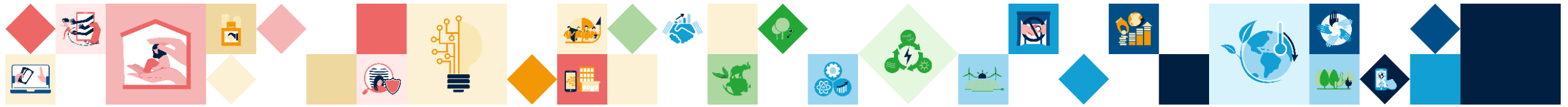




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UNDP SEOUL POLICY CENTRE (USPC)

USPC is one of the six Global Policy Centres of UNDP – the United Nations lead agency on international development working in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. We are an integral part of UNDP’s Global Policy Network, which draws on expertise globally to provide effective responses to the complex development challenges countries face in achieving SDGs and responding to crisis.

- Represents UNDP in the Republic of Korea
- Works with Korea on international development priorities
- Shares Korea’s development solutions and technical expertise with other countries for knowledge co-creation
- Facilitates learning, networking, dialogue and consultation among development partners



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Based on UNDP’s work in Korea in the course of its socio-economic development, we facilitate knowledge exchange to create new solutions, build collaborative platforms and spark new partnerships and instruments for development. We are co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and UNDP, and hosted by Korea University.

FOCUS AREAS

Development Cooperation Approaches and Modalities

Working with Korean partners from the public sector and academia to facilitate innovative development cooperation initiatives and promote development cooperation-related policy research and advocacy, particularly on issues pertaining to climate change and digitalization such as climate finance and data-based solutions in support of effective development cooperation.

Governance and Gender

Helping countries achieve SDG 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) with a particular focus on addressing corruption and gender-based violence (GBV). We share Korea’s expertise in assessing anti-corruption initiatives in the public sector, corruption proofing of legislation, and transparent management of public construction, as well as the establishment and management of one-stop service centres for GBV survivors, and strengthening police capacity for survivor-oriented support in GBV. We also help address the digital aspects of tackling corruption and GBV, such as the usage of online corruption and public interest violation reporting systems, and strengthening police know-how on addressing technology-facilitated GBV.

Green Recovery and Transition

Sharing environmental and climate-related solutions with Korean expertise and technical capacity. This includes the promotion of sustainable forestry in community-based forestry and forest fire prevention. We also facilitate policy-making through programmes and applied research on Green Recovery and Low-Carbon Transition, including on nature, climate, energy and waste management.

Private Sector Engagement and Development

Working with Korean businesses of all sizes, including impact startups, micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), conglomerates and the investment community, as well as the related ecosystem, to garner innovative approaches for the achievement of SDGs. Examples of our efforts to support developing countries include strengthening the capacity of MSMEs through inclusive digital transformation, with Korea’s policies and practices as reference, and providing acceleration support to SDG-aligned startups in Korea and other countries.

SDG PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER INITIATIVES



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

USPC helps identify, implement and disseminate innovative practices to undertake better development cooperation to catalyse the achievement of SDGs, including South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

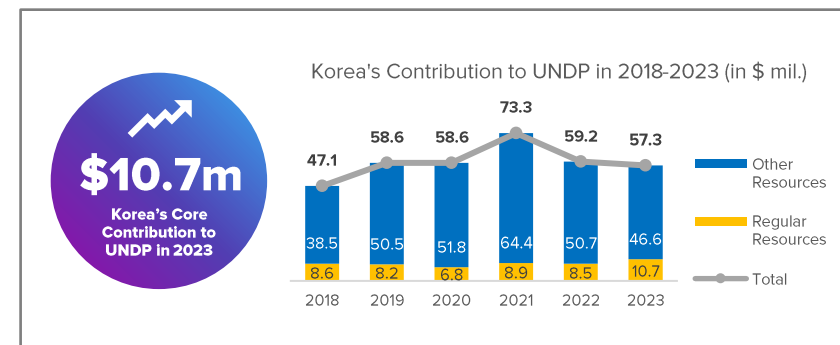
Through our flagship SDG Partnership programme, we provide support to partner countries by sharing Korea’s innovative practices and policy tools for application to local contexts, and by facilitating a dynamic exchange of lessons learned among countries.

We also enhance UNDP’s partnership with Korea on strategic development issues globally by exploring new partnerships and collaboration modalities with diverse Korean ODA-implementing agencies as well as less traditional development actors such as the private sector, civil society and academia. By distilling and disseminating good practices on innovative and effective development cooperation modalities, we also carry out policy-relevant analytical work to more strongly contribute to UNDP’s thought leadership on effective development cooperation.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA’S CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP

In 2023, Korea contributed US\$10.7 million in core support to UNDP – an increase of 26% from the previous year. The country became the 12th largest contributor to UNDP’s regular resources, with a total contribution of \$57.3 million (\$10.7 million to regular core resources; \$46.6 million to other resources). Korea also maintained its contribution to UNDP’s thematic Funding Windows focusing on governance and crisis response, nature, climate and energy, and gender equality.

Republic of Korea’s Funding Windows in 2023



All financial figures are provisional as of February 2024 and subject to change until the completion of audited financial statements.

OUR HISTORY

From 1966 to 2009, UNDP played an important role in supporting the development of Korea, delivering more than 270 development projects with a total budget of US\$107 million.

- **1966 - 2009**
UNDP’s support in this period covered areas such as rural development, water management, industrial development, environmental protection, and social development, with skills development as a cross cutting theme.
- **1997**
UNDP started working with Korea on international cooperation.
- **2009**
As Korea joined the OECD Development Assistance Committee, UNDP closed its Country Office in Korea.
- **2011**
UNDP Seoul Policy Centre began its operations.
- **2023**
Beginning of USPC’s 2023-2025 Triennial Programme

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UNDP Seoul Policy Centre's 22 SDG Partnerships with 22 Countries in 2024

