SDG 16 Hub Community Update | March 2022

The third edition of the SDG 16 Community Update is now available! This update includes key events like the IDLO - SDG 16 Conference in Rome, the SDG 16 + In peril Call to Action, the latest update on the Praia Group's Task Teams, and some of the latest publication on SDG 16 including:

- The Sixth Edition of Progressing National SDGs Implementation
- The Development Impact of the War in Ukraine - Initial Projections
- Enhancing Efforts to Prevent Violent Extremism by Leveraging Behavioural Insights
- Women's Meaningful Participation in Transitional Justice: Advancing Gender Equality and Building Sustainable Peace

Information on upcoming events include:

- IDLO - SDG 16 Conference in Rome
• SDG16+ in Peril: A call-to-action for safeguarding commitments to Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
• The Road to Stockholm+50: Regional Dialogue on Youth Empowerment in Climate Action
• “Conflict Sensitivity- what’s next?” Coffee Hour

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

SDG 16 CONFERENCE
People-centred governance in a post-pandemic world
21 – 22 April 2022
In Rome and online

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, to be held from 21 to 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.

SDG16+ in Peril: A call-to-action for safeguarding commitments to Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

06 April 2022

This online interactive workshop, hosted by the Namati, the TAP Network, CSPPS, CIVICUS and GPPAC, will explore various emerging issues around SDG 16+, to identify areas where amplified actions are needed to safeguard commitments for implementation and accountability of SDG16+ in 2022 from governments, the international community and civil society alike. Hosted by Namati, the TAP Network, the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), CIVICUS and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), the workshop will serve as a key moment of consultation for inputs and priorities for updating the Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+ to counter pressing challenges in 2022 and beyond, particularly in light of current events such as the disastrous conflict in Ukraine and its impact on the lives of millions, and the profound geopolitical shifts it has created on
international law and multilateralism overall. To find out more and register to the event please click [here](#).

Sixth Edition of Progressing National SDGs Implementation

The [Progressing National SDGs Implementation](#) report provides an independent analysis of reporting by United Nations Member States to the [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)](http://www.un.org). Supported by a coalition of civil society organizations from around the world and prepared by Cooperation Canada, the report examines the current status of 2030 Agenda implementation, unpacks trends in reporting and identifies good practice. The [sixth edition of Progressing National SDGs Implementation](#) report aims to provide useful insights and recommendations to inform these discussions and help guide improved implementation and reporting. The review of the 42 VNR reports submitted to the HLPF in 2021, as well as the analysis of 17 VNR-related civil society reports, show both positive and concerning trends. The report covers all aspects of 2030 Agenda implementation through an examination of **governance arrangements, institutional mechanisms and stakeholder engagement, policies, means of implementation, and reporting**. Key findings, good practice case studies, emerging best practices and recommendations are presented throughout this edition.

For more information about the Report’s [Key Messages](#), its Annexes, and Policy Briefs [click here](#).
Early data estimates suggest that 90% of the Ukrainian population could be facing poverty and extreme economic vulnerability should the war deepen, setting the country – and the region – back decades and leaving deep social and economic scars for generations to come. In the event of a continuing, protracted war in Ukraine, 18 years of socio-economic achievements could be lost, with almost one third of the population living below the poverty line and a further 62% at high risk of falling into poverty within the next twelve months, according to an early projection released today by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Based on its longstanding, trusted partnership with the Government of Ukraine, UNDP has been working in all 24 oblasts (administrative districts) of Ukraine with more than 332 municipalities, 15 civil society organizations hubs, and more than 17 business membership associations across the country. Find out more about these initial projections here.

This study reviews the utilization of the security sector in South Africa, the Philippines and the UK during the first year of the Covid-19 outbreak, resulting in varied outcomes ranging from positive humanitarian contributions to misconduct and brutality that led to the death of citizens.

To prevent the security sector from detracting from SDG16, the study identified a need for a rapid parliamentary reaction capability to security sector utilization, especially in cases of extraordinary deployments coupled with an elevated risk of executive dominance.

To get an overview, listen to the podcast with the authors of this SSR Paper, discussing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic for parliaments and how this hindered oversight of the security sector and affected the rule of law. This publication is part of a project from the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) on linking SSG/R to SDG 16.

Read more about this study here.
The Praia Group Task Teams on the SDG 16 Hub

In November 2021, the Praia Group established on the SDG 16 Hub two Task Teams on Non-Discrimination & Equality and on Participation in Political and Public Affairs. Each Task Team has more than 70 members each, and a very high level of engagement and interest. Strong engagement was also received from NSO Co-Chairs (Tunisia & Norway for Participation; Finland & Peru for Discrimination), and from Supporting Organizations (UNWomen for Participation & OHCHR for Discrimination). Another workstream was started on "how to better use administrative data to produce statistics on Discrimination/Participation" with the support of selected experts. The two projects are planned to be concluded by the end of 2022. Following from the current ones, other Task Teams on different dimensions of governance where statistical methodologies are least advanced (e.g. Trust, Openness, Responsiveness) could be established in 2023.
The Road to Stockholm+50: Regional Dialogue on Youth Empowerment in Climate Action
06-07 April 2022

This year, the YECAP Regional Dialogue, co-organized by UNDP in partnership with, UNICEF, UNFCCC, UNEP, OHCHR, UNV, UNESCO, The British Council, YOUNGO, Movers Programme and 2030 Youth Force (TBC), will serve as one of the key activities in the lead up to Stockholm+50 conference in June 2022.

The Road to Stockholm+50 Regional Dialogue on Youth Empowerment in Climate Action will not only focus on direct participation in the NDC revision, implementation and monitoring processes, but it will also highlight environmental multilateralism works, global partnerships and collaboration for the planet, immediate action for the environment to create a better future on a healthy planet, and an opportunity to improve the quality of life for billions of people. For more information, and to register to the event click here.
Enhancing Efforts to Prevent Violent Extremism by Leveraging Behavioural Insights

This report showcases the detailed methods, results and lessons learned from three Behavioural Insights (BI) experiments that were carried out by UNDP with support from other UN entities, in Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan from 2020-2021, aiming to use BI as a tool to strengthen the participation of women and youth into UNDP's programming to prevent violent extremism. The report aims to provide practical insights for practitioners on how to design and carry out BI experiments for PVE by giving an insight into both the design process and the results of these three experiments. This knowledge product works as a supplement to UNDP's practitioner guidance, “Applying Behavioural Science to Support the prevention of violent Extremism: Experiences and Lessons Learned”, which provides step-by-step guidance for practitioners to make use of behavioural sciences and experimentation to address violent extremism. Read more about this report on the SDG 16 Hub.
Women's Meaningful Participation in Transitional Justice: Advancing Gender Equality and Building Sustainable Peace

This report and accompanying policy brief are intended to trigger a UN ‘rethink’ about women’s participation in transitional justice at both the policy and programme levels. Fundamentally, ‘meaningful’ women's participation in transitional justice does not only involve women being present—instead, it involves the convergence of several elements and manifests when women from diverse backgrounds: have the ability to enter; are present; possess self-efficacy; deploy their agency; and exert influence over transitional justice processes. It recommends several adjustments for UN policy and programming—both in general and in relation to the updating of the UN Secretary-General’s 2010 Guidance Note on transitional justice—to better promote women’s meaningful participation in transitional justice. Read more about this report here.
“Conflict Sensitivity– what’s next?” Coffee Hour
07 April 2022

The Peace & Security Hub is pleased to present the “Conflict Sensitivity– what’s next?” Coffee Hour which will take place on Thursday, 7 April at 15:00- 16:00 CEST. This session will feature three peace and security experts - Anita Ernstorfer, Principle at Untangled, Josefine Roos, co-founder at Adapt Peacebuilding and Stephen Gray, Director Adapt Peacebuilding. Together we will explore current trends in conflict sensitivity, and speak about the key conflict sensitivity elements that peace and security professionals should incorporate into their work processes and organizations. This is the perfect opportunity for you to gain new insights, and engage with us and fellow peace and security professionals from across the United Nations and beyond.

For more information on this event, click here.

New in the SDG 16 Hub Community

- Webinar: Next meeting: First question set on Electoral Participation
- Report: Zero-Draft Questionnaire on Discrimination & Feedback Form
- Webinar: 4th Meeting of the Task Team: Kick-Starting Survey Design

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