We are pleased to share the seventh Community Update of the SDG16 Hub for 2022! This month’s edition features new and exciting resources, tools, initiatives, and events including information on the upcoming side event titled ‘Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16’ at the 8th Session of the ESCAP Committee on 23 August and the International Day for Universal Access to Information. Key UPDATES featured on SDG 16 Include:

- International Day for Universal Access to Information
- New SDG Partnership on sharing Korea’s “Clean Portal”, effective digital corruption and public interest violation reporting system
- Programme Launch and Webinar: Police Capacity Building for Tackling Digital Sex Crimes: Experiences and Lessons from Korea, 23rd May, 2022
- Regional Updates: LAC region
- Training information from Swisspeace
- Upcoming side event: Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16

We are enthusiastic to continue providing SDG 16 updates including on events, resources, and initiatives. For any feedback, please write to contact@sdg16hub.org.
Upcoming: International Day for Universal Access to Information

On the occasion of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) celebrated worldwide on 28 September, UNESCO will mobilize the international community to use Artificial Intelligence and e-Governance to promote Access to Information, while ensuring privacy and accountability.

A global event will take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and national events around the world will highlight trends related to access to information against the backdrop of good governance principles and the use of digital technologies. UNESCO will present the findings of its 2022 survey on monitoring and reporting of SDG 16.10.2 as well launch its Open Data guidelines in support of transparency, innovation and e-governance, and an update of
With the rise of digitalization and disinformation being increasingly at play, the ability for the public to access official information is crucial. This year, #AccessToInfoDay will serve as springboard towards achieving the SDGs by addressing current trends on:

- What lessons can be drawn from the trends on Access to Information implementation around the world?
- What is the role of e-Governance and artificial intelligence in ensuring the right to information on an equal basis?
- How can privacy and persona data be protected in the age of digital government and transparent, open data?
- What enabling environment is necessary for Access to Information in digital format to flourish?
- What are the stumbling blocks that governments encounter in opening data for the public good?
- How can Artificial Intelligence be used as an empowering tool for persons with disability to access public information?

Follow the events and get all the information you need to safeguard your #RightToKnow

https://www.unesco.org/en/days/universal-access-information-day

Click here and let your voice count during the International Day for Universal Access to Information by participating to the survey
UNDP launches new SDG Partnership on sharing Korea’s “Clean Portal”, effective digital corruption and public interest violation reporting system

Collaborating with UNDP’s Global Policy Network (GPN), UNDP Seoul Policy Centre (USPC) launched a new thematic programme which officially commenced by a webinar jointly organized with on Korea’s Anti-corruption & Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) on 29 June 2022, introducing its digital corruption and public interest violation reporting platform called “Clean Portal.” In the opening, Dr. Anne Juepner, Acting Director of USPC, thanked ACRC for its continuous partnership to share its know-hows and experiences in operating ‘Anti-corruption Initiative Assessment (AIA)’ and ‘Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA)’ mechanisms, encouraging current and future partner countries to benefit from ACRC’s “Clean Portal” model to bring more efficient and innovative digital solutions into their anti-corruption methodologies. Together with GPN Colleagues and ACRC officials, overview of UNDP’s Global Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS) programme, ACRC’s “Clean Portal” system, and USPC’s SDG Partnerships programme have been also provided.
Earlier in May, 2022 a webinar was organized to share the experiences of the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) in addressing Digital Sex Crime and provide information on USPC’s new programme, which will support selected UNDP Country Offices and their partners on strengthening police capacities for tackling the digital sex crimes. Studies show that digitalization and COVID-19 pandemic have escalated the severity and magnitude of gender-based violence in online spaces, hurting women, girls and boys around the world. Here, fighting and preventing the digital sex crime particularly requires concerted efforts to enhance national police capacities; and Korea’s experience provides an inspiring reference point. This webinar and USPC’s programme offer are closely linked to the Strategic Plan and the Gender Equality Strategy, where gender-based violence including cyberviolence, has been identified as a cross-cutting priority. This initiative is also related to UNDP’s Digital Strategy, as well as global programmes on rule of law and gender which include work related to women’s access to justice and fight against SGBV.
The webinar had 74 participants from 46 countries. Korean National Police Agency shared their best practices in tackling digital sex crimes and Sofiene from CB provided comprehensive overview of the UNDP Global Programme on Rule of Law and UNDP’s strategic engagement in the area of gender-based violence. USPC also introduced its new programme “Enhancing Police Capacities for Tackling Digital Sex Crimes”, intending to raise awareness of addressing digital sex crimes and strengthen the police capacities to provide strategic protection for the victims. The package we offer includes the seed funding, technical and advisory assistance from KNPA, and programme management and advisory support from USPC. Also, key evaluation criteria for partner selection were shared to facilitate the participants’ interest on our new programme and inform them on the upcoming call for expression of interests (EOI).

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**Regional Updates: LAC region**

**Corporate Responsibility to Strengthen Human Rights Standards in Peru and Mexico - A partnership between UNDP and the Government of Japan**

In early April it was announced that UNDP, through a new project funded by the Government of Japan, will work to improve human rights standards in companies in 17 countries globally, including Mexico and Peru. By promoting the application of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the aim is to better equip governments and businesses to understand and act on their duties and responsibilities to prevent human rights abuses.

The project has two main purposes. The first is to guide companies in implementing human rights due diligence to assess, evaluate, prevent and mitigate adverse human rights impacts. The second objective is to strengthen the design of policies to address human rights abuses related to business operations.

The project was successfully launched in Peru in June and in Mexico in July. As one of the most salient outcomes of this launch, the government of Mexico has committed to work on its National Action Plan on human rights and business, where UNDP will provide technical assistance.
DATACCIÓN: Good practices on citizen security

Infosegura is a regional project specialized in evidence-based information management to strengthen the formulation and monitoring of public policies on citizen security in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The project is executed by the UNDP in LAC and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

During the first half of the year, Infosegura managed the fifth season of DATACCIÓN, a community of practice where good practices on citizen security data are exchanged. Also, Infosegura, jointly with the Red CONOSE, co-organized the 2022 Forum of the Knowledge Network on Citizen Security. The forum provided a space for discussion and reflection between governments, academia and civil society on the different ways in which research can have an impact on the design and improvement of public policies on violence and citizen security.

UNDP and COMJIB signed a MOU to promote Inclusive Justice Agenda in Iberoamerica.

UNDP and Comjib signed an agreement to improve an inclusive justice agenda; enhance solutions for access to justice opportunities by strengthening justice sector institutions; and promote gender justice agendas and the digitization of justice services. Twitter link here and here.

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Training information from Swisspeace

“Communicating Peace & Conflict” course offers an opportunity and invites participants to reflect on trends, challenges, and practices of communicating peacebuilding: 10 - 13 October 2022: Communicating Peace & Conflict
Apply by 30 August 2022! – Join to discover trends, challenges, and practices of communicating peacebuilding and related topics!

Visit Swisspeace website for additional information and please do not hesitate to contact them via e-mail (academy@swisspeace.ch) if you have any further questions.

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New Video: Connections that Matter: How the Quality of Governance Institutions may be the Booster Shot we need to reduce Poverty and Inequality

A new Video has been developed and launched on YouTube. This relates to the recently launched publication ‘Connections that matter: How the quality of governance institutions may be the booster shot we need to reduce poverty and inequality’.

Current global crises are complex, and tackling issues separately or in sequence will be futile. Transformation can happen only when multiple issues are tackled at the same time. To help do so, a new study by UNDP’s Oslo Governance Centre (OGC) and the German Development Institute (DIE/GDI) investigates how aspects of SDG 16 that are considered critical features of governance institutions – transparency, accountability and inclusion – help
or hinder progress on key dimensions of SDG 1 on poverty and SDG 10 on inequality. The study is the first attempt to consolidate evidence on this link and fills a gap in the existing literature on how different SDGs can reinforce each other.

Based on a scoping literature review of 400+ academic papers, the study finds empirical evidence from across the globe that investing in accountable, transparent and inclusive governance can boost the reduction of poverty and inequality. For example, in election years, social benefits are better targeted to those with low incomes; reducing corruption is positively correlated with access to education and improved literacy rates; and civil society engagement enables the provision of health care access. It offers initial policy insights on why, how and with whom national actors can use the employed methodology to identify, prioritize and sequence governance policies with ‘booster effects’ in their own country. Read more about this publication here.
INNOVATIVE METHODOLOGY TO MONITOR SDG 16
HIGH-QUALITY DATA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING

"This session aims to enhance the capacity of Asia-Pacific Member States and Associate Members in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics by presenting innovative methodological tools and providing national experiences"

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2022
16:00-17:00 (UTC+7)
UNCC (MR-H) & ZOOM
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Upcoming side event: Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16

The UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence, in collaboration with UNODC Headquarters, is organizing a side event titled ‘Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16’ at the 8th Session of the ESCAP Committee on 23 August, 16:00-17:00 Bangkok time, in a hybrid format, to continue to enhance the capacity of the Asia-Pacific Member States and Associate Members in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics. As the custodian entity of SDG indicators predominantly found in SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, UNODC continuously develops tools to enhance the quality and quantity of data available at the national level; this side event will showcase recent UNODC methodological developments to ensure high-quality data for evidence-based policymaking.

The three methodological tools which will be presented at the side event are:

- SDG 16 Survey Initiative
- International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes
- Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”)

For registration, click here.

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