society dialogues to inform the policy-making space for thought leadership; (ii) catalyse green tech markets, sound policies & innovative finance; (iii) celebrate nature-positive innovation; and (iv) build communities that work together. The Forum's work is presented to, and feeds into, the consultations to UNEA and the UN High Level Political Forum and the UNEA Bureau.

## KEY FACTS

13 members drawn from the private sector

USD 30,000 mobilized from private sector

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Collaboration with The B Team



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
6%
- Asia and the Pacific  
10%
- Europe  
56%
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
10%
- North America  
14%
- West Asia  
4%

UNEP continues to engage with The B Team, a global collective of business and civil society leaders in support of the global recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. The partnership promotes business involvement in multilateral environmental policymaking and contributes to the adoption of the UN

Human Rights Council resolution (A/HRC/RES/48/13) and the UN General Assembly resolution (A/RES/76/300), adopted in October 2021 and July 2022, respectively. The resolutions proclaim the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right.

## KEY FACTS

- 50+ representatives
- USD 30,000 mobilized from private sector

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Global

Founded in 2012 by the Global Green Growth Institute, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, UNEP and the World Bank, it expanded in 2018 to include UNIDO. Its three knowledge platforms—Green Policy, Green Industry and Green Finance—provide the latest research and learning opportunities for evidence-based decision-making on green practices. The GGKP fosters collaboration by establishing expert groups to assess knowledge gaps in green economy

themes. Notably, the Green Industry Platform actively supports over 900 SMEs in becoming resource-efficient through self-assessments and I-GO tools, emphasizing resource efficiency, circular economy, and green chemistry.

The GGKP offers technical training, discussion forums and support to industries transitioning to sustainable production processes, aligning with its mission to empower decision-makers and businesses in adopting green practices.

## KEY FACTS

**90 + partners** from IOs, NGOs, research and non-profits

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# Innovative Finance for the Amazon, Cerrado and Chaco (IFACC)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Latin America and the Caribbean

100%

The IFACC is an initiative of UNEP, the Nature Conservancy and the Tropical Forest Alliance to significantly increase and accelerate lending and investment in sustainable agriculture in Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. IFACC’s goal is to mobilize USD 10 billion in commitments and disbursements by 2030 by bringing together leading companies, banks and investors who work together to meet the need for transitional finance in the production of beef, soy and other agricultural products without further deforestation or conversion.

By the end of 2022, the IFACC had USD 4.3 billion in commitments and disbursed USD 111 million. Some of the commitments made include: Banco Santander aiming to reach net zero emissions by 2050; AGR13 and &Green mission is to mobilize additional public and private capital at scale to contribute to sustainable agricultural value chains and avert deforestation; JGP Asset Management aiming to reduce by half the balance of their scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions until 2030, expecting to zero it by 2040; and Syngenta committing to reduce the carbon intensity of the company’s operations by at least 50 per cent by 2030.

## KEY FACTS

16 signatories

USD 4.6 billion in commitments

USD 240 million disbursed

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# One Planet Network (OPN)

## Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action



### GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa	6.3%
Americas	23.3%
Asia and the Pacific	14.8%
Europe	55.3%
Middle East	0.2%

The Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism is led by UN Tourism within the framework of the UNEP-led One Planet network. The Initiative asks tourism industry stakeholders to develop climate action plans and track their implementation in support of global goals to halve emissions by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050, aligned with five key pathways: measure, decarbonize, regenerate, collaborate and finance.

Since its launch in 2021, the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism has secured a total of 912 signatories, including 521 businesses. The initiative has already gathered over 250 climate action plans from its signatories and has developed a series of tools and recommendations to support tourism businesses and other stakeholders in implementing the Paris Agreement. These resources can be consulted on the One Planet network website.

### KEY FACTS

**521 businesses**  
(out of total of 912 signatories)

### SDGs IN FOCUS





# Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (GTPI)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa **4.9%**
- Asia Pacific **25%**
- Europe and Central Asia **38%**
- Latin America **23.5%**
- Middle East **3.5%**
- North America **5.1%**

In 2023–2024, the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (GTPI) led the second reporting round on large multinational signatories' progress, excluding small and medium-sized enterprises. Despite COVID-19, signatories advanced GTPI commitments, improving transparency and baseline data for 2021. Results show plastic weight reduced from 2,133 to 1,598 metric tonnes in 2022. Accommodation providers reported a

56 per cent reduction in plastic usage per guest night. Progress in eliminating plastics in food services increased by 67 per cent, in rooms by 38 per cent and in bathrooms and service areas more than doubled.

The 2023–2024 reporting cycle for year 2022 is currently being finalized and will be publicly released in July 2024.

## KEY FACTS

**156 tourism businesses** out of 224 overall signatories

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Recipe of Change Campaign



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

West Asia  
100%

The Recipe of Change campaign was created under the auspices of the regional food waste framework implemented by UNEP’s Regional Office for West Asia. The main purpose of the campaign is to maximize visibility on the rampant global food waste problem. It strives to encourage the public to reduce their food waste and to help countries in their efforts to achieving SDG 12 and its target number three that aims to halve food waste by 2030. To create real behavioural change, the talk on food waste must be regular and long-term. The campaign has been spread over many months, as to maximize its impact and reach. The campaign also focuses on reducing, reusing and recycling. Following the success of phase one that focused mainly on households. This campaign is supported by GO4SDGs.

Waldorf Astoria Qatar and Hilton Riyadh. The campaign aims to promote behavioural change, food waste tracking and menu engineering (in partnership with Winnow technology) through engaging staff and guests. The campaign was implemented during the holy month of Ramadan in 2023 (March - April 2023). The campaign achieved an average of over 60 per cent food waste reduction across the month of Ramadan at the post-consumer stage. As a result of the successes, the campaign garnered growing media traction: during Ramadan, 200,000 plus social media reach (of which majority of the audience are youth) and broadcasted in over 50+ news platforms. This campaign also enabled the engagement of UNEP’s Food Waste Advocate for West Asia.

UNEP engaged three Hilton Hotel outlets, including Conrad Dubai,

## KEY FACTS

USD 190 million private capital unlocked

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# The International Resource Panel (IRP)



Established by UNEP in 2007, the IRP is a global science-policy platform aimed at creating and sharing knowledge needed to steer us away from overconsumption, waste and ecological harm towards a more prosperous and sustainable future. Scientific experts interact with government representatives to develop independent, coherent and authoritative scientific assessments of policy relevance on the sustainable use of natural resources. Notable contributions include informing formal policy documents like the European Green Deal, and developing IRP assessment reports on particular topics at the behest of inter-governmental platforms such as UNEA, G7 and G20.

The IRP both engages with and seeks to influence a range of stakeholders including private sector actors. In this endeavour, the IRP has formed strategic partnerships with industry associations like the World Business

Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), private sector foundations including the SUN Institute, and business fora in the form of the World Economic Forum and the UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment.

Importantly, the IRP prepares thematic assessments pertinent to the private sector. These include the recently published technical guidelines for the construction sector in Argentina, Indonesia and Mexico, the almost finalized report on financing the extractive sector, and the assessment on advancing circular economy in the consumer electronics market. In addition, many IRP scientific assessment reports are accompanied by a Summary for Business Leaders, as part of the IRP's outreach strategy to provide actionable recommendations for relevant private-sector stakeholders.

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Europe  
100%

## KEY FACTS

**31 Steering Committee members** from countries in all world regions

**20 Strategic Partners** from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society

## SDGs IN FOCUS





# The Life Cycle Initiative (LCI)



The Life Cycle Initiative is a public-private, multistakeholder partnership enabling the global use of life-cycle knowledge by private and public decision-makers. This knowledge is essential for informed decision-making, pointing to key drivers of impact and revealing the untended tradeoffs to foster sustainable consumption and production patterns and promote progress towards the achievement of Agenda 2030. To achieve this, the initiative builds international consensus and provides access to science-based life-cycle knowledge, while improving its application by private and public decision-makers through policy advice and capacity building.

Significant milestones were achieved during 2023:

- the Global Life Cycle Assessment Data Access Network (GLAD) hit the 100,000 life cycle assessments (LCA) datasets milestone (with more private sector data connected through nodes) and concluded the publication of the Guidance on Metadata Descriptors.
- 2023 also marked the launch of the two-year Biogenic Carbon Project, aimed at promoting a clear understanding and developing harmonized technical guidance to consider biogenic carbon in LCA, carbon footprints and climate policies.
- The Life Cycle Initiative continues to build a worldwide network of experts and practitioners; in this sense, a new LCA Network was launched in the Middle-East and North Africa region in 2023.

In its ongoing efforts, the Life Cycle Initiative continues to mainstream life-cycle approaches and strengthen its practice in high-impact sectors.

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
6%
- Asia and the Pacific  
30%
- Europe  
40%
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
13%
- North America  
8%
- West Asia  
3%

## KEY FACTS

117 private sector representatives

## SDGs IN FOCUS







# UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Africa and Middle East

10%

Asia and the Pacific

18%

Europe

50%

Latin America and the Caribbean

15%

North America

7%

UNEP FI now accelerates alignment of private finance with the objectives of UN multilateral treaties, including the Paris Agreement, Agenda 2030 and the Global Biodiversity Framework, through the Principles for Sustainable Insurance, Principles for Responsible Banking, and UN-convened net-zero alliances for asset owners, banks and export credit agencies.

Alongside hosting these leading voluntary finance industry sustainability frameworks, UNEP FI also supports Member States on mobilizing private finance for sustainable development through policy and regulatory measures such as sustainable finance taxonomies and through capacity building of financial institutions on sustainability market practice in areas such as climate risk and impact management.

## KEY FACTS

Manage assets exceeding **USD 100 trillion**

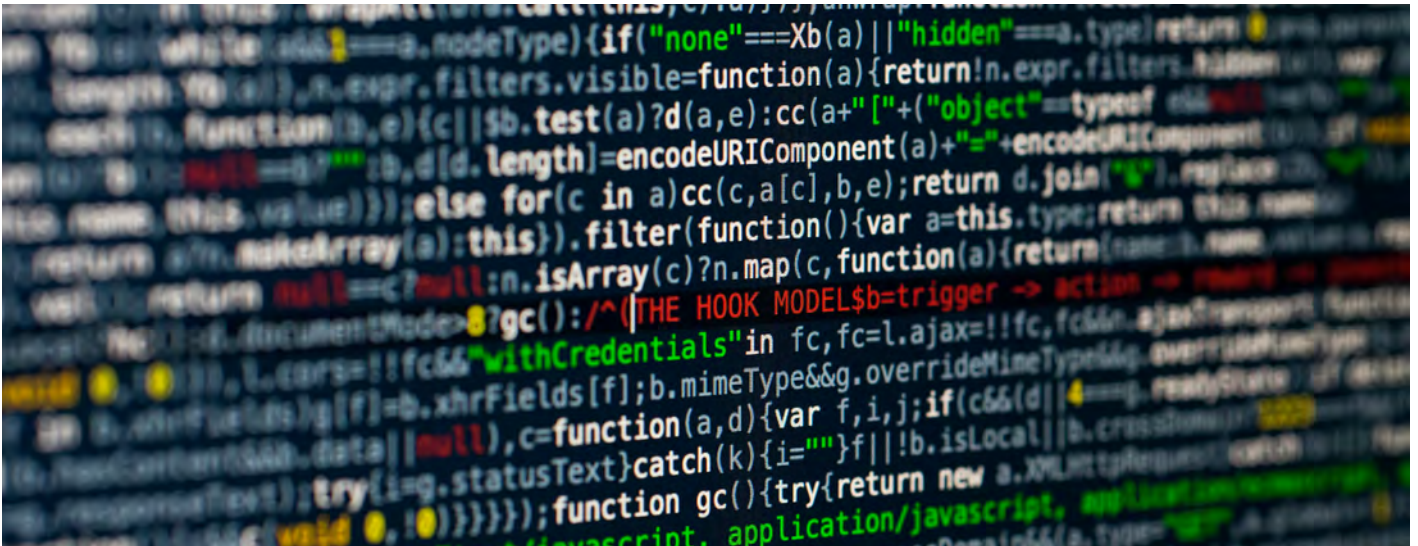
## SDGs IN FOCUS







# Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability (CODES)



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Africa  
**12%**
- Europe  
**48%**
- Latin America and the Caribbean  
**8%**
- North America  
**20%**
- West Asia  
**12%**

The Coalition, initiated by UNEP, UNDP, the International Science Council, the German Environment Agency, the Kenyan Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Future Earth and ITU, are leading a global multistakeholder process to firmly anchor environmental sustainability needs within the Digital Cooperation Roadmap and act as a catalyst for a digital planet for sustainability. CODES has launched nine priority initiatives to anchor its efforts in three 'shifts' towards digital sustainability:

- aligning digital advancement with sustainable development
- mitigating and reducing the negative impacts of digitalization
- accelerating and redirecting digital innovation towards sustainable development

The CODES Action Plan for a Sustainable Planet in the Digital Age calls for global coordination and collective action to unite digital transformation and sustainability transformation into a twin transition. UNEP acts as one of the founding members and co-champions of CODES as part of the UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. The Action Plan was Co-created by 1,302 stakeholders for a Sustainable Planet in the Digital Age, including nine Impact Initiatives. As of 2024, the CODES community consists of more than 1300 members, representing 67 countries across all regions.

## KEY FACTS

**140 private sector experts**  
out of 1,302 members

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