SDG 16 Hub Community Update | April 2022

The SDG 16 Hub is pleased to present its fourth Community Update of the year! This month's edition is packed with exciting new elements including the latest **National Monitoring Initiative Toolkit** and the **Mainstreaming SDG 16 e-Course** and much more.

Key resources on SDG 16 Include:

- The National Monitoring Initiative Toolkit
- The SDG 16 Hub Video Message
- The Mainstreaming SDG 16 e-Course
- A Decade of Support for Water Governance Reform: Final Report of the GoAL WaSH Programme
- Protecting Internally Displaced Persons: a Handbook for National Human Rights Institutions
- Emerging innovations in good governance to build resilience and recover from Covid-19 in Europe and Central Asia
- Drug Policy, the Security Sector and Sustainable Development Goal 16
- UPR support to SDG achievement and Human Rights Strategy

Information on upcoming events include:

- SDG 16 Conference - People-centred governance in a post-pandemic world
- Delivering the Right to Housing: Social Housing 2.0 - Report Launch & Virtual Discussion
- 2022 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development
- UNSSC The Youth, Peace and Security Primer

We are enthusiastic to continue providing SDG 16 updates including on events, resources, and initiatives. For any feedback, please write to contact@sdg16hub.org.

National Monitoring Initiative Toolkit

by the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies (Led by UNDP Oslo Governance Centre)

Between 2017 and 2021, the SDG 16 National Monitoring Initiative (NMI) supported more than ten countries in monitoring SDG 16 using a three-step methodology. The initiative was developed to strengthen monitoring, and provide assistance with some standardization of an effective, multi-stakeholder monitoring of SDG16 at the national level, while respecting national policy space.

Conceived by UNDP, the pilot initiative later became part of the *Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies* which includes a multi stakeholder group of partners working on SDG 16 namely: OHCHR, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNODC, UN Women, UN Global Compact, the Transparency, Accountability, Participation Network and White and Case LLP .

SDG16 NMI toolkit is available online on the SDG16Hub. To access the tested methodology and examples from 10+ pilot countries visit here. This online toolkit will be launched at the SDG 16 Conference on 21 April, 2022. Over time the toolkit examples, lessons and resources on the three-step methodology as well as practical country case studies will be updated regularly.

SDG 16 Hub Video Message

The SDG 16 Hub presents its **Key Messages from 2021** together with its plans for the future and upcoming projects! Last year, the SDG 16 Hub massively revamped its **resource library**, increased **registered membership** by more than 300% and supported online engagement for **regional SDG16 trainings in Asia, Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean**.

The main developments for the Hub in 2022 are now previewed in this video message, including its role as a **learning-based platform**, the release of new **toolkits** and **e-courses**, and the latest call to action for the **SDG 16 Hub Story Map Campaign**. To find out more about these updates, check out the just released video message on the SDG 16 Hub here.

Mainstreaming SDG 16 e-Course

UNDP, as partner of the **Global Alliance for Reporting on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies** and jointly with the **Transparency Accountability and Participation Network (TAP Network)**, will launch the E-Course ***"Mainstreaming SDG 16: Using the Voluntary National Review to Advance Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies"*** at the SDG 16 Conference in Rome*.* This e-course provides policy guidance and case studies on advancing SDG 16 implementation at national and subnational levels by more effectively leveraging Voluntary National Review (VNR) and post-VNR processes. It is intended for a broad range of actors and institutions at all levels to support impactful reporting on SDG16, and aims to address the following question: how can we ensure that the VNR is maximized for SDG 16 impact, including improved subsequent reporting?" Following its launch, find the Mainstreaming e-course also on the SDG 16 Hub.

Happening Soon! SDG 16 Conference - People-centred governance in a post-pandemic world

21-22 April 2022

The **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**, the **International Development Law Organization (IDLO)**, and the **Government of Italy** are organizing ***the SDG 16 Conference 2022***, taking place in Rome on 21 22 April in a hybrid format.

Building on the outcomes of the 2019 and 2021 editions and drawing on the insights of participants from government, international organizations, civil society, academia and youth, the Conference will explore how a people-centred approach to governance can help rebuild trust, accelerate progress towards sustainable development and tackle the challenges facing a post-COVID world. It will examine how COVID-19 has contributed to the root causes and drivers of conflict and instability, challenged the delivery of public services, threatened the rule of law and increased inequality and exclusion, apart from highlighting innovations made in response to the pandemic to address inequalities and leave no one behind.

During the conference Sarah Lister, Head of Governance at UNDP, will officially launch the **Mainstreaming SDG 16 e-course** developed by the **Global Alliance for Reporting on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies** and the **Transparency Accountability and Participation Network (TAP Network).** This e-course provides policy guidance and case studies on advancing SDG 16 implementation at national and subnational levels by more effectively leveraging Voluntary National Review (VNR) and post-VNR processes. Find out more about this event on its dedicated page on the SDG 16 Hub here

Delivering the Right to Housing
Social Housing 2.0 - Report Launch & Virtual Discussion

20 April 2022

On Wednesday, April 20th, the **Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies** and the **Urban Democracy Lab** will host a discussion on community-controlled, publicly-based housing models, and how to make social housing a viable and valuable tool to address today's global housing crisis.

With the **affordable housing crisis** affecting cities from New York to Accra, there has been increased interest in the **housing justice agenda** across the world. Grassroots mobilizations are pressuring leaders to tackle housing as an urgent issue in their agendas, prior conceptualizations of social housing are being revisited and adapted to generate new proposals, and community-based initiatives are increasingly recognized as a source of innovation and knowledge.

Find out more about the report and sign up to the event at its dedicated page on the SDG 16 Hub here.

A Decade of Support for Water Governance Reform: Final Report of the GoAL WaSH Programme

UNDP GoAL WaSH signature programme, funded by **Sida**, was implemented in 15 countries during the 2009-2019 period. It supported work in three main areas:
a) assessment, analysis and consensus building in the national water and sanitation context;
b) commitment, planning and coordination for new policies, laws, coordinating mechanisms, and regulatory functions; and
c) making reality the reform through the support to implementation with accountability and transparency.

Find out more about this Initiative and its Final Report here.

2022 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development

25-28 April 2022

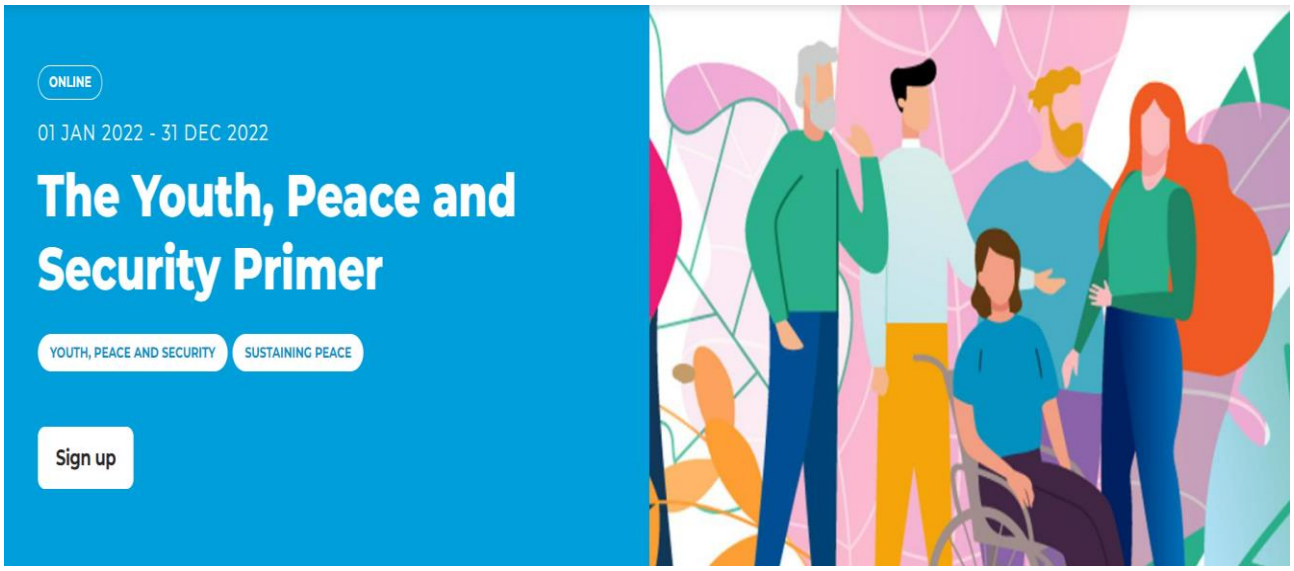
As decided by Member States in the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2021 FfD Forum, the seventh FfD Forum will be convened by the President of ECOSOC from **25 to 28 April 2022.** The official programme of the 2022

Financing for Development Forum will be complemented by side events which will be held in parallel. Side events will provide additional space for sharing experiences and promoting concrete actions to advance the financing for development agenda. The 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) provides the substantive input for discussions at the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development. The report is a joint product of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development, which is comprised of more than 60 United Nations Agencies and international organizations. The Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs serves as the substantive editor and coordinator of the Task Force, in close cooperation the World Bank Group, the IMF, WTO, UNCTAD, and UNDP.

Find out more about this event and related Report on the SDG 16 Hub here.

Protecting Internally Displaced Persons: a Handbook for National Human Rights Institutions

Over 50 million people were estimated to be **internally displaced** by the end of 2020 due to conflict, disasters, human rights violations and violence. Given the multiple drivers of displacement, human rights infringements are often experienced before, during and after displacement. The handbook analyses the role and activities of **national human rights institutions (NHRIs)** in addressing the human rights dimensions of internal displacement. It provides an overview of good practices, experiences and lessons learned by the UN system and partners.
Read more about this study here.

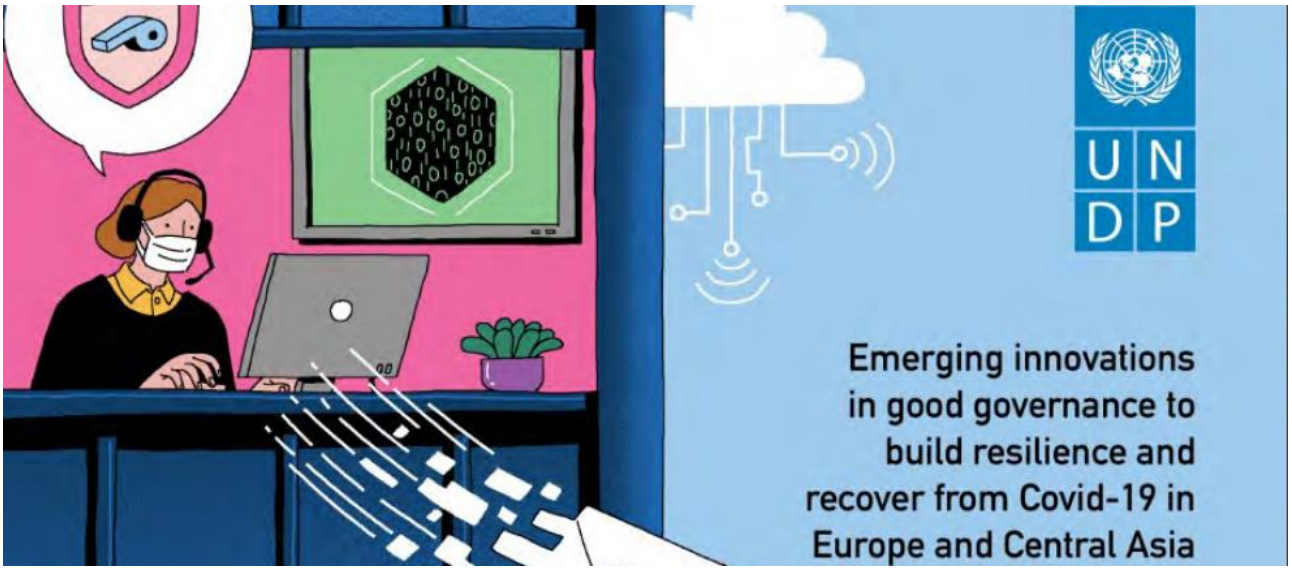


UNSSC The Youth, Peace and Security Primer

01 January – 31 December 2022

Through the adoption of **the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security** and its subsequent resolutions, Member States and UN organs and entities have been called upon to increase meaningful and inclusive participation of youth in peacebuilding efforts at all levels.

The **Youth, Peace and Security Primer**, also known as the YPS Primer, is an open online resource available to all practitioners, including UN, government, civil society and academia. The Primer has been developed by UNSSC in partnership with the Folke Bernadotte Academy and builds on the "Youth, Peace and Security: A Programming Handbook" developed by the UN with support from the Folke Bernadotte Academy. The YPS Primer aims to establish a common base of understanding and approach for the UN system and partners in implementing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda. It is primarily meant to inform, in broad terms, the programmes and actions of all UN entities working with and for youth in peace and security. For more information about this online open resource click here.



Emerging innovations in good governance to build resilience and recover from Covid-19 in Europe and Central Asia

This paper represents a comprehensive update to the first edition of this study, which was published in December 2020 amidst the initial shock of Covid-19. Its purpose is to showcase developments in the delivery of public services and reinforcement of accountability mechanisms in Europe and Central Asia region in the context of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-2021. Many of the novel approaches in this update represent a focused shift towards implementing durable solutions that will outlast the pandemic.

Click here to find out more about this study on the SDG 16 Hub.

Drug Policy, the Security Sector and Sustainable Development Goal 16

Ensuring that drug policy is coherent with the 2030 Agenda is essential to achieving the commitments made by UN member states to sustainable development. While it is evident that advancing security sector governance and reform is necessary for states to achieve

sustainable development goals, greater attention is needed to understand the **nexus between drug policy and development**.

Drug policy is often framed as a security issue because most controlled substances are criminalized under national and international justice regimes with the goal to end consumption for non-medical use. As a result, repressive drug policy has spillover effects on both the security and justice sectors since these sectors are responsible for upholding and **enforcing the rule of law**. The consequences of repressive policies frequently produce negative externalities, such as **public distrust in institutions**, that in turn harm progress on development, in particular towards SDG 16. This policy brief explores points of tension and harmony between drug policy and development and proposes a development-led set of recommendations to actors engaging with drug policy through security sector reform.

UPR support to SDG achievement and Human Rights Strategy

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a mechanism of the Human Rights Council which 100 % of member States participate in to review their human rights records by their peers. These recommendations are key to advance **sustainable development with human rights at their core**. A UPR Practical Guidance has been developed and shared across the UN to maximize the use of the UPR process for engagement on human rights at the country level which also supports sustainable development. A new repository of good practices gathering examples from UNDP and across the UN system, highlights the growing practice of UN entities and UNCTs to broadly engage with the UPR process and utilize UPR recommendations in their work also as a practical problem-solving tool to address both human rights and development challenges and support achievement of the SDGs.

New in the SDG 16 Hub Community

- Policy Document: Drug Policy, the Security Sector and Sustainable Development Goal 16
- Webinar: 5th & 6th Meeting: Discussion on first question set: Experiences & perceptions of discrimination
- Communication: About the 2021 Rome Declaration 1-Pager

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