



SDG 16 Hub Community Update | November 2022

We are pleased to share the Eighth 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 SDG 16 Regional Training that starts on the 3rd November and runs for the next 6 weeks until 8th December 2022. More information about this training is available on the SDG16 Hub [here](#).

Other Key UPDATES featured in this SDG 16 Community Update include:

- IPPN Knowledge Café
- Follow-up of International Day for Universal Access to Information and UNDP – UNESCO collaboration for the Tashkent Declaration finalisation
- UNESCO MOOC – Access to Information Laws and Policies and their implementation
- Roundtable discussion on youth, peace and security and climate
- Launch of the [2022 Berggruen Governance Index](#)
- SwissPeace winter courses

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: Regional Training on Measuring SDG16 in Africa II

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Africa (UNECA), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), are organizing a series of interactive and online training workshops on measuring progress towards SDG 16 indicators.

The training will focus on technical guidelines on how to measure the indicators and feature national experiences from the region. The main objectives of the training are:

- Strengthen technical capacities of national authorities to produce, analyze and disseminate relevant SDG 16 indicators
- Strengthen the organizational framework by bringing together the different actors of the data ecosystem.
- Promote a “SDG 16 data community” among data producers and users for the exchange of experiences around SDG 16 measurement

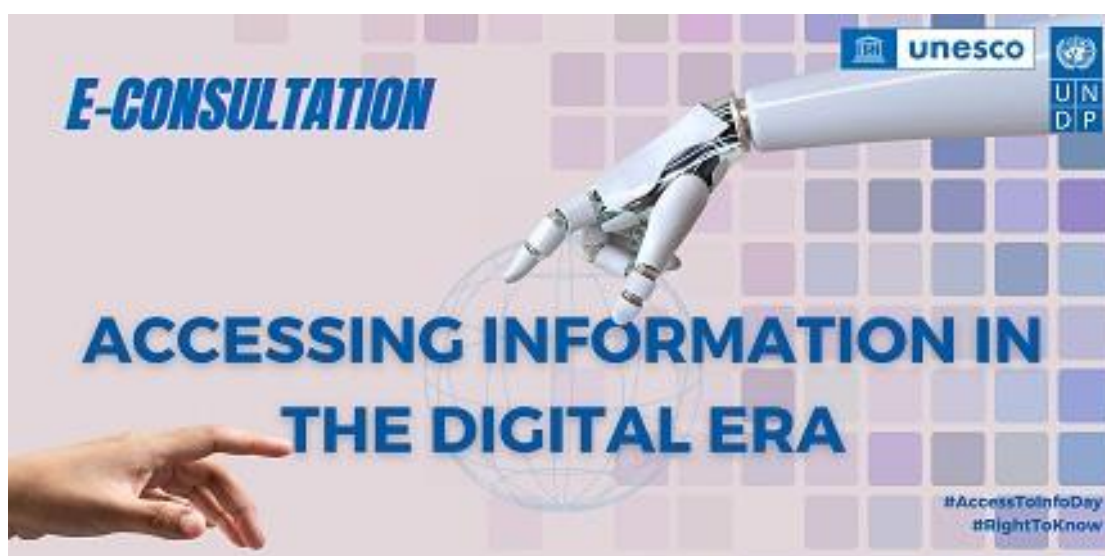
All data producing national actors in the field of crime, justice, governance, human rights, non-discrimination or equality in Africa are invited to participate. This includes representatives from national institutions such as National Statistical Offices, Police, Prosecution, Courts, Prisons, Ministries of Interior and Justice, National Human Rights Institutions and other relevant entities. These training webinars will familiarize stakeholders with concepts, international standards and methodological tools, as well as an understanding of the challenges required to measure SDG indicators related to violence prevention, strengthening criminal justice systems, prisons, access to justice, combating organized crime, illicit trafficking, corruption, preventing conflict-related deaths, legal identity, protecting fundamental freedoms, inclusive accountable, and effective public institutions, promoting and enforcing non-discriminatory laws and policies. To attend the training, participants are invited to [register here](#).

For further information please contact: sdg16indicators@undp.org.



IPPN Knowledge Café

Co-organized by UNDP, OHCHR, ILO, DCO and UN Women, an IPPN Knowledge Cafe was held on 14 September to increase understanding of how human rights can strengthen Voluntary National Review processes, promote greater awareness and familiarity with the new guidance: [Human Rights and Voluntary National Reviews Operational Common Approach Guidance Note](#), and identify practical ways the UN can support Member States in integrating human rights into the development of Voluntary National Reviews. The session reviewed contents of the guidance and then through the first-hand account of national and UN partners, shared concrete examples from Guinea-Bissau, Ecuador, and State of Palestine how they developed rights-based VNRs. Please find the recording of the event and session materials on Spark Blue [here](#).



Follow-up of International Day for Universal Access to Information and UNDP

– UNESCO collaboration for the Tashkent Declaration finalisation

On the occasion of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) celebrated worldwide on 28 September a global event took place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan to highlight trends related to access to information against the backdrop of good governance principles and the use of digital technologies.

UNDP and UNESCO jointly launched a [global online eConsultation on the SDG16 Hub](#). This initiative provided an opportunity to any registered Hub user to provide feedback, views, questions, comments and concerns on the Tashkent Declaration and how it can best respond to current trends and challenges – in line with Agenda 2030.

On the IDUAI was expected the adoption of the [Tashkent Declaration](#) that reaffirms the commitment by Member States to recognising and respecting the fundamental right of access to information and will cover the principles of good governance and related issues raised by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies with regard to access to information. Developed by experts to address new challenges raised by the impact of digitalization, it seeks to reaffirm the commitment to the right to access information, which is crucial to the advancement of human rights and to sustainable development.

UNESCO and UNDP's Oslo Governance Centre are grateful for the insightful comments on the SDG 16 Hub as it relates to the [Tashkent Declaration](#). The comments were discussed during the global conference to celebrate the International Day for Universal Access to Information 2022 that was held in Tashkent from 28 to 29 September 2022.

Many of the comments are now reflected in the [final declaration](#) that was endorsed by all participants. Thank you for your participation.



UNESCO MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE
ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS AND POLICIES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

• INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
• ATI, DEVELOPMENT - SDGS
• PRINCIPLES OF GOOD ATI LEGISLATION
• PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE

• REACTIVE DISCLOSURE
• EXCEPTIONS
• OVERSIGHT
• IMPLEMENTATION: STEPS AND CHALLENGES

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Illustration: A hand holding a smartphone with a QR code, a gavel, and a document.

UNESCO MOOC – Access to Information Laws and Policies and their implementation

The 2022 edition of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) celebrated worldwide on 28 September was the occasion to present the latest tool UNESCO and the Centre for Law and Democracy developed to empower everyone – spanning from public authorities such as civil society, journalists and bloggers or ordinary citizens, those who are custodians and provide information such as information commissioners, to legislators and policy makers – on Access to Information Laws and Policies and their Implementation.

This 6 hour online course provided for free in English and divided into 8 modules covers the fundamentals of access to information laws and its implementation. The importance of strong access to information laws is explained by the fact that facilitating the free flow of information increase accountability, transparency, public trust in government and is an important lever to create knowledge societies.

Illustrated with concrete examples and designed in a dynamic format including videos, games and quizzes, the learners will have a broader understanding of the arena of the right to access to information and its application.

Throughout the course, the self-learner will explore in depth the following chapters before receiving a certificate of completion:

- » Module 1: International Standards
- » Module 2: ATI, Development – Including the SDGs – and Other Benefits
- » Module 3: Principles of Good ATI Legislation
- » Module 4: Proactive Disclosure
- » Module 5: Reactive Disclosure
- » Module 6: Exceptions
- » Module 7: Oversight
- » Module 8: Implementation: Steps and Challenges

To access the course please go to the dedicated [website](#).



Roundtable discussion on youth, peace and security and climate

Key takeaways:

Peace in today's world is challenged by the interconnectedness of multiple crises – COVID-19, climate, violence and armed conflict, energy crises – and their compounded effects on societies and people. Young people are responding to crises across the world and acting for peace and climate in their communities through innovative solutions to bridge divides and spear climate action.

On the International Day of Peace 2022, this roundtable discussion brought together approximately 45 young climate activists and peacebuilders and development practitioners, partners and stakeholders from across all regions and engaged in various efforts: from initiatives at the grassroots level to global advocacy. It was hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Global Programme (BPPS/Gov/Youth) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Read the key takeaways: https://www.youth4peace.info/YPS_climate



Launch of the 2022 Berggruen Governance Index

Has the state of democracy improved or worsened around the globe over the last 20 years? The Berggruen Governance Index, a joint project of the Hertie School with the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and the Berggruen Institute, aims to shed light on this question. At an event organised by the Hertie School on 30 September, Helmut K. Anheier, Professor of Sociology at the Hertie School and principal investigator of the project, presented the index for the first time in Europe. For more information see [here](#).



SwissPeace Winter Courses

Two upcoming swisspeace flagship courses will take place early next year.

- **23 - 27 January 2022:** [Dealing with the Past](#) – Learn how societies emerging from violence and conflict deal with the past and prepare for the future. [Apply by 15 December 2022!](#)
- **13 - 17 February 2022:** [Religion & Conflict Transformation](#) – Learn how to design strong foundations for a new aid program, making it easier for you to monitor and communicate results, quickly change the course of action to adapt to change, and apply innovative approaches. Apply by 15 December 2022!

Visit [SwissPeace website](#) for additional information, or write to: academy@swisspeace.ch if you have any further questions

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