SDGs in ACTION

UNDP global project for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through the MAPS approach
How does UNDP facilitate implementation of the 2030 Agenda?

UNDP supports countries to translate the commitments of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into action. This support is framed by the common approach of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) called MAPS.

This sees the UN development system in-country working to:

- **Mainstreaming**: Land the agenda at national and local levels.
- **Acceleration**: Target resources at removing bottlenecks to sustainable development.
- **Policy Support**: Make UN thematic expertise available in an effective and coherent way.
UNDP’s global project for 2030 Agenda implementation works as a one-stop-shop for guiding, supporting and coordinating activities implemented by different partners across UNDP and beyond.

The project (‘Enabling responsive, coherent and inclusive support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ or ‘MAPS project’) was launched in 2016 and runs until 2020.
Applying the International Futures model, a forecasting tool developed by the University of Denver, indicated that investments in inclusive governance, infrastructure and health will enable the country to go farthest in terms of achieving the SDGs by 2030.

Results and highlights
2016 – 2017

Facilitating cross-Agenda analysis and policy insights through **new approaches and tools**

- developed and applied in **72 countries** to identify gaps and key accelerators for SDG progress
- **200 policymakers from 35 countries** trained on the application of modelling tools that can strengthen integrated policymaking for the SDGs

Case in point
Moldova
Enabling effective SDG follow-up and review

43 countries supported with UNDESA to prepare Voluntary National Reviews for presentation at the High-level Political Forum

7 countries supported in pilot projects to study what leaving no one behind means in different national and sub-national contexts

22 countries supported in producing the first SDG Country Reports

Support requested by countries includes facilitation of multi-stakeholder consultations, review of data and indicators, assessment of the degree of alignment of the national and subnational development plans with the SDGs, and drafting of reports.
UNDP works to strengthen national statistical systems through capacity building, developing indicators in new areas of measurement such as governance, and brokering innovative partnerships to address data gaps.

**14 countries** supported with assessment of **data ecosystems** for sustainable development, including legal and policy frameworks, stakeholder engagement and technology.

**20 countries** supported with assessments of the readiness of national statistical systems for **SDG implementation and monitoring**.
The UNDP-managed UN SDG Action Campaign supports advocacy and public engagement in SDG implementation, including through:

**The annual Global Festival of Action**
- Celebrates innovation for sustainable development in Bonn, Germany.
- Inaugural event
  - March 2017
  - 800+ participants
  - 80+ countries

**The annual Global Day of Action**
- 25 September, spotlights people's commitment to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
- #Act4SDGs campaign
  - 2017
  - 500 organizations
  - 116 countries
  - 1000 actions

**The survey MY World 2030**
- Allows people to express their view on SDG progress and creates a dialogue between decision makers and citizens.
- Survey of 2016-2017
  - 350,000+ replies
26 integrated policy support missions ('MAPS missions') have been coordinated by UNDP between August 2016 and December 2017 to support SDG implementation in diverse settings.

Interdisciplinary mission teams involve UNDP partnering with different UN entities, including Regional Economic Commissions, as well as international financial institutions.
Case in point

MAPS mission to El Salvador
26-30 June 2017

Participating UN agencies: UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP

The SDG Roadmap delivered by the MAPS mission identified an opportunity to strengthen the National Statistical System, and seven major progress accelerators in areas of water cycle management, resilient and inclusive rural communities, peaceful and just society and state modernisation.

MAPS mission to the Gambia
24-28 July 2017

Participating UN agencies: ILO, UNDP, UNECA, UN Women

Following a historic transition to democracy in early 2017, the MAPS mission to the Gambia proposed recommendations for its National Development Plan and roadmap towards 2030. Areas identified to accelerate progress included youth empowerment, women and girls' empowerment, sustainable and resilient forest management, and solar-powered electric mini-grids.