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## Foreword

In 2024, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will continue to support Member States in the realization of internationally agreed development goals and shared social, economic and environmental aspirations.

The Department's proposed programme budget for 2024 responds to the priorities of Member States as shaped by current development trends and as guided by legislative mandates and organizational objectives emerging from the various intergovernmental processes that inform the Department's work.

With our development trajectory in protracted crisis, the core mission of the Organization has never been more critical. The Department will continue to champion the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the blueprint for crisis response and recovery. By actioning the commitments contained in the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, we can realize a stable and inclusive recovery, build resilience and move the world towards sustainable development for all.

We stand ready with the broader international development community to support Member States in their efforts.

*(Signed)* **LI Junhua**  
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

## **A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022**

### **Overall orientation**

#### **Mandates and background**

- 9.1 The Department of Economic and Social Affairs supports the development pillar of the United Nations Secretariat, including by ensuring international cooperation in the pursuit of sustainable development for all. The Department's responsibilities include: (a) providing substantive support to the bodies established under the Charter of the United Nations that deal with development issues, namely, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its related functional commissions, and expert bodies; (b) monitoring and analysing development trends, prospects and policy issues globally; and (c) providing assistance in translating policy frameworks developed in United Nations conferences and summits into policies and programmes at the country level and supporting Member States in building national capacities for implementation, with a specific focus on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through, among others, the regular programme of technical cooperation and United Nations Development Account projects. The mandate derives from the proposals put forward in the 1997 report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" ([A/51/950](#)). In implementing the proposals, the General Assembly, in its resolution [52/220](#), noted the creation of the new Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- 9.2 The Department forms the backbone of the normative and analytical support provided by the Secretariat to intergovernmental bodies and the processes that address the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including spearheading numerous initiatives to advance economic and social development issues.

#### **Strategy and external factors for 2024**

- 9.3 Concern was expressed at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, held in New York in September 2019, about the slow progress made in achieving the Goals in many areas. Pledges were made at the Summit to make the coming decade one of action and delivery, in order to realize the Goals by 2030. Accordingly, a coherent and integrated approach to the work of the United Nations to support Member States in the urgent need to accelerate action on all levels and by all stakeholders, to fulfil the vision and Goals of the 2030 Agenda, remains paramount. Throughout 2020 and 2021, the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic added an urgent context to the critical action areas committed to by Member States in the political declaration adopted at the Summit.
- 9.4 The combined impact of ongoing and interlinked crises has become increasingly challenging for the global community. The evolving global situations have added an urgent dimension to the need for progress within the 10 critical action areas outlined by Member States in the political declaration at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit in September 2019. The most vulnerable countries, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, have been particularly challenged. In addition, middle-income countries still face significant challenges in achieving sustainable development. Moreover, women and girls continue to face disproportionate impacts, and the world's poorest and most vulnerable people have been hard hit.
- 9.5 Guided by the outcomes of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit and informed by the report of the Secretary-General on Our Common Agenda ([A/75/982](#)), the Department will continue its focus on championing synergistic, future-focused approaches to address multiple, interlinked crises and accelerate a recovery that improves the livelihood and lives of all people, including through its work to promote climate action, sustainable infrastructure investment and risk-informed development cooperation.
- 9.6 The Department supports Member States through major global conferences and summits and regular meetings in the economic, social and environmental fields. As a global thought leader, the

Department forecasts economic, social and population trends and generates, analyses and compiles a wide range of data and statistics to inform and advise Member States and other stakeholders as they take stock of trends and policy options to address common problems. The Department also assists in translating policy frameworks developed in United Nations conferences and summits into programmes at the country level and, through technical assistance, supports Member States in building national capacities.

- 9.7 With attention given to least developed and landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa, the Department identifies emerging trends and effective policy options for eradicating poverty, addressing inequalities and promoting opportunities and progress towards sustainable development for all. It also undertakes capacity-building activities to support those countries in special situations in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 9.8 In 2024, the Department will continue to:
- (a) Support Member States in preparing for important intergovernmental processes and milestones, including the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States and the Summit of the Future;
  - (b) Strengthen the availability of critical social, demographic and economic data and analysis for guiding transformative policy in the context of crisis recovery, to create more resilient and inclusive societies and accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (c) Strengthen thought leadership by taking a multidimensional and intersectional approach to analysis, in support of intergovernmental processes that account for the differentiated impacts that emerging and ongoing trends, policies and programmes have on the poorest and the most vulnerable, and on women and girls;
  - (d) Leverage workstreams on climate action, financing for sustainable development, digital transformation, data accessibility, projections and frontier issues to move the world closer to achieving sustainable development for all;
  - (e) Enhance national implementation of internationally agreed objectives through its structured strategic and substantive support for the resident coordinator system and United Nations country teams, with a focus on countries in Africa and in special situations.
- 9.9 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional, national and local levels, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs will continue to serve as convenor of the expanded Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs Plus. The Department, through this Committee, will work with United Nations entities to ensure that their intergovernmental bodies contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and enhance common approaches and synergies to support Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Department will contribute to building multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity development in thematic areas such as natural resources, water, energy, the climate, the ocean, transport, and science and technology, as well as special concerns of small island developing States. The Department will also contribute to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to enhance collaboration and coordination on the sustainable management of all types of forests, and the full realization of the potential of forests to address global challenges.
- 9.10 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Department will continue to support the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which helps to advance multilateral guidance for sustainable development, ranging from policy to normative mandates specific to the 2030 Agenda. This work is coordinated with United Nations system entities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Having established an internal coordination capacity to support the resident coordinator system and the United Nations country teams, the Department will continue to facilitate more structured engagement with resident coordinators, through the Development Cooperation Office. This structured engagement further strengthens the Department's delivery of its capacity-building activities, assisting Member States in translating at

the national level global norms and policy frameworks for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed objectives. The Department will continue to rely on the leadership and coordination role of the resident coordinators and their offices to help to identify effective country-level entry points and partnerships. Furthermore, the Department will continue to work with various agencies and stakeholders to improve its capacities for policy analysis and knowledge production. The Department will continue to chair or co-chair inter-agency mechanisms on disability, Indigenous Peoples, older persons and young people, legal identity, financing for development, statistics, and science, technology and innovation, among others, playing an integral role in ensuring coherence across these topic areas. Moreover, as part of the ongoing effort to strengthen United Nations thought leadership to respond to the demands of the 2030 Agenda, the United Nations Economists' Network will continue to advance thinking and policy research on key current and emerging economic, financial and social development issues, specifically in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

- 9.11 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 is based on the following planning assumptions:
- (a) Continued cooperation with policymakers and relevant national, regional and international stakeholders and entities in the consideration of sustainable development issues in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, as well as other intergovernmental processes serviced by the programme;
  - (b) Continued availability of up-to-date and accurate information, data and trends for the Department's analytical products;
  - (c) Governments and other relevant stakeholders continue to collaborate with the Department in undertaking the proposed programme activities with the necessary capacity and resources.
- 9.12 The Department integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate. In line with the legislative mandates given by Member States, the Department will continue to mainstream a gender perspective into its normative and analytical work and its support for intergovernmental bodies. It will continue to apply gender analysis in its work and will highlight issues related to gender equality in the substantive documentation, programme and deliberations of intergovernmental bodies, as appropriate. Members of the Department's gender focal point network will continue to serve as resource persons on gender equality and mainstreaming and to ensure a gender perspective in the Department's programmatic and substantive operations. The Department's subprogrammes will continue to give due regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women in the implementation of their programme of work for 2024.
- 9.13 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, the Department will promote inclusive social and economic development for all, including persons with disabilities, and realize the promise of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind. As secretariat to the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Department will facilitate global dialogue to address existing gaps in translating the international commitments to persons with disabilities into development policies, programming and practices at the national and international levels. The Department will also engage in various joint projects and coordination groups that involve other entities of the United Nations system on disability inclusion, including on the implementation of the Strategy.

## **Programme performance in 2022**

### **Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned**

- 9.14 The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic into 2022 had an impact on the implementation of mandates, in particular the Department's analytical work, intergovernmental and normative events and capacity-building activities. The continual change in approach, postponement and/or cancellation of planned deliverables and activities also had an impact on planned results under subprogrammes 2, 4 and 5.

- 9.15 In addition, in order to support Member States on issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, within the overall scope of the objectives, the Department responded to requests from Member States for in-depth analysis of the impact of the pandemic on development prospects and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and sought to address multiple dimensions of poverty and inequality and shape solid recommendations that drive transformative action for inclusive social and economic policy and people-centred development.
- 9.16 The Department continues to mainstream lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, including enhancing its thought leadership through the provision of scenarios to policymakers on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the wake of the pandemic, and illustrating pathways to build resilient societies and modules addressing COVID-19 recovery. Many meetings were held virtually or in hybrid sessions. However, intergovernmental negotiations were more difficult to undertake and required creativity and constant innovation for delivering new tasks. In addition, fully virtual meetings presented challenges in terms of accommodating all time zones. Furthermore, technology and connectivity challenges continue to exist in some countries and regions, which also limited and interrupted participation in virtual events. Within existing capacities, the Department will continue to utilize a combination of meeting formats, where appropriate and at the request of Member States, to facilitate policy dialogues, capacity-building activities, information exchanges and networking. The Department will also continue to deliver capacity development through virtual means to enable broader participation.

## Legislative mandates

- 9.17 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

### General Assembly resolutions

47/190	Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	59/243	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
47/191	Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	60/1 60/265	2005 World Summit Outcome Follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals
50/227	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields		
51/176	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	62/208	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
51/240	Agenda for Development	66/288	The future we want
52/220	Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999	69/15	SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration	69/143; 77/188	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
55/279	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010		
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit	69/151	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development		
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields	69/214	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
58/220	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries		
58/269	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change		

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69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)	75/233	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
69/321	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly	75/290 A	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		
70/299	Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level	75/290 B	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
72/279	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	76/203; 77/245	Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
73/246; 74/234	Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)	76/204; 77/164	Disaster risk reduction
74/4	Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly	76/220; 77/184	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
74/228	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence	77/150	Information and communications technologies for sustainable development

### *Economic and Social Council resolutions*

1998/7	Importance of population census activities for evaluation of progress in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	2008/29; 2012/30	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16
2007/2	The role of the United Nations system in providing full and productive employment and decent work for all	2019/2	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
		2021/30	Open-source technologies for sustainable development

### *Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council*

2002	The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development	2007	Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies
2003	Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development	2007	Annual ministerial review on the theme “Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development”
2004	Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010	2008	Development Cooperation Forum
2006	Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development	2008	Annual ministerial review on the theme “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development”



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45/264	Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	70/201	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
48/162	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields		
48/209	Operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system	70/262	Review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture
S-19/2	Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21	70/299	Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
52/12 B	Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform	72/276	Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace
60/180	The Peacebuilding Commission		
60/252	World Summit on the Information Society	72/279	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council		
63/311; 64/289	System-wide coherence		
65/1	Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals	74/228; 77/175	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
65/10	Sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth for poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals	74/297	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development	74/298	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, resolution 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
68/1; 72/305	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council		
68/6	Outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals	74/537 B	Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee
70/106	Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations	76/4	Review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement
70/184	Information and communications technologies for development	77/182	Human resources development

*Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

1996/31	Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations	2002/225	Establishment of the general voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network
1999/51	Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions	2006/44	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B
2000/19	Funding operational activities for development of the United Nations system		
2001/27	Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B: improving the working methods of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council	2008/4	Measures to improve the quadrennial reporting procedures

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2009/32; 2021/242; 2022/349	African countries emerging from conflict	2021/18; 2022/20	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
2014/14; 2015/15	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	2021/243; 2022/350	Support to the Sahel region
2019/15; 2020/23	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	2022/334	Review of the functional commissions and expert bodies of the Economic and Social Council

### *Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions*

1995/1	Coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	2002/1	Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration
1997/1	Fostering an enabling environment for development: financial flows, including capital flows, investment and trade	2008/2	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2000/2	Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields	2008/5	Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat
2001/1	Role of the United Nations in promoting development, particularly with respect to access to and transfer of knowledge and technology, especially information and communication technologies, inter alia, through partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector	2008/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

### *Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council*

1998	Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization	2010	Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women
1999	The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women	2011	Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education
2000	Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy	2012	Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals
2001	The role of the United Nations system in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development	2013	Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals
2008	Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development	2014	Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future
2009	Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health	2015	Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: what it will take

*Ministerial declarations of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council*

<a href="#">E/HLS/2021/1</a>	Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, on the theme “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”	<a href="#">E/HLS/2022/1</a>	Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, on the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”
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**Subprogramme 2  
Inclusive social development**

*General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">37/52</a>	World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	<a href="#">69/142</a>	Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond
<a href="#">45/106</a>	Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities	<a href="#">69/145</a>	World Youth Skills Day
<a href="#">47/196</a>	Observance of an international day for the eradication of poverty	<a href="#">69/202</a>	The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order
<a href="#">48/96</a>	Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	<a href="#">70/170</a>	Towards the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities
<a href="#">50/81</a>	World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond	<a href="#">72/6</a>	Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal
<a href="#">51/58</a>	The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends	<a href="#">72/162</a> ; <a href="#">74/144</a>	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto
<a href="#">54/120</a>	Policies and programmes involving youth	<a href="#">73/24</a> ; <a href="#">75/18</a>	Sport as an enabler of sustainable development
<a href="#">S-24/2</a>	Further initiatives for social development	<a href="#">74/119</a> ; <a href="#">76/135</a>	Cooperatives in social development
<a href="#">61/106</a>	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<a href="#">74/120</a> ; <a href="#">76/136</a>	Promoting social integration through social inclusion
<a href="#">61/295</a>	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	<a href="#">74/121</a> ; <a href="#">76/137</a>	Policies and programmes involving youth
<a href="#">62/10</a>	World Day of Social Justice	<a href="#">74/124</a> ; <a href="#">75/153</a>	Follow-up to the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond
<a href="#">65/312</a>	Outcome document of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding	<a href="#">75/154</a> ; <a href="#">77/189</a>	Inclusive development for and with persons with disabilities
<a href="#">66/149</a>	World Down Syndrome Day	<a href="#">76/133</a>	Inclusive policies and programmes to address homelessness including in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
<a href="#">67/139</a>	Towards a comprehensive and integral international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons	<a href="#">76/134</a> ; <a href="#">77/188</a>	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
<a href="#">68/3</a>	Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond	<a href="#">76/138</a> ; <a href="#">77/190</a>	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
<a href="#">69/2</a>	Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples	<a href="#">76/139</a>	Preparations for and observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

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<a href="#">76/148</a> ; <a href="#">77/203</a>	Rights of Indigenous Peoples	<a href="#">76/219</a> ; <a href="#">77/183</a>	Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<a href="#">76/154</a>	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: participation	<a href="#">77/240</a>	Promoting and mainstreaming easy-to-understand communication for accessibility for persons with disabilities
<a href="#">76/218</a> ; <a href="#">77/179</a>	Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)		

### *Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

1996/7	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the future role of the Commission for Social Development	<a href="#">2018/5</a>	Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all
1996/31	Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations	<a href="#">2018/6</a>	Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2000/22	Establishment of a Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	2018/219	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-sixth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its fifty-seventh session
2008/18	Promoting full employment and decent work for all	<a href="#">2019/4</a> ; <a href="#">2021/8</a>	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development
<a href="#">2014/5</a>	Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all	<a href="#">2019/6</a>	Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies
<a href="#">2016/8</a>	Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world	<a href="#">2020/7</a>	Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness
<a href="#">2017/12</a>	Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and strengthening the mainstreaming of disability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	<a href="#">2021/9</a> ; <a href="#">2022/6</a>	Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development
		<a href="#">2021/10</a>	Socially just transition towards sustainable development: the role of digital technologies on social development and well-being of all

### *Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions*

1996/1	Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication		work for all, and its impact on sustainable development
2006	Ministerial declaration on creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent	2007	Ministerial declaration on strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development

### *Commission for Social Development*

45/2	Youth	53/1	Policies and programmes involving youth
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## **Subprogramme 3 Sustainable development**

### *General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">49/122</a>	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados Plan of Action)	<a href="#">59/311</a>	International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation)
<a href="#">S-22/2</a>	Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	<a href="#">65/2</a>	Outcome document of the High-Level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

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<a href="#">67/215</a>	Promotion of new and renewable resources of energy	<a href="#">74/307</a>	United response against global health threats: combating COVID-19
<a href="#">71/222</a>	International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028	<a href="#">75/212</a>	United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028
<a href="#">71/312</a>	Our ocean, our future: call for action		
<a href="#">72/212</a>	Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals	<a href="#">76/202</a> ; <a href="#">77/162</a>	Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21
<a href="#">73/226</a>	Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028	<a href="#">76/210</a> ; <a href="#">77/170</a>	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
<a href="#">74/3</a>	Political declaration of the high-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway	<a href="#">76/296</a> <a href="#">77/165</a>	Our ocean, our future, our responsibility Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
<a href="#">74/306</a>	Comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic	<a href="#">77/169</a>	Harmony with Nature

### Subprogramme 4 Statistics

#### *General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">68/261</a>	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	<a href="#">69/282</a>	World Statistics Day
<a href="#">69/266</a>	A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development	<a href="#">71/313</a>	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

#### *Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity	2021/259–261	Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its 2021 session – recommendations 1 to 3
2011/24	Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management		
<a href="#">2013/21</a>	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	<a href="#">2022/3</a>	Ensuring that the work in the field of statistics and data is adaptive to the changing statistical and data ecosystem
<a href="#">2014/31</a>	A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development	<a href="#">2022/24</a>	Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements
<a href="#">2015/10</a>	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme	2022/324	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-third session and provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission
<a href="#">2016/27</a>	Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management		
<a href="#">2018/2</a>	Future organization and methods of work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	2023/301	Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its twelfth session and provisional agenda and dates of the thirteenth session of the Committee
<a href="#">2018/14</a>	Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters		
<a href="#">2020/5</a>	Strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations system		

**Subprogramme 5  
Population**

*General Assembly resolutions*

49/128	Report of the International Conference on Population and Development	68/4	Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
S-21/2	Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	71/1	New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
		72/281	International Day of Family Remittances
57/299	Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS	73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014	73/326	Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums
		76/266	Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum
		77/176	International migration and development

*Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

1994/2	Work programme in the field of population	2005/213	Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development
1995/55	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	2016/25	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
1997/2	International migration and development		
1997/42	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development	2022/332	Cycle for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
1999/10	Population growth, structure and distribution		

*Commission on Population and Development resolutions*

1997/2	Reporting requirements to the Commission on Population and Development	2008/1	Population distribution, urbanization, internal migration and development
1997/3	Work programme in the field of population	2009/1	The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals
1998/1	Health and mortality		
2000/1	Population, gender and development		
2001/1	Population, environment and development		
2003/1	Population, education and development	2010/1	Health, morbidity, mortality and development
2004/1	Work programme in the field of population	2011/1	Fertility, reproductive health and development
2004/2	Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	2012/1	Adolescents and youth
		2013/1	New trends in migration: demographic aspects
2005/1	Population, development and HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on poverty	2014/1	Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2005/2	Contribution of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in all its aspects, to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration	2016/1	Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
		2021/1	Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development
2006/1	Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development	2022/1	Population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth
2006/2	International migration and development		
2007/1	Changing age structures of populations and their implications for development		



**Subprogramme 6  
Economic analysis and policy**

*General Assembly resolutions*

118 (II)	Reports on world economic conditions and trends	74/231; 76/215	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
61/210	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	75/225; 77/174	Towards a New International Economic Order
63/303	Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development	75/259	Extension of the preparatory period preceding the graduation of Angola from the least developed country category
67/221	Smooth transition for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries	76/8	Graduation of Bangladesh, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nepal from the least developed country category
68/18; 73/133	Graduation of countries from the least developed country category	76/190; 77/151	International trade and development
74/200; 76/191	Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries	76/217; 77/246	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
74/204; 76/194	Commodities	77/177	Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

*Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

1990/52	Role of the United Nations in the early identification, analysis and forecasting of world economic developments	2019/3; 2021/19	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	2020/10	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-second session
2011/274	Review of United Nations support for small island developing States	2021/11	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-third session

**Subprogramme 7  
Public institutions and digital government**

*General Assembly resolutions*

50/225; 60/34	Public administration and development	71/208	Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption
69/228	Promoting and fostering the efficiency, accountability, effectiveness and transparency of public administration by strengthening supreme audit institutions		New Urban Agenda
69/327	Promoting inclusive and accountable public services for sustainable development	71/256	Human resources development
70/125	Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society	72/235 76/213	Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

2001/45	Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance	2017/23 2018/12	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixteenth session Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventeenth session
2016/26	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifteenth session		

**Part IV International cooperation for development**

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<a href="#">2019/24</a> ; <a href="#">2022/15</a>	Assessments of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society	<a href="#">2020/21</a>	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its nineteenth session
<a href="#">2019/26</a>	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighteenth session	<a href="#">2022/9</a>	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twenty-first session

**Subprogramme 8  
Sustainable forest management***General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">62/98</a>	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests	<a href="#">70/199</a>	United Nations forest instrument
<a href="#">67/200</a>	International Day of Forests	<a href="#">71/285</a>	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

<a href="#">2000/35</a>	Report of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests	<a href="#">2020/14</a>	Outcome of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
<a href="#">2015/33</a>	International arrangement on forests beyond 2015	<a href="#">2021/6</a>	Programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2022–2024
<a href="#">2017/4</a>	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017–2020	<a href="#">2022/17</a>	Outcome of the seventeenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

**Subprogramme 9  
Financing for sustainable development***General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">56/210</a> B	International Conference on Financing for Development	<a href="#">73/254</a>	Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners
<a href="#">57/250</a>	High-Level Dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership	<a href="#">74/205</a> ; <a href="#">76/195</a>	Financial inclusion for sustainable development
<a href="#">57/273</a>	Ensuring effective secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development	<a href="#">75/208</a> ; <a href="#">76/198</a>	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development
<a href="#">63/239</a>	Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus	<a href="#">76/192</a> ; <a href="#">77/152</a>	International financial system and development
		<a href="#">76/193</a> ; <a href="#">77/153</a>	External debt sustainability and development
<a href="#">63/303</a>	Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development	<a href="#">76/196</a> ; <a href="#">77/154</a>	Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development
<a href="#">67/289</a> ; <a href="#">71/327</a>	The United Nations in global economic governance	<a href="#">76/197</a> ; <a href="#">77/155</a>	Promoting investments for sustainable development
<a href="#">71/213</a>	Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development	<a href="#">76/221</a> ; <a href="#">77/185</a>	South-South cooperation
		<a href="#">77/244</a>	Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations
<a href="#">72/278</a>	Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union		



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2004/69; 2006/48; 2017/2	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	2017/3	United Nations code of conduct on cooperation in combating international tax evasion
2009/30	A strengthened and more effective intergovernmental inclusive process to carry out the financing for development follow-up	E/FFDF/2020/3; E/FFDF/2021/3	Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up: follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
2010/26	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference		
2014/11	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development		

## Deliverables

9.18 Table 9.1 lists all cross-cutting deliverables of the programme.

Table 9.1

### Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
1. <i>World Social Report</i>	1	1	1	1

## Evaluation activities

- 9.19 The internal evaluation, on the effectiveness of the Department in providing thought leadership on development and supporting analytical work, completed in 2022, has guided the proposed programme plan for 2024.
- 9.20 The results and lessons of the evaluation referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024. For example, the findings have been considered through: (a) an assessment of the status of the Department's thought leadership, policy analysis and knowledge production and identification of areas for improvement; (b) an assessment of institutional arrangements that exist and what areas need improvement so that the necessary enhancements in thought leadership and analytical work can be achieved; and (c) evaluative evidence to more precisely and effectively define the Department's vision of thought leadership.
- 9.21 The following evaluations are planned for 2024:
- (a) Internal evaluations on cross-cutting or thematic topics across subprogrammes;
  - (b) Evaluations on capacity-building activities.

## Programme of work

### Subprogramme 1

#### Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development

### Objective

- 9.22 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance the roles of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development in the integrated implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda and the outcomes of other United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields.

## Strategy

- 9.23 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will continue to provide substantive support to the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development in the promotion and review of the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and related international commitments within the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. Specifically, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide evidence-based analysis and advice to support the Council by: (i) engaging in policy dialogue and formulating policy recommendations; (ii) coordinating the work of its subsidiary bodies and United Nations system entities; (iii) identifying and taking on new and emerging issues affecting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals; and (iv) reinforcing the linkages between policy discussions and review and national sustainable development efforts;
  - (b) Support the high-level political forum on sustainable development in the follow-up to and implementation of the 2030 Agenda by: (i) facilitating the progress review, policy dialogue and the development of policy recommendations for the accelerated achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; (ii) assisting countries in preparing evidence-based, inclusive and analytical voluntary national reviews of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda; and (iii) engaging United Nations country teams, other subprogrammes of the Department and United Nations system entities in supporting the review process;
  - (c) Provide substantive and secretarial support, upon request, to policy discussions and negotiations of the General Assembly, notably its Second Committee (economic and financial issues);
  - (d) Provide Member States with the evidence and analysis necessary for reviewing and guiding the operational activities of the United Nations development system based on mandates from the Assembly's 2020 quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and other resolutions;
  - (e) Provide support to the resident coordinator system through webinars and other activities to guide the support of United Nations country teams for countries conducting voluntary national reviews, as well as to enable United Nations country teams to provide their coordinated assessment of the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, in coordination with the Development Coordination Office;
  - (f) Facilitate dialogue on policies and recommendations on effective, people-centred and gender-sensitive response measures to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple and interlinked global food, energy, financial and climate crises in a way that accelerates the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, by providing analysis, country-level evidence and recommendations, including addressing the impacts on poverty, inequality and hunger, and on women and people in vulnerable situations;
  - (g) Support the engagement of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the work of the Economic and Social Council<sup>1</sup> and the participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the high-level political forum on sustainable development;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 provides the legislative mandate and outlines the modalities that govern the consultative relationship with non-governmental organizations and the Council.

<sup>2</sup> Nine major groups were first identified in Agenda 21 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Those major groups and some additional stakeholder groups were identified in General Assembly resolution 66/288, entitled "The future we want", as well as in some of the subsequent resolutions of the Assembly, namely, 67/290, 70/1, 70/299 and 72/305. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, stressed the need for the forum to promote transparency and implementation by further enhancing the consultative role and participation of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders at the international level and decided that the forum should be open to the major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

- (h) Strengthen the meaningful engagement of young people in the work of the United Nations by improving the annual Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, in cooperation with the United Nations Youth Office and subprogramme 2, and by facilitating the enhanced participation of youth speakers in other Council segments, forums and special meetings, as well as in the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

9.24 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Enhanced policy and operational guidance by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the global, regional and country levels;
- (b) Improved understanding by the high-level political forum on sustainable development of progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the policies that have worked, levers and entry points, as well as gaps, challenges and new and emerging issues;
- (c) Better understanding among Members States, United Nations system organizations and other stakeholders of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple and interlinked global crises on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as of policy options and practical measures for addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global food, energy, financial and climate crises, while accelerating progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals within the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development;
- (d) Progress at the country level towards realizing the Sustainable Development Goals, including in countries presenting voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum on sustainable development;
- (e) More effective, efficient and coordinated United Nations development system support towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and responding to COVID-19 and other crises, including support to voluntary national reviews, as well as improved and clearer guidance from Member States to the United Nations development system;
- (f) The voice of young people being heard at United Nations deliberations through the Economic and Social Council Youth Forum;
- (g) Improved engagement of NGOs in the work of the United Nations through support for the Economic and Social Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;
- (h) Increased participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, as mandated in General Assembly resolution [67/290](#);
- (i) Better coordination and coherence in the global response to ongoing crises.

## Programme performance in 2022

### Advanced gender equality through the work of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development

- 9.25 The General Assembly, in its resolution [75/290](#) A, called upon the Economic and Social Council to “strengthen its efforts to mainstream a gender perspective across its agenda, work programme, meetings and documentation” and, in its resolution [75/290](#) B, ensure that the 2030 Agenda review was gender-sensitive and focused on the furthest behind. The subprogramme developed a checklist to help to mainstream a gender perspective into the work of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, including applying gender analysis and highlighting relevant issues related to gender equality in the programme, substantive documentation and deliberations of the Council and the high-level political forum. The subprogramme increased its efforts to systematically integrate a gender perspective into reports, background notes and other material prepared for these bodies and ensure gender parity and geographical diversity among invited speakers. It also improved understanding among delegations and key stakeholders of a gender perspective, guided by the 2030 Agenda.

9.26 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.2).

Table 9.2  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender parity among speakers invited to address the high-level political forum on sustainable development</li> <li>58 per cent of invited speakers were women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States agreed that national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic must be gender-responsive</li> <li>49 per cent of invited speakers were women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States reaffirm their commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women in the 2022 ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum</li> <li>49 per cent of invited speakers were women</li> </ul>

## Planned results for 2024

### Result 1: General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council mainstream COVID-19 into their guidance to and review of United Nations operational activities for development

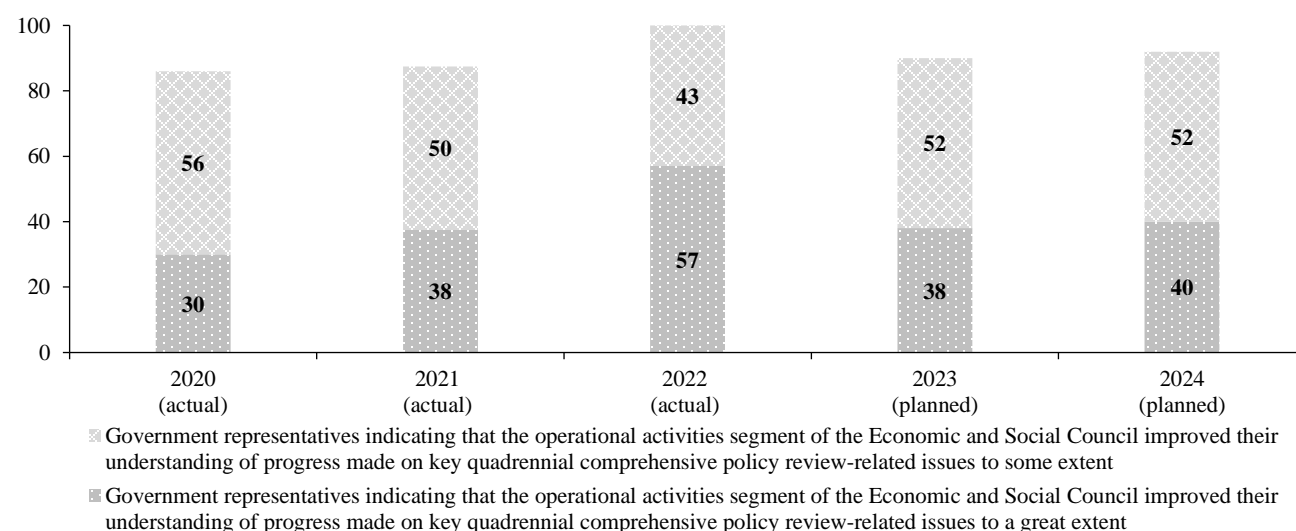
#### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.27 The subprogramme's work contributed to 57 per cent of government representatives indicating that their understanding of progress made on key issues related to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review improved to a great extent, and an additional 43 per cent indicating that their understanding improved to some extent, which exceeded the planned target of 55 and 35 per cent, respectively.
- 9.28 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.I).

Figure 9.I

**Performance measure: government representatives indicating that the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council improved their understanding of progress made on key quadrennial comprehensive policy review-related issues, including the United Nations COVID-19 response**

(Percentage)



## Result 2: accelerated implementation of Sustainable Development Goals through effective preparatory process for voluntary national reviews

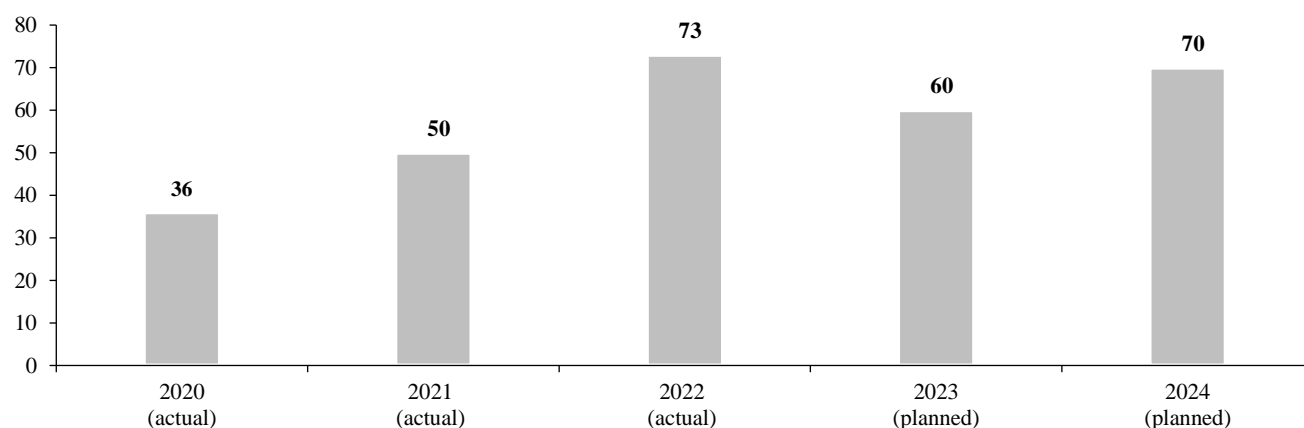
### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.29 The subprogramme's work contributed to 73 per cent of countries engaging more than one national entity in the preparation of their voluntary national reviews, which exceeded the planned target of 55 per cent.
- 9.30 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.II).

Figure 9.II

### Performance measure: countries that engaged more than one national entity in the preparation of their voluntary national reviews

(Percentage)



## Result 3: strengthened coordinated global response to multiple interlinked crises

### Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 9.31 In 2022, Member States recognized that multiple and interlinked global crises were putting the Sustainable Development Goals at great risk, jeopardizing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (see [E/HLS/2022/1](#)). The Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development serve as inclusive platforms for integrated policy dialogue on new and emerging global challenges in sustainable development. Building on work started in 2020 to provide support to Member States on COVID-19 response and recovery, the subprogramme enhanced its support to the Council and the high-level political forum beyond the COVID-19 pandemic in addressing the impact of the multiple interlinked global crises, including the food, energy and financial crises and climate change, on the achievement of the Goals, finding policy solutions and enhancing policy coordination and coherence in response to the crises.

### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.32 The lesson for the subprogramme was the importance of providing adequate support to the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development to develop multilateral solutions to the multiple crises, while keeping the focus on the Sustainable Development Goals. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support the Council Bureau in organizing special meetings and briefings of the Council to address crisis responses that build on the interlinkages between health, financial, food security, energy and environmental aspects, accelerate progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and strengthen international solidarity. It will seize the opportunity of the scheduled review of the work of the Council and the high-level political forum in 2024 to help Member States to maximize their impact on achieving the Goals.

This will include developing concrete proposals to help to transform the 2023 high-level political forum's declaration into policy recommendations for consideration by Member States.

9.33 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.3).

Table 9.3  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Enhanced understanding among Member States of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and ways to address them	Strengthened international collaboration and solidarity and improved policies in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic	Member States pursue coordinated response to interlinked global crises through policy dialogue and intergovernmental cooperation	Enhanced international coordination and cooperation among Member States and other stakeholders in response to multiple, interlinked crises and for putting the Sustainable Development Goals back on track, by adopting an ambitious and forward-looking declaration at the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly	Accelerated efforts among Member States to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, including by addressing ongoing and emerging global challenges in sustainable development, within the context of the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Summit of the Future and its outcomes

## Deliverables

9.34 Table 9.4 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.4  
Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>282</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>299</b>
Documentation for:				
1. The General Assembly	10	10	7	11
2. The Economic and Social Council	10	10	10	10
3. The high-level political forum on sustainable development	15	15	15	15
4. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	247	245	257	263
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>198</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>194</b>
Meetings of:				
5. The General Assembly	43	28	36	51

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
6. The Economic and Social Council	64	59	61	57
7. The high-level political forum on sustainable development	27	28	33	27
8. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	41	35	41	37
9. The experts on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and on thematic issues and preparatory processes of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review	10	8	10	10
10. The experts on the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum	8	5	6	6
11. Experts on Haiti	5	6	5	6
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
12. Economic and Social Council: training event with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the Economic and Social Council cycle and the quadrennial comprehensive policy review	1	6	1	5
13. High-level political forum on sustainable development: workshops (global) on the preparation for voluntary national reviews and sharing of experiences in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of the high-level political forum	3	3	3	3
14. High-level political forum on sustainable development: workshops (regional) on the preparation of voluntary national reviews in the context of the high-level political forum	5	5	5	5
15. High-level political forum on sustainable development: seminars, workshops and other events related to the preparation of the high-level political forum	4	3	4	4
<b>Technical materials (number of materials)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
16. Studies on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review	6	6	7	6
17. Studies and materials on issues related to the Economic and Social Council	1	1	1	1
18. Studies and materials on issues related to the high-level political forum, including on the voluntary national reviews	4	4	4	4
19. Studies and materials on issues related to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	1	—	1	—

### C. Substantive deliverables

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** informal consultations on resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, including the follow-up resolutions on the implementation of the Assembly resolution on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of United Nations system operational activities for development; informal consultations on the ministerial declarations of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, as well as informal consultations on the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations; support for the President and the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council, the Bureau of the Second Committee and joint Bureaux meetings; briefings to all Member States on sustainable development issues and processes; expert advice to United Nations intergovernmental bodies, notably the Assembly, the Council and the high-level political forum, and advocacy for accelerated implementation of the funding compact; the mandated informal note by the Secretariat for the Council coordination segment; outreach and briefings to NGOs and major groups and other stakeholders on the work of the Assembly, the Council and the high-level political forum; consultations and meetings to mobilize contribution of the United Nations system to the work of the Council, the Assembly and the high-level political forum; consultations with the secretariats of the Council subsidiary bodies to support the Council's coordination role; strategic contributions of the Department's senior officials to inter-agency coordination mechanisms, such as the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the High-level Committee on Programmes, the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, the Secretary-General's Executive Committee and the Deputies Committee and the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs Plus; and analysis and advice to senior United Nations officials on sustainable development issues.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** database on voluntary national reviews (339 entries); database on input to the high-level political forum (1,400 entries); paperless committee for official documentation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (38 sessions); integrated information and communications technology platforms for some 6,000 NGOs in consultative status with the Council; an indicator framework to monitor the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review for all Member States (400 new entries); a database on the funding of United Nations operational activities for development (25,000 new entries); and a database on the funding compact agreed to by Member States and the United Nations development system in 2019 (60 new entries).

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
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#### D. Communication deliverables

**Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:** information materials on the work of the Council, the Assembly and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for all Member States and the general public; content for social media platforms, in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications; and webinars for some 6,000 NGOs in consultative status with the Council on participation in the activities of the Council and the United Nations.

**Digital platforms and multimedia content:** web pages and multimedia content for the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and the website of the Integrated Civil Society Organizations System.

## Subprogramme 2 Inclusive social development

### Objective

- 9.35 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance policies for the eradication of poverty, the reduction of inequality and the achievement of greater social inclusion and well-being for all.

### Strategy

- 9.36 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Conduct evidence-based research and analysis, including on Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, older persons and young people;
  - (b) Monitor national and global socioeconomic trends to identify emerging issues and assess their implications for social policy at the national and international levels, which will help Member States to make progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 1 to 11 and 16;
  - (c) Provide substantive support for intergovernmental dialogue and processes, including the sessions of the Commission for Social Development, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;
  - (d) Engage in analytical work and provide intergovernmental support, technical advice and capacity development to requesting countries in partnership with resident coordinators and United Nations entities, including through the use of sport as an enabler of development and peace, as foreseen in the preamble of the 2030 Agenda;
  - (e) Support Member States on issues related to shocks and recovery, such as COVID-19, by promoting socially inclusive policy responses designed to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and protect the most vulnerable populations;
  - (f) Focus its analytical work on reducing inequality and strengthening social protection systems in the post-COVID-19 context, continue to focus on the situation of vulnerable segments of the population and engage more closely with United Nations country teams to enhance action at the national level in addressing the impact of COVID-19.
- 9.37 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Enhanced knowledge and awareness of Member States to ensure that no one is left behind;
  - (b) Recognition by Member States of specific social development issues as a basis for action at the national level;



- (c) Increased capacity of Member States to effectively implement the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;
- (d) Recovery of Member States from the COVID-19 pandemic with more resilient and inclusive societies, placing the world back on track to implementing the 2030 Agenda.

## Programme performance in 2022

### Streamlined database on national policies and measures to combat hunger and poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond

- 9.38 The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated pre-existing inequalities and vulnerabilities worldwide, in particular on the social and economic risks of insufficient investment in social protection systems and public services. Governments have taken responsive measures to limit the socioeconomic impact of the crisis by investing in people's resilience and promoting equal opportunities and equal access to basic services, including social protection, education, and health care. In 2021, Member States expressed the need for a searchable repository of measures taken by countries during the pandemic and recovery phase. The subprogramme, in cooperation with the Office of Information and Communications Technology, developed an online interactive and searchable database of Member States' policies and measures for combating poverty and hunger, drawing from information provided from voluntary national reviews presented since 2020 and the sessions of the Commission for Social Development, and containing approximately 330 policies and measures.
- 9.39 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.5).

Table 9.5  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
—	Member States expressed the need for a searchable repository of measures to combat hunger and poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery phase	Member States and the wider United Nations system have access to a database on policies and measures to combat hunger and poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery phase

## Planned results for 2024

### Result 1: promotion of the rights and well-being of older persons

#### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.40 The subprogramme's work contributed to 109 Member States participating in the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, which did not meet the planned target of an increased number of Member States contributing to the fourth review and appraisal of the International Plan of Action. The target was not met because the cycle was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which redirected resources towards the pandemic response. The challenging context notwithstanding, four of every seven Member States participated in the cycle, representing 84 per cent of older persons worldwide.
- 9.41 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.6).

Table 9.6  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Countries endorsed the timeline for carrying out the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action	Strengthened national capacity of 13 countries to contribute to the implementation and review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing	109 Member States contributed to the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing	At least 13 countries consider the successes and good practices, shortcomings and future priorities identified in their national and regional levels of review and appraisal in furthering implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing	Countries integrate their lessons learned towards the continued review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing

## Result 2: strengthened cooperatives for inclusive development

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.42 The subprogramme's work contributed to increased engagement, knowledge and capacity of regional and national stakeholders towards strengthened cooperatives for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, which met the planned target.
- 9.43 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (table 9.7).

Table 9.7  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Social and solidarity economy actors committed to join with the United Nations in the decade of action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals	Member States adopted General Assembly resolution 76/135, including a call on the United Nations system to support Governments in strengthening cooperatives	Regional and national stakeholders engaged towards strengthened cooperatives for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals	Countries and resident coordinators promote and support cooperatives for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals	Countries and resident coordinators advocate for an enabling environment for cooperatives

## Result 3: improved accessibility for the full and inclusive participation of persons with disabilities at the Conference of State Parties of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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- 9.44 As recognized in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, accessibility is a precondition for an inclusive society for all. This includes information and communication accessibility, which can disproportionately affect persons with intellectual disabilities, including

those with visual, hearing, speech and mobility disabilities. The subprogramme, in close collaboration with the United Nations system and other stakeholders, promoted increased accessibility at the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through user-friendly, virtual meeting platforms and the provision of real-time closed captions, sign language interpretation and official documentation in accessible formats.

#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.45 The lesson for the subprogramme, based on evaluations and consultations, was that there was a need for improved understanding of the various accessibility needs of participants and their incorporation into the early stages of planning, in order to create enabling conditions to promote greater inclusion of all groups of persons with disabilities. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will consult with persons with disabilities and relevant stakeholders in the initial phases of planning and explore specific modalities for persons with disabilities to participate at the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 9.46 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.8).

Table 9.8  
**Performance measure**

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
Countries provided feedback on enhancing accessibility of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	First-ever accessible virtual sessions of the Conference allowed for broader engagement of the disability community	Greater inclusion through introduction of official documents in easy-to-read format	Persons with disabilities and relevant stakeholders provide guidance and feedback on specific modalities promoting accessibility	Member States and other stakeholders exchange good practices on the use of specific modalities promoting accessibility

### **Deliverables**

- 9.47 Table 9.9 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.9  
**Subprogramme 2: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>
Documentation for:				
1. The General Assembly on ageing, cooperatives in development, persons with disabilities, policies and programmes concerning young people, follow-up to the International Year of the Family, follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, social inclusion and other social development issues, the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and sport for development and peace	9	7	10	7
2. The Commission for Social Development	5	5	6	5
3. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	10	10	7	7
4. The Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	4	4	4	4

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>Substantive service for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
Meetings of:				
5. The Second Committee of the General Assembly	4	4	4	4
6. The Third Committee of the General Assembly	6	6	6	6
7. The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing	8	8	8	8
8. The Economic and Social Council	6	6	6	6
9. The high-level political forum on sustainable development	1	1	1	1
10. The Commission for Social Development	20	20	20	20
11. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	24	22	24	24
12. The Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	16	16	16	16
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
13. Projects on social policy formulation	2	2	2	2
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
14. Training events on social issues for Member States and other stakeholders, including lectures and multi-stakeholder panels	10	10	10	10
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	–	–	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
15. <i>World Youth Report</i>	–	–	–	1
16. Publication on indigenous peoples	–	–	1	–
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
17. Outcome documents of expert groups on various social issues	7	6	7	7
18. Update on the Disability and Development Report	–	–	1	–
19. Segments of the report of the Secretary-General on homelessness (joint report with UN-Habitat)	–	–	1	–
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advice to requesting Member States on their socioeconomic situations and normative, policy and administrative frameworks in relation to the social dimensions of sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals; and briefings/expert advice to more than 40 Member States on sustainable development issues, including on high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> database on policies and measures to combat hunger and poverty.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> special events, including commemorations of international days on various social issues; and policy briefs and communication activities to promote advancement of social development with a global reach.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> briefings, press conferences and press releases on various social issues.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> electronic, audio and video messaging on ageing, cooperatives, disability, family, issues concerning Indigenous Peoples, young people, and sport for development and peace.				

### Subprogramme 3 Sustainable development

#### Objective

- 9.48 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets and commitments, through increased engagement of Member States and other stakeholders.

## Strategy

9.49 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Prepare analytical reports and assessments, maintain online databases and organize thematic expert meetings and conferences on specific Sustainable Development Goals and their interlinkages;
- (b) Organize, in the months leading up to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, expert group meetings and conferences, accessible to Member States, on the themes of the forum and the Sustainable Development Goals that are under review;
- (c) Play a central role in inter-agency coordination mechanisms on water, energy, small island developing States, oceans and transport and in the area of science, technology and innovation, and through its long-standing cooperation with specific agencies on issues such as climate change and partnership-building for sustainable development;
- (d) Coordinate the work of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, including the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and the online platform on existing science, technology and innovation initiatives (2030 Connect);
- (e) Convene special events in connection with the high-level political forum on sustainable development, including the Sustainable Development Goals business forum and the local and regional governments forum, to allow the sharing of lessons learned and good practices related to the Goals by key stakeholder sectors and exchanges among Member States and all other stakeholders in the development arena;
- (f) Organize, in coordination with the regional commissions, resident coordinator offices and United Nations country teams, as applicable, capacity-building activities at the global, regional and national levels on the above topics.

9.50 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Increased knowledge of Member States and other key stakeholders of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, including for their deliberations during the high-level political forum on sustainable development and other related forums, and for the development of related national policies and programmes;
- (b) Increased use of science and technology to leverage their full potential in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by Member States and other stakeholders;
- (c) Increased integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into inclusive national planning processes, policies and strategies, and increased action and initiatives taken by Member States and other stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

## Programme performance in 2022

### New commitments and pledges for scaled-up ocean action

9.51 Member States and other stakeholders agreed that greater ambition was required at all levels to address the dire state of the ocean. The subprogramme, in response to General Assembly resolution [73/292](#) and decision 75/578, facilitated the convening by Member States of the 2022 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July 2022. The Conference mobilized the global ocean community, with more than 6,000 individuals participating, including more than 2,000 representatives of civil society, representing the highest level of civil society participation in global conferences since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference successfully scaled up ocean action based on science and innovation and facilitated new

partnerships and solutions for the achievement of Goal 14. More than 700 voluntary commitments were registered, and several pledges were announced. A declaration titled “Our ocean, our future, our responsibility” was adopted at the Conference, which recognized the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and plastic waste on ocean health, the ocean-based economy and coastal communities and charted the way forward to achieve Goal 14 by 2030.

9.52 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.10).

Table 9.10  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
2020 Ocean Conference postponed owing to COVID-19 pandemic	General Assembly decided to hold the Ocean Conference in July 2022	Strengthened commitment to scale up ocean action, with 700 voluntary commitments and several pledges by Member States, including commitments of billions of dollars, to halt and reverse the decline in the health of the ocean’s ecosystems and biodiversity

## Planned results for 2024

### Result 1: accelerated progress towards ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030

#### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.53 The subprogramme’s work contributed to the registration of 140 Sustainable Development Goal 6 acceleration actions and 42 Water Action Agenda commitments, which exceeded the planned target of 150 Sustainable Development Goal 6 acceleration actions registered. The subprogramme also supported the convening by the President of the General Assembly of the preparatory meeting for the 2023 Water Conference.
- 9.54 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.11).

Table 9.11  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
The Sustainable Development Goal 6 global acceleration framework is launched during high-level political forum on sustainable development in order to mobilize United Nations agencies, governments, civil society, private sector and other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The high-level meeting on the implementation of the water-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda was convened. In total, 7 Heads of State and Government, 48 ministers and more than 100</li> </ul>	The combined number of Sustainable Development Goal 6 acceleration actions and Water Action Agenda commitments reached 182	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 Sustainable Development Goal 6 acceleration actions registered</li> <li>Additional target countries for the Goal 6 capacity development initiative</li> </ul>	Member States monitor and report on progress made in the implementation of the Water Action Agenda through a dedicated platform

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
stakeholders to drive progress on water and sanitation issues, and therefore on the 2030 Agenda as a whole	<p>representatives from intergovernmental organizations, the United Nations system and other stakeholders attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of acceleration actions related to Goal 6 reached 116 by the end of 2021</li> </ul>			

## Result 2: an interdisciplinary look at implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals – the *Global Sustainable Development Report*

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.55 The subprogramme's work contributed to Member States receiving a briefing from the independent group of scientists during the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development and participating in regional consultations, providing context-specific insights to inform the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, which met the planned target.
- 9.56 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.12).

Table 9.12  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States decide to use the levers and entry points of the 2019 report as the framework for the thematic review of the Sustainable Development Goals during the 2020 high-level political forum on sustainable development</li> <li>• The Secretary-General appoints a new group of 15 scientists for the preparation of the 2023 <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new independent group of scientists gave a briefing to Member States during the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development with the outline of the report finalized</li> <li>• A call for inputs is widely circulated to secure evidence from stakeholders, including underrepresented communities</li> </ul>	<p>Member States received a briefing by the independent group of scientists during the 2022 high-level political forum and participated in regional consultations, providing context-specific insights to inform the <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2023 <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i> is formally launched in September</li> <li>• A first series of global and regional briefings will start immediately after the launch, with a focus on localizing the global calls for action to support implementation in different contexts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States integrate the findings of the report into their national development strategies and policies</li> <li>• Appointment of a new group of 15 scientists for the preparation of the 2027 <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i></li> </ul>

### Result 3: strengthened commitment and action to address the unique needs of small island developing States

#### Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 9.57 Small island developing States are a special case for sustainable development because they continue to face combined challenges arising in particular from their geographical remoteness, the small scale of their economies, high costs and the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters. The subprogramme is mandated to provide intergovernmental support to small island developing States, including serving as secretariat for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held in Samoa in 2014. It supports the formulation of small island developing States-related policies on sustainable development, publishes analytical reports on small island developing State issues, co-organizes inter-agency work and provides capacity-building support. It has also collected examples of successful partnerships for advancing sustainable development in small island developing States and continues to support the development of a multidimensional vulnerability index by a high-level panel of experts.

#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.58 The lesson for the subprogramme was that monitoring progress on the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, was a complex undertaking, given that there was no concrete monitoring framework developed immediately after the Conference. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will work with Member States to develop such a monitoring mechanism as part of the outcome of the 2024 Conference. This will enable Member States and other stakeholders to better assess global progress made in addressing the unique needs of small island developing States and further follow-up action required.
- 9.59 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.13).

Table 9.13

#### Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Implementation of the outcome of the midterm review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, pursuant to General Assembly resolution <a href="#">A/74/3</a>	The General Assembly, in its resolution <a href="#">A/76/203</a> , calls for the convening, in 2024, of a fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States	A first set of modalities of the 2024 Conference is defined by Member States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States participate in the preparatory process for the Conference, comprising 3 regional meetings and 1 interregional meeting</li> <li>• The preparatory committee for the Conference starts its work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Conference is held in Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• An internationally agreed, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document is adopted by Member States and a monitoring framework is developed and agreed upon</li> </ul>



## Deliverables

9.60 Table 9.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.14

### Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
Documentation for:				
1. The General Assembly	8	18	6	6
2. The high-level political forum on sustainable development	3	7	5	5
3. The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	1	1	1	1
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>92</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>
Meetings of:				
4. The General Assembly	42	63	42	42
5. The Economic and Social Council	4	2	4	2
6. The high-level political forum on sustainable development	32	31	30	30
7. The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	4	4	4	4
8. The independent group of scientists for the <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i>	10	20	10	10
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
9. Projects on sustainable development (water, energy, sustainable transport, sustainable consumption and production, stakeholder engagement, small island developing states, partnerships, micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, etc.)	5	9	5	7
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>100</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
10. Training events on strengthening national capacities in all areas of sustainable development for and with national policymakers in developing countries and small island developing States with economies in transition	100	108	100	100
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	–	–	<b>1</b>	–
11. <i>Global Sustainable Development Report</i>	–	–	1	–
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
12. Publications on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	8	15	15	15
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** briefings/expert advice to Member States on sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings, and materials related to stakeholder engagement in the 2030 Agenda follow-up and review and on multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** public databases on voluntary initiatives, small island developing States, partnerships (7,000 registered), voluntary commitments made during the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, Sustainable Development Goal good practices (500 registered), the United Nations system achievement of the Goals, Sustainable Development Goal acceleration actions (450 registered), the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, UN-Energy (200 commitments registered), harmony with nature and other topics of sustainable development.

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
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#### D. Communication deliverables

**Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:** special meetings and side events on sustainable development issues during major United Nations conferences at Headquarters or elsewhere; and the issuance of the *Natural Resources Forum*.

**Digital platforms and multimedia content:** Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform.

## Subprogramme 4 Statistics

### Objective

- 9.61 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen the capacity of Member States with regard to the production and use of high-quality, timely, disaggregated, open data and national statistics and geospatial information as a basis on which to inform policy and decision-making for the 2030 Agenda and for other United Nations policy agendas and to review progress at the national and international levels.

### Strategy

- 9.62 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Develop, disseminate and support the implementation by Member States of statistical and geospatial information frameworks, standards and methods, especially those related to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and other new emerging policy issues;
  - (b) Provide technical assistance and advice to Member States through in-person and online training on topics, including modernization of statistical information systems and integrated geospatial information management, the use of big data, environmental-economic accounting, geospatial information management, quality assurance and survey instruments, to fill data gaps and leave no one excluded from decision-making and policies that affect them;
  - (c) Facilitate and expand the coordination and coherence of international statistical and geospatial information programmes and activities by promoting the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information, including the standardization of geographical names, and work towards a better integration of statistical and geospatial information;
  - (d) Cooperate with the resident coordinator system and United Nations country teams in data and statistical activities and their interaction with the global statistical community, including through the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians, cooperate closely with other international organizations and establish partnerships with civil society organizations, academia and private sector data providers;
  - (e) Collect, compile and disseminate global statistical information and data in the areas of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics, including the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, through the use of technology, such as the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange;
  - (f) Issue flagship data publications, maintain databases and data platforms and continue to modernize UNdata as a United Nations system-wide portal, and support the development of open data hubs and labs to showcase innovative uses of data and explore the visualization of data and metadata;

- (g) Collect information from Member States on the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data for data relating to the 2030 Agenda, including on financing needs in the specific areas included in the Plan and on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national statistical offices' operations, in collaboration with the World Bank's Development Data Group, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century and the United Nations regional commissions;
  - (h) Develop and share guidance and information on initiatives, tools and best practices to help national statistics systems to continue to operate efficiently in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and respond to the new specific data needs to address and mitigate the impact of the pandemic on societies, and to address issues of open and timely access to critical data needed by Governments and all sectors of society to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 9.63 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) The enhanced quality, availability and access to policy-relevant statistical and geospatial information;
  - (b) Increased production and dissemination by Member States of better data and national statistics and geospatial information that are comparable and in line with the adopted international frameworks and standards, and provision of enhanced and open access to them;
  - (c) Enhanced coherence and more effective functioning and transformation of the global statistical and geospatial systems;
  - (d) Increased statistical and geospatial information capacity of Member States and the United Nations system.

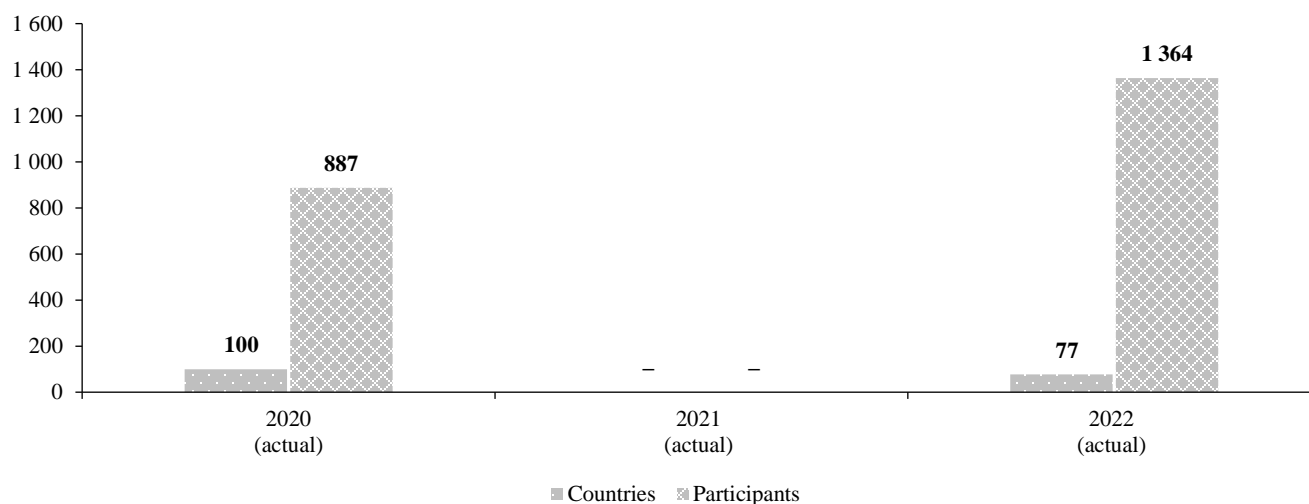
## Programme performance in 2022

### Towards implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- 9.64 The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework is crucial in providing a basis and modality for developing, integrating, strengthening and maximizing geospatial information management and related resources in all countries, bridging the geospatial digital divide, securing socioeconomic prosperity, and leaving no one behind. The subprogramme contributed to multiple work streams, expanding the engagement with Member States through in-person regional committee plenary meetings and workshops that have had positive impacts on both the global geospatial landscape and national development programmes. The importance of collaboration and the commitment to the Framework to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, address climate-related challenges and leave no one behind was emphasized at the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, held in Hyderabad, India, from 10 to 14 October 2022.
- 9.65 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.III).

Figure 9.III

**Performance measure: number of countries and individuals that engage in the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**



### Planned results for 2024

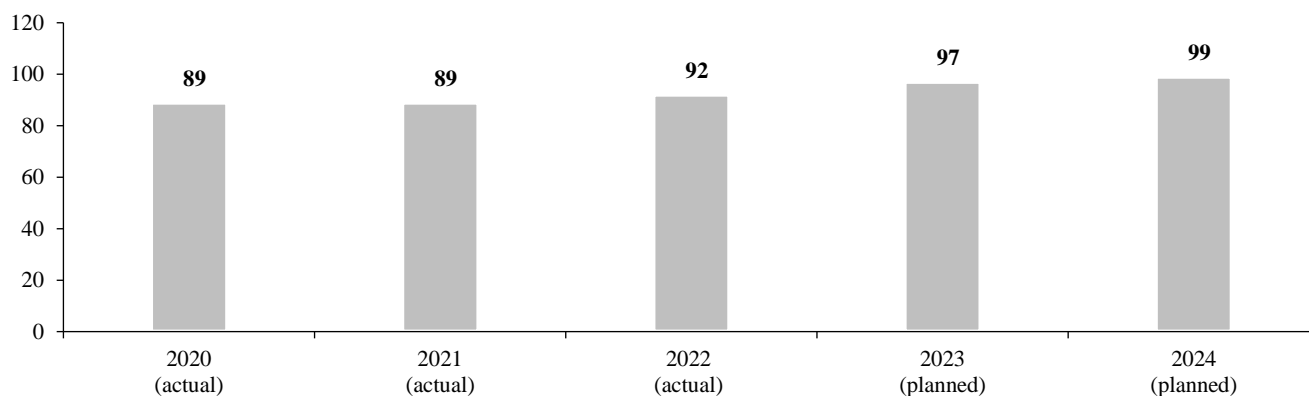
**Result 1: integrated approach to environmental and economic policies through the use of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting**

#### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.66 The subprogramme's work contributed to 92 countries implementing the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, which did not meet the planned target of 95 countries. The target was not met owing to the negative residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on countries' implementation timelines.
- 9.67 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure (see figure 9.IV)

Figure 9.IV

**Performance measure: number of countries implementing the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (cumulative)**



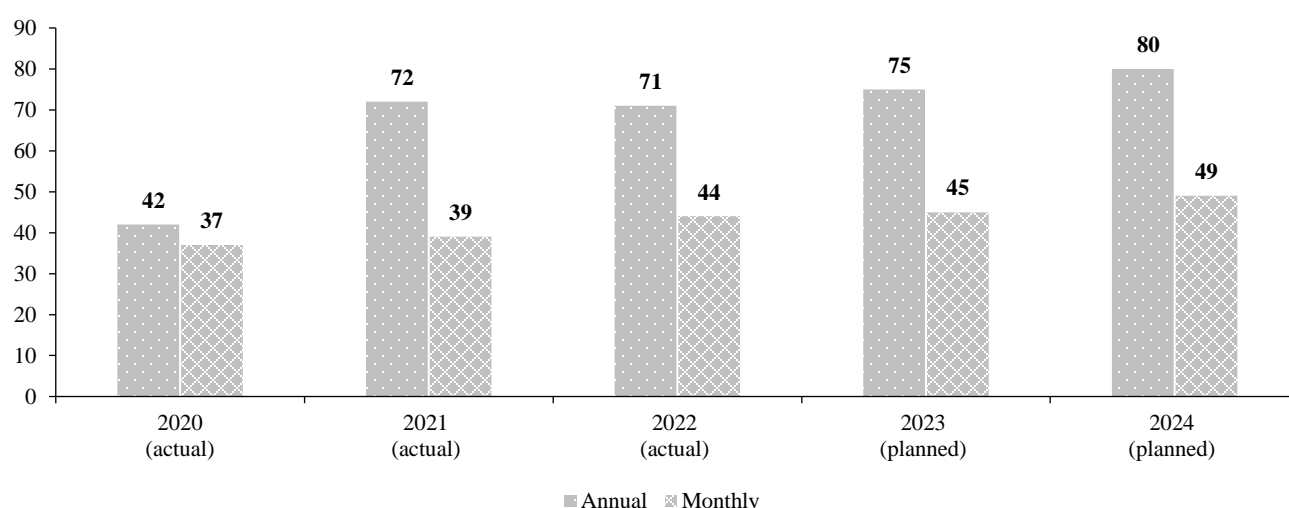
## Result 2: increased engagement with trade statistics

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.68 The subprogramme's work contributed to 71 countries submitting timely trade data annually and 44 countries submitting timely trade data monthly, which did not meet the planned target of 75 countries annually and exceeded the target of 42 countries monthly. The annual target was not met owing to some delays experienced by countries in submitting by the cut-off point of 31 March 2022. Those challenges notwithstanding, an additional 10 countries submitted annual trade data after the cut-off point.
- 9.69 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.V).

Figure 9.V

### Performance measure: number of countries that submitted timely trade data



## Result 3: accelerated implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

### Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 9.70 The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution [2022/24](#), reiterated the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, especially its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States.

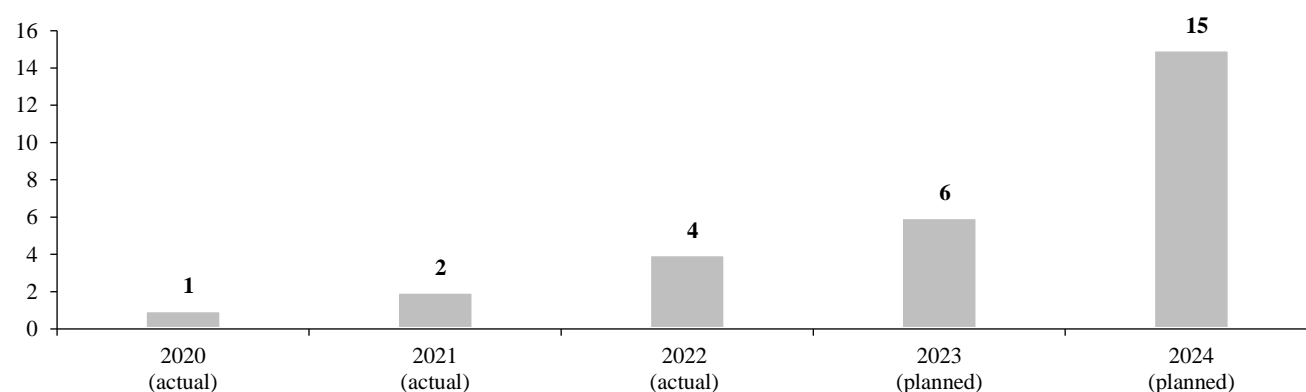
### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.71 The lesson for the subprogramme was that having an integrated whole-of-government approach was a valuable means to unlocking and sharing geospatial information capabilities. Moreover, multi-stakeholder partnerships could be established, focusing on creating an enabling environment to bridge the geospatial digital divide and reduce inequalities in gaining access to geospatial technologies, processes and data, which are fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will leverage the global and regional meetings of the Committee of Experts to enhance the institutional arrangements of national geospatial information agencies and foster a comprehensive approach to the implementation of consensus-based global geospatial frameworks, guides and methods, in particular the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, thereby strengthening Member States' national geospatial capacities.

9.72 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.VI).

Figure 9.VI

**Performance measure: number of countries that developed action plans based on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**



## Deliverables

9.73 Table 9.15 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.15

**Subprogramme 4: deliverables for period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
1. Reports to the Statistical Commission	16	23	16	16
2. Documents to the Committee on Contributions	2	2	2	4
3. Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	–	–	1	–
4. Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management	1	1	1	1
5. Report to the high-level political forum on sustainable development on the progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals	–	1	–	1
<b>Substantive servicing for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings, per entity/theme)	<b>151</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>194</b>
Meetings of:				
6. The Statistical Commission	7	8	7	7
7. The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	–	–	10	–
8. The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management	6	6	6	6
9. Experts on economic statistics, demographic and social statistics, environmental statistics and geospatial information, and on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas	138	151	178	181
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
10. Projects on economic statistics	1	1	1	1
11. Projects on demographic and social statistics	–	–	–	–
12. Projects on environmental statistics and geospatial information	3	3	3	2

**Section 9 Economic and social affairs**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
13. Projects on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas	1	5	3	3
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>
Publications on economic statistics				
14. <i>International Trade Statistics Yearbook, Volumes I and II</i>	2	2	2	2
15. <i>National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates</i>	1	1	1	1
16. <i>National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, Parts I–V</i>	5	5	5	5
17. <i>Manual on Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics</i>	–	1	–	–
18. <i>Manual on Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics, Volume II</i>	–	–	–	1
19. <i>Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics</i>	–	–	–	1
20. <i>Handbook on the Classification of Business Functions</i>	1	1	–	–
21. <i>Central Product Classification</i>	1	–	–	1
22. <i>Maturity model for Statistical Business Registers</i>	–	–	1	–
23. <i>Macroeconomic Terms and Definitions</i>	–	–	–	1
Publications on demographic and social statistics				
24. <i>Demographic Yearbook</i>	1	1	1	1
25. <i>Population and Vital Statistics Report, Series A</i>	1	1	1	1
26. <i>Revised Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration</i>	1	–	–	–
27. <i>Handbook on Register-based Population and Housing Censuses</i>	1	1	–	–
28. <i>Handbook on Geo-referencing Population and Housing Census</i>	–	–	1	–
29. <i>Guidelines to Produce Statistics on Time Use: Measuring Paid and Unpaid Work</i>	–	–	1	–
Publications on environment statistics and geospatial information				
30. <i>Electricity Profiles</i>	1	1	1	1
31. <i>Energy Balances</i>	1	1	1	1
32. <i>Energy Statistics Pocketbook</i>	1	1	1	1
33. <i>Energy Statistics Yearbook</i>	1	1	1	1
34. <i>Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators</i>	1	1	–	–
35. <i>Measuring Sustainability of Tourism</i>	1	–	–	1
Publications on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas				
36. <i>Statistical Yearbook</i>	1	1	1	1
37. <i>Monthly Bulletin of Statistics</i>	12	12	12	12
38. <i>World Statistics Pocketbook</i>	1	1	1	1
39. <i>Sustainable Development Goals Report</i>	1	1	1	1
40. <i>Progress chart on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators</i>	1	1	1	1
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
41. Technical materials on economic statistics	4	3	3	3
42. Technical materials on demographic and social statistics	2	3	2	1
43. Technical materials on environmental statistics and geospatial information	4	7	3	7
44. Technical materials on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas	24	28	24	24

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
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### C. Substantive deliverables

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** consultation and advice on economic, demographic and social and environmental statistics and geospatial information, Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas; and briefings/expert advice to Member States on sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** UN Comtrade Database, containing 90 billion records on trade in goods and services, with 10 million users; UNdata platform, containing 60 million records, with 1 million users; Global SDG Indicators Database, containing 2.3 million data records, with 100,000 users; and databases on cross-cutting statistical areas, with data for more than 200 statistical territories (includes countries and areas).

### D. Communication deliverables

**Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:** outreach, events and information materials on economic, demographic and social, and environmental statistics and geospatial information, Sustainable Development Goal indicators and cross-cutting statistical areas.

## Subprogramme 5 Population

### Objective

- 9.74 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to improve knowledge of global population trends, advance an evidence-based understanding of interactions between population change and sustainable development among policymakers and the public, and strengthen the international community's capacity to effectively address current and emerging population issues and integrate the population dimension into the international development agenda.

### Strategy

- 9.75 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Prepare studies on issues related to population growth, population ageing, migration, urbanization, fertility, family planning, mortality and other aspects of population in relation to sustainable development using population estimates and projections, the analysis of demographic trends and the evaluation of population policies;
  - (b) Produce comprehensive global data sets on selected topics, as well as brief reports to highlight these topics and related data, and an annual report on a selected major demographic topic. Data sets will include aggregated results for groups of countries in special situations;
  - (c) Provide capacity development on population data and analysis to requesting countries and to United Nations country teams;
  - (d) Provide substantive support to United Nations intergovernmental bodies, in particular the Commission on Population and Development, including by preparing reports and convening expert meetings and panels;
  - (e) Assist Governments in assessing progress made in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development held in 1994, with a focus on the global monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal indicators on reproductive health, international migration and child and maternal mortality, often in partnership with other entities of the United Nations system;
  - (f) Improve the United Nations estimates and projections of the global population and study the interaction of COVID-19 with demographic phenomena, including mortality, population



ageing, fertility and family planning and international migration, and including these analyses, as appropriate, in publications and technical materials.

9.76 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Improved access to data and reports on population matters for Governments and other users and increased use of the subprogramme's data and findings in the work of stakeholders;
- (b) Increased awareness of population trends and their relationship to sustainable development through accurate data and policy-relevant reports, benefiting Member States and other stakeholders in policy and development planning;
- (c) Advancement in the international community's usage of scientifically grounded information about the demographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular on mortality.

## Programme performance in 2022

### **Eight billion global population milestone heightened global attention to links between population and sustainable development**

9.77 The updated United Nations population projections in *World Population Prospects 2022*, released in July 2022, indicated that the global population would reach 8 billion in mid-November 2022. That milestone provided an opportunity to increase public knowledge of population trends and the interaction between population change and sustainable development, including social, economic and environmental aspects. The subprogramme capitalized on the "Day of 8 Billion" (15 November) to bring increased attention of stakeholders to the challenges and opportunities of the continued, albeit decelerating, growth of the human population. Materials, which included a press release, a policy brief, an op-ed by the Secretary-General and informational videos, stressed the diverse demographic circumstances of countries around the world and the shared responsibility to protect both people and planet. The campaign, developed in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications and the United Nations Population Fund, drew extensive media coverage.

9.78 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.16).

Table 9.16

#### **Performance measure**

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
—	—	Governments, the general public and other stakeholders benefited from access to new population estimates and to information on links between population and sustainable development, evidenced by 4,600 media articles covering <i>World Population Prospects 2022</i>

## Planned results for 2024

### **Result 1: improved estimates of the number of international migrants**

#### **Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

9.79 The subprogramme's work contributed to the systematic and in-depth review of empirical data on international migrants by age, sex and origin. Estimates did not meet the planned target of member

States, policymakers and the public gaining knowledge and having access to updated and improved data on the stock of international migrants. The target was not met because many censuses, which are the main source of data used to estimate the number of international migrants, were postponed in 2020 and 2021 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 9.80 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.17).

Table 9.17  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Member States benefited from access to an update of the stock of international migrants, produced using pre-existing methods, including an adjustment for the impact of COVID-19	Data reviewed for 183 countries or areas and piloted improvements in the estimation of the stock of international migrants, which would further benefit stakeholders, including Member States	Systematic and in-depth review of empirical data on international migrants by age, sex and origin	Stakeholders, including Member States, have access to additional data for the remainder of the 235 geographical units in the migrant stock database; improvements implemented in the estimation of numbers of international migrants	Increased use of the estimates by stakeholders, as reflected in a 10 per cent increase in citations between 2023 and 2024

**Result 2: strengthened evidence on population-related data and policies for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development**

**Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 9.81 The subprogramme's work contributed to the participation of Member States and NGOs in briefings, expert group meetings and consultations on topics related to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, which met the planned target.
- 9.82 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.18).

Table 9.18  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Shift to virtual events enables broader engagement	Expert panel stresses the need for strengthened integration of country inputs and outreach to countries	Participation of Member State delegates and civil society representatives in events on topics related to the Programme of Action of the	Countries benefit from strengthened integration of evidence in their preparations for the 2024 review of the Programme of Action	Review of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the Commission on Population and Development leads to renewed commitment by

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
		International Conference on Population and Development		Member States to its further implementation

### Result 3: enhanced integration of the population dimension into implementation of the 2030 Agenda by Member States

#### Proposed programme plan for 2024

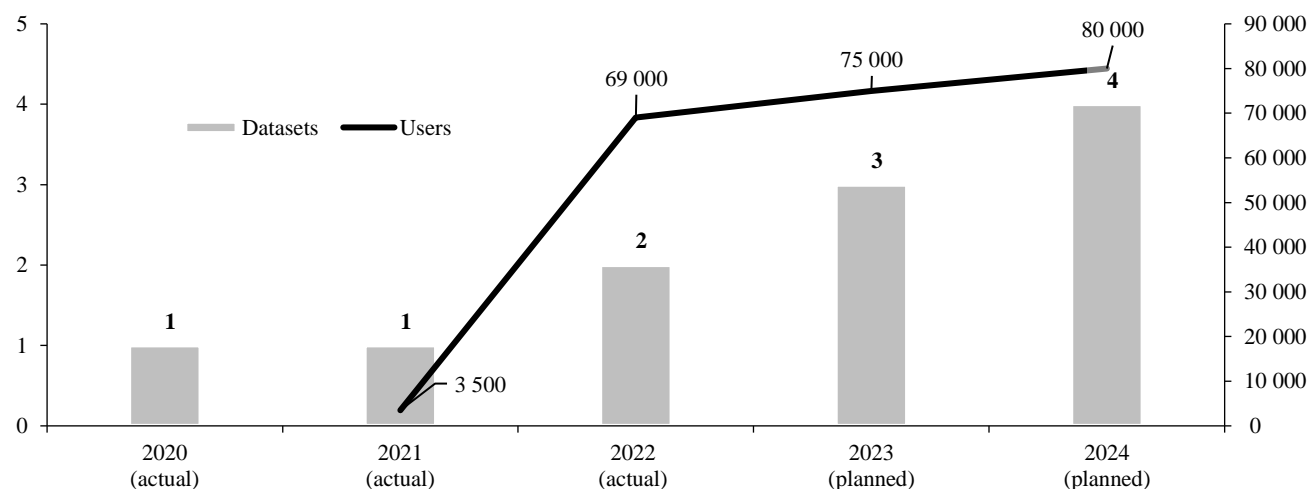
- 9.83 Data users and stakeholders at all levels need timely access to data on demographic topics, including on population size and age structure, fertility, family planning, household size and composition, mortality, international migration, and urbanization. In order to improve public access to the information, the subprogramme developed a new web platform: the Data Portal. The initial focus was on incorporating reproductive health indicators into the Data Portal, giving priority to a subset of countries with high levels of unmet need for family planning. Results from the *World Population Prospects 2022* were successfully incorporated into the Data Portal, but other subprogramme data sets have not yet been integrated.

#### Lessons learned and planned change

- 9.84 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the fragmented data infrastructure for the various data sets had been challenging to maintain and was inadequate to query indicators from multiple data sets, enable innovative data visualizations or provide advanced users access to the data using an industry-standard open application programming interface. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will expand and upgrade both the content and functionalities of the Data Portal to provide the unified dissemination of a growing number of global data sets, along with increased data visualization and query options, to enhance Member States' and other stakeholders' analytical capacities to integrate the population dimension into implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- 9.85 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.VII)

Figure 9.VII

**Performance measure: number of users of the Data Portal (annual) and number of data sets contained in the Data Portal (cumulative)**



## Deliverables

9.86 Table 9.19 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.19

### Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
1. Reports to the General Assembly	1	1	–	1
2. Reports to the Commission on Population and Development	3	3	2	3
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>
Meetings of:				
3. The General Assembly	7	7	–	7
4. The Economic and Social Council	1	1	1	1
5. The Commission on Population and Development	24	24	24	24
6. Experts on population topics	4	2	4	4
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
7. <i>World Population Prospects: Highlights</i>	–	1	–	1
8. Highlights report on selected demographic trends	–	–	1	–
9. <i>International Migration: Highlights</i>	1	–	–	–
10. <i>World Fertility and Family Planning: Highlights</i>	1	1	–	1
11. <i>World Population Ageing: Highlights</i>	–	–	1	–
12. <i>Population Megatrends</i>	1	–	1	–
13. Questionnaire for the United Nations Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development	1	–	–	1
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
14. Major data sets on population topics	2	2	–	2
15. Sustainable Development Goal indicator data sets	3	3	1	1
16. Reports of expert group meetings on population topics	3	3	3	2
17. Technical papers on population topics	4	4	4	3
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> briefings for and consultations with Member States concerning the annual session of the Commission on Population and Development; and briefings/expert advice to Member States on population and sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> databases and data sets on population topics, including documentation.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> policy briefs, key messages and information kits on population topics; and special events on population topics.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press conferences and press releases related to the Commission on Population and Development; press releases to support the launch of major publications or data sets; and responses to requests from Member States, the media, United Nations entities and other stakeholders.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> interactive data visualizations and social media and multimedia content on population topics.				

## **Subprogramme 6**

### **Economic analysis and policy**

#### **Objective**

- 9.87 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen national capacities and international policy coordination for identifying and managing short-term macroeconomic risks, to shape medium- and long-term socioeconomic policies for development, and to accelerate sustainable development, especially of least developed countries, small island developing States and other countries in special situations.

#### **Strategy**

- 9.88 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Monitor and forecast the macroeconomic situation at the national, regional and global levels, with a focus on countries in special situations, including the least developed countries;
  - (b) Broaden the scope of economic forecasting and simulation tools to assess policy trade-offs in promoting economic growth, while reducing poverty, inequality and enhancing environmental sustainability, in line with the 2030 Agenda;
  - (c) Support the Committee for Development Policy and provide analytical input to the intergovernmental processes related to the least developed countries, as well as to the annual themes of meetings of the Economic and Social Council and of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;
  - (d) Design and implement capacity development activities for a range of countries, including for graduating and recently graduated least developed countries, that improve capacity for economic planning monitoring and policymaking;
  - (e) Examine rapid technological change, noting both its constructive and disruptive potential and identifying the strategies and policies necessary to harness its positive potential for achieving sustainable development and to mitigate its possible negative effects;
  - (f) Provide policy guidance and recommendations on selected topics to Member States for the recovery from recurrent crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, building on the subprogramme's analytical work;
  - (g) Provide support to the resident coordinator system for the provision of technical support to Member States and for the preparation of common country analyses and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, as well as for COVID-19 recovery and other pertinent topics, through analytical input and customized online resources;
  - (h) Deliver the substantive leadership and coordination of the United Nations Economists' Network, which provides a platform that brings together United Nations system economists to share perspectives from the local, national, regional and global levels;
  - (i) Maintain the global economic outlook database, the least developed country criteria database, the Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries on international support measures and other online resources available to policymakers and other national and international stakeholders;
  - (j) Provide Member States with solid information for the formulation of global, regional and national policies, by gathering country-level empirical evidence, organizing expert group meetings and preparing background studies on short- and long-term economic development thematic issues.

9.89 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Greater articulation of short-term macroeconomic stability with long-term development goals, while advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, through the improved integration of economic, social and environmental priorities into national development plans and strategies;
- (b) Improved awareness among Member States of the multilateral efforts and economic policy options necessary for a sustainable recovery from recurrent crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the 2030 Agenda;
- (c) Improved information basis for the Committee for Development Policy and the Economic and Social Council when assessing and recommending least developed countries for graduation;
- (d) Enhanced awareness and knowledge of Member States and the international community of the development trajectory of the least developed countries, their risks and challenges and the specific support options;
- (e) Increased capacity of Member States to effectively use international support measures, prepare for graduation from the least developed country category and ensure the stability of their development progress and the realization of the 2030 Agenda;
- (f) Enhanced collaboration, coordination and efficacy of the United Nations development system, which will provide a more coherent cooperation framework towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and bolster sustainable development at the country level.

## Programme performance in 2022

### Access to an analysis of the impact of multiple crises on development prospects

9.90 Global developments in 2022 had a significant impact on the development prospects of many countries, through, for example, inflation, interest rates and food systems. In addition, these have exacerbated the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and threatened progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In response, the subprogramme monitored the vulnerability of developing countries closely, emphasizing the least developed countries, and developed a weekly updated heat map to visualize changes in key indicators. The subprogramme prepared weekly briefings, in collaboration with other relevant United Nations entities, containing situational analyses and indicative projections that illustrated the socioeconomic and financial implications of multiple crises on the global economy. In addition, the “World economic situation and prospects as of mid-2022” focused on the effects of those multiple crises on energy and commodity prices and the implications for climate action. The various outputs contributed to Member States and a wider global audience having access to analysis on current global growth and development prospects.

9.91 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.20).

Table 9.20  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
—	—	Member States and the wider global audience have access to timely analysis of the impact of multiple crises on the global and regional economic outlook, potential impacts on climate action, and macroeconomic policy advice to address global, regional and national challenges

## Planned results for 2024

**Result 1: strengthened economic analysis and knowledge of development policy options for accelerating progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including through the recovery from the pandemic and the leveraging of megatrends**

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.92 The subprogramme's work contributed to Member States having access to policy recommendations on two new thematic issues: the influence of new technologies on the structure of the economy and the impact of ongoing population ageing, which met the planned target.
- 9.93 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.21).

Table 9.21

### Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Member States have access to policy recommendations on addressing the short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on sustainable development	Member States benefited from increased knowledge and analysis on the economic and social benefits and challenges posed by new technologies	Member States have access to policy recommendations on two new thematic issues: the influence of new technologies on the structure of the economy and the impact of ongoing population ageing	Member States will have access to an up-to-date analysis on inequalities, as well as on other major socioeconomic challenges, and sustainable development policy recommendations to resolve them	Member States will have access to up-to-date analysis of major challenges in sustainable development stemming from the recurrent crises, and policy recommendations to resolve them

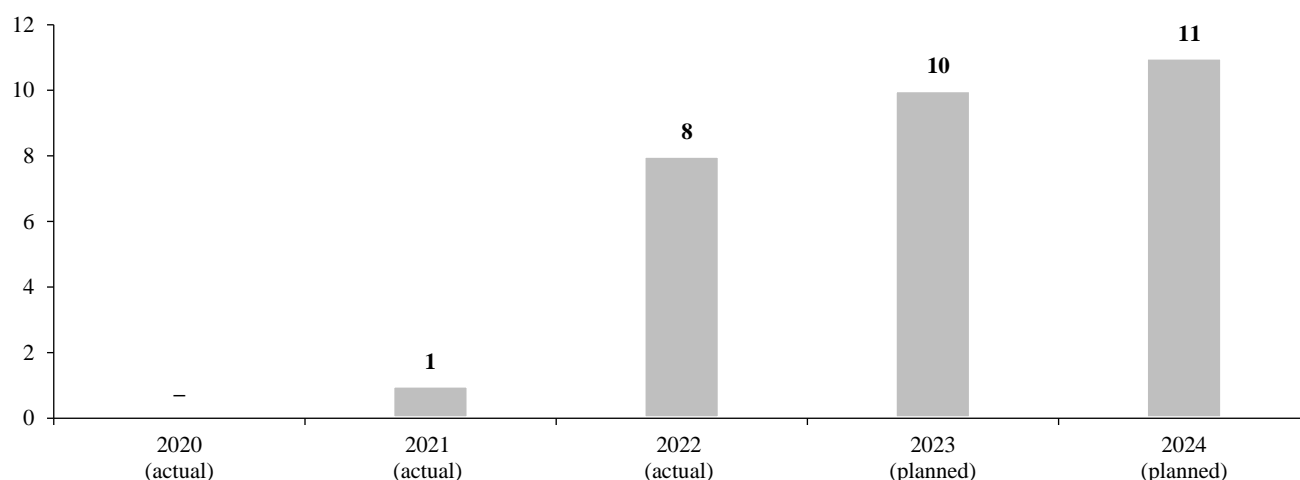
**Result 2: enhanced monitoring mechanism for graduating and recently graduated least developed countries, improved responsiveness to crisis and strengthened international support**

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.94 The subprogramme's work contributed to eight least developed countries (Angola, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu) participating in the enhanced monitoring mechanism, which met the planned target.
- 9.95 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.VIII).

Figure 9.VIII

**Performance measure: number of least developed countries participating in the enhanced monitoring mechanism**



**Result 3: enhanced policy coherence in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through a revitalized United Nations Economists' Network**

**Proposed programme plan for 2024**

- 9.96 Given the new challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda following the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and in the context of recurrent crises, it is critical that synergies be built to strengthen United Nations thought leadership, especially in shaping policies most relevant for the Sustainable Development Goals. The subprogramme provides the substantive leadership of and coordinates the United Nations Economists' Network, which was established in 2019 to facilitate collaboration and joint work among United Nations system experts on issues of relevance to the sustainable development agenda.

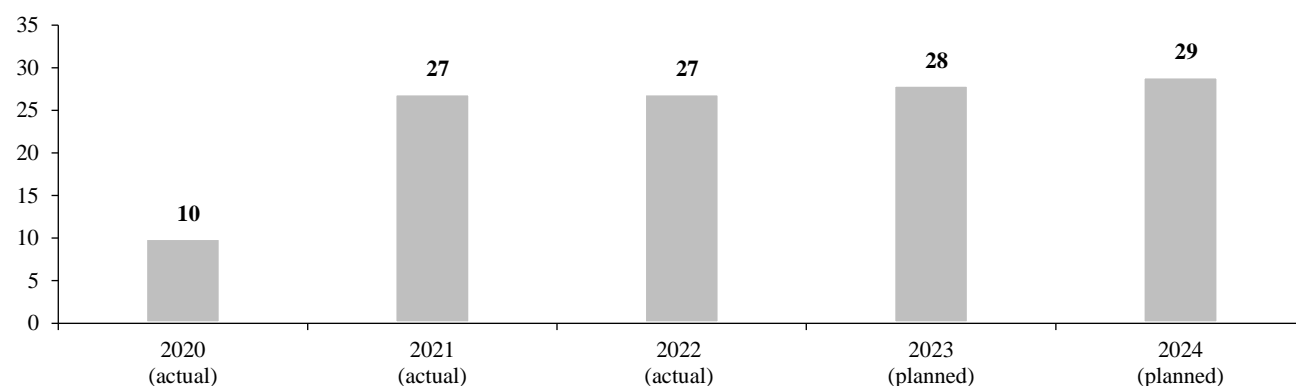
*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.97 The lesson for the subprogramme was that greater understanding of country priorities and concerns was needed for effective support at the country level and for informing discussions at the global level. At the same time, discussions at the global level can highlight important policy perspectives that national economists could bring to their work. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will work to enhance the participation of economists from the resident coordinator offices to more effectively enable country perspectives, in order to inform global deliberations on the 2030 Agenda. This will advance coherent policy approaches on key issues and provide guidance and policy advice from an economics perspective to support United Nations country teams and Member States.
- 9.98 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.IX).



Figure 9.IX

**Performance measure: number of entities in the United Nations system with members in the United Nations Economists' Network (cumulative)**



## Deliverables

9.99 Table 9.22 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.22

**Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
1. Reports to the General Assembly	1	1	2	1
2. Reports to the Economic and Social Council	2	2	2	2
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
Meetings of:				
3. The General Assembly	6	7	6	6
4. The Economic and Social Council	6	6	6	6
5. The Committee for Development Policy	10	10	10	10
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
6. Training events on sustainable development	45	47	45	45
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
7. Publications on the world economy	1	1	1	1
8. Committee for Development Policy note	1	1	1	1
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>
9. Background studies on development and frontier issues and the world economy	11	8	7	7
10. Presentations on the global economy	4	4	2	2
11. Monthly briefing notes on the world economic situation	12	11	12	11
12. Reports from meetings on the world economy, development and frontier issues	3	3	2	2
13. Committee for Development Policy background studies	11	11	10	10

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
14. Technical input for common country analyses/United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks	22	18	15	12
15. Policy briefs	2	2	2	2

#### C. Substantive deliverables

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** policy advice on various economic thematic issues and/or economic national situations to Member States on sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** ePing, an online platform providing information on agreements on technical barriers to trade and the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, with approximately 20,000 registered users, covering 189 countries; Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries on international support measures (100,000 page views and 393 updated entries); least developed country data and impact assessments (3 online databases, covering 143 countries and 22 years of data); modelling tools for sustainable development policies; and global economic outlook database.

#### D. Communication deliverables

**External and media relations:** 2 global and 5 regional press releases on the world economic situation.

## Subprogramme 7 Public institutions and digital government

### Objective

- 9.100 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance effective, accountable and inclusive governance and public institutions for sustainable development, including through innovation, digital government and digital transformation.

### Strategy

- 9.101 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Service the Committee of Experts on Public Administration by organizing expert meetings and preparing analytical papers and technical guidelines to operationalize the principles of effective governance for sustainable development, developed by the Committee and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in 2018, together with all relevant stakeholders;
  - (b) Promote policy guidance on innovation, digital government and digital transformation for the Sustainable Development Goals through the United Nations E-Government Survey, monitor global developments on institutional dimensions covered by Sustainable Development Goal 16 and review national institutional arrangements for the achievement of the Goals, with a specific focus on countries in special situations, and in direct support of the follow-up on and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level;
  - (c) Foster policy dialogue and advocacy for the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and facilitate the implementation of and follow-up on its action lines, namely, C1 (the role of Governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of information and communications technology (ICT) for development), C7 (ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life (e-government)) and C11 (international and regional cooperation);
  - (d) Facilitate multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on Internet governance, including discussion of public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance, such as data governance, digital inclusion and data protection ([A/75/16](#), para. 204), and shape policy decisions at the global, national and local levels by supporting the Secretary-General in convening the annual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum and intersessional activities;

- (e) Expand capacity development support to respond to Member States' requests for technical cooperation with regard to strengthening their governance and public institutions and their human resources capacities in support for the decade of action, including through partnerships with regional commissions and the resident coordinator system;
- (f) Expand work on equipping public servants with the capacities to realize the 2030 Agenda by providing advisory support and developing and piloting new methodologies on leadership, institutional arrangements for policy coherence, transparency and integrity in the public service, digital government, digital transformation and innovations in public service delivery, with an emphasis on countries in special situations, in collaboration with its project office on governance and the resident coordinator system;
- (g) Strengthen the capacity of Member States to promote innovation in public governance through follow-up mechanisms to the United Nations Public Service Day Awards Ceremony and Forum, such as peer-to-peer learning for the transfer and adaptation of innovative practices, including on gender-sensitive analysis, and through the United Nations Public Administration Network;
- (h) Support supreme audit institutions on auditing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by providing analytical work, expert advice, technical assistance and capacity-building, on the basis of existing demand for support by groups of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions;
- (i) Promote and leverage public governance innovative practices and digital government strategies.

9.102 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Enhanced awareness of emerging governance and public administration issues at the national and subnational levels and countries contextualizing institutional aspects of their voluntary national reviews so that Member States can develop their capacities to promote effective governance for sustainable development;
- (b) Increased capacities of Member States to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (c) Increased capacity of Member States in designing and implementing effective and inclusive digital government policies, strategies and services to improve people's lives;
- (d) Improved capacities of public servants to deliver services in areas such as health and education, justice, social protection and employment, with a focus on the improved professionalization of the public sector workforce and gender equality;
- (e) Adjustments by Member States at the structural, organizational and programme levels to accelerate delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (f) Adoption of digital government strategies to build resilient societies and close the digital divide.

## Programme performance in 2022

### National School of Public Policy in Pakistan trains future public servants on innovation and the 2030 Agenda

- 9.103 The National School of Public Policy in Pakistan requested support to deliver training activities to raise awareness and promote mindsets and behavioural change for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The training was crucial, especially given that the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruption to progress on the 2030 Agenda, disproportionately affecting the world's poorest and most vulnerable and women and girls. A transformative public service is critical to overcoming the crisis and delivering on the Goals. The subprogramme, in collaboration with the resident coordinator, delivered a capacity development workshop and train-the-trainers programme

to 85 senior civil servants and 5 trainers of the National School of Public Policy, on the Department toolkit on innovative mindsets, which had been embedded into the school's courses – an important achievement, given that the National School is the apex for in-service training of civil servants in Pakistan.

9.104 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.23).

Table 9.23  
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
Increased awareness of innovative mindsets among schools of public administration on the Sustainable Development Goals and curriculum on governance for the Goals	National School of Public Policy adapted the Department toolkit on innovative mindsets and behavioural change for achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals to the Pakistani context	National School of Public Policy in Pakistan integrates the adapted toolkit into its courses to train future public servants on how to develop an innovative mindset to implement the 2030 Agenda

## Planned results for 2024

### Result 1: digital inclusion of those who are vulnerable in countries in special situations

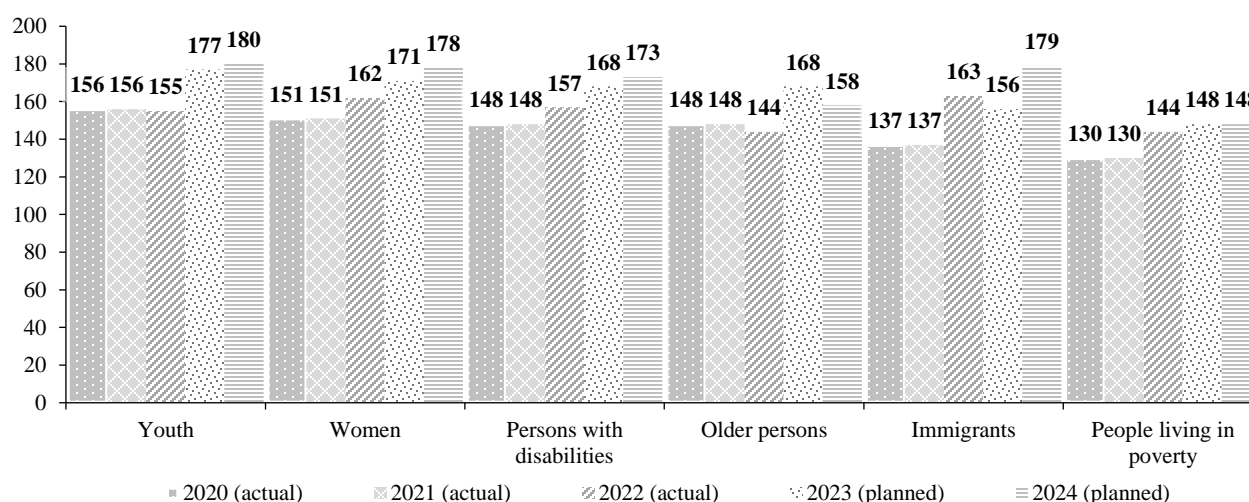
#### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

9.105 The subprogramme's work contributed to an average of 154 Member States providing online services to people in vulnerable situations (i.e., people living in poverty, immigrants, older persons, persons with disabilities, women and young people), in particular in countries in special situations, which exceeded the planned target of 143 Member States.

9.106 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.X).

Figure 9.X

Performance measure: number of Member States providing online services to those who are vulnerable, disaggregated by group (annual)



## Result 2: public institutions empowered to spearhead climate action

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.107 The subprogramme's work contributed to the adoption of a national road map by Namibia for the institutionalization of evidence-based decision-making related to climate, land use, energy and water systems, which met the planned target.
- 9.108 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.24).

Table 9.24

#### Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Enhanced institutional arrangements to facilitate coordination among ministries in the integrated assessment and evaluation of climate action policies in support of national development plans and the Sustainable Development Goals	Enhanced capacities for integrated planning towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, linking post-COVID-19 recovery needs to long-term sustainable development objectives	National road map for the institutionalization of evidence-based decision-making related to climate, land use, energy and water systems adopted by Namibia	Member States have developed organizational and individual capacities to promote systems thinking and strategic planning, as well as experimental, foresight, digital and evidence-based mindsets and competencies among public servants in support of climate action	Member States have institutionalized organizational capacities for systems thinking and strategic planning in support of climate action

## Result 3: enhanced innovation and digital government transformation for effective and inclusive public service delivery

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- 9.109 The COVID-19 pandemic forced Governments around the world to accelerate their digital transformation to provide access to services efficiently and effectively to all. As countries struggle to recover, Governments' digitalization continued to be an important tool to accelerate innovation and the provision of public services. The subprogramme contributed to raising awareness of the importance of innovation in public service delivery. Through the digital government capacity assessment tool, the subprogramme helped representatives of government agencies to identify the challenges and enablers for digital government transformation, in support of the preparation of action plans and road maps.

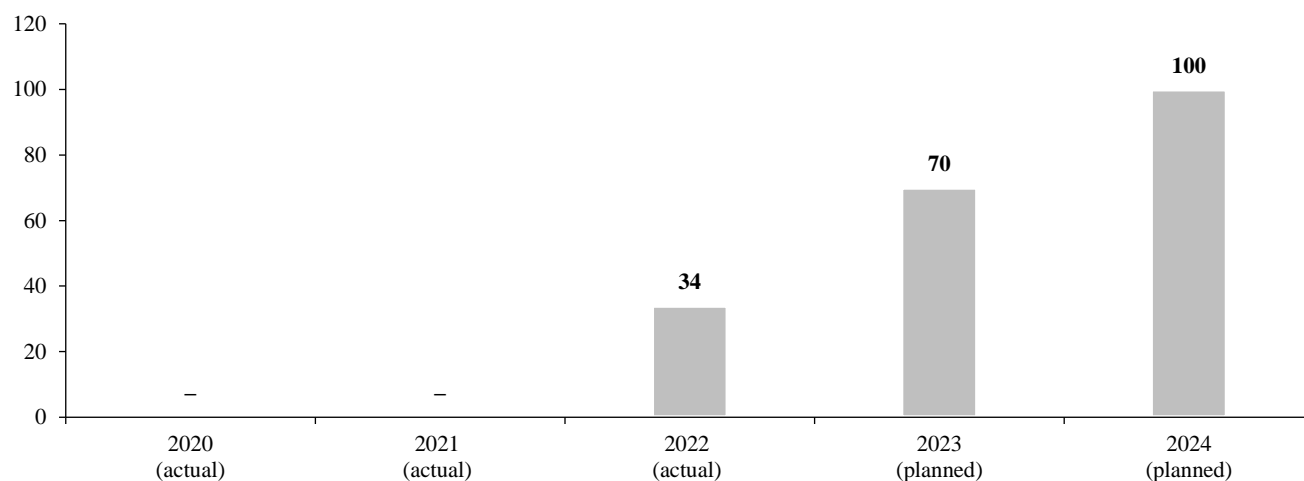
#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.110 The lesson for the subprogramme was that a train-the-trainers approach, based on the curriculum on governance for the Sustainable Development Goals, proved to be successful in supporting knowledge dissemination, especially as it relates to peer-to-peer learning on issues of innovation and best practices in digital government transformation for public service delivery. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will organize more train-the-trainers sessions to reach a larger audience to support civil servants in developing capacities for innovation and digital government transformation.

9.111 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.XI).

Figure 9.XI

**Performance measure: number of civil servants supporting the preparation of action plans and road maps on innovation and digital government (annual)**



## Deliverables

9.112 Table 9.25 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.25

**Subprogramme 7: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
1. Reports to the General Assembly	1	1	1	1
2. Reports to the Economic and Social Council	1	1	1	1
3. Documents for the Committee of Experts on Public Administration	7	9	7	7
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Meetings of:				
4. The General Assembly	2	2	2	2
5. The Economic and Social Council	6	5	6	6
6. The Committee of Experts on Public Administration	10	9	10	10
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects, including the United Nations Project Office on Governance</b> (number of projects)	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
7. Field projects on various matters related to public administration	6	1	6	6
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
8. Training events related to the United Nations Public Service Awards and the United Nations Public Service Day (forum)	2	1	2	2

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
9. Training events on various issues related to public institutions, including expert groups meetings	4	4	4	4
10. Workshop with regional ministers on emerging trends in governance and public institutions related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including collaboration with regional commissions and United Nations agencies	1	1	1	1
11. Seminars on Internet governance (forum)	1	1	1	1
12. Training events on various matters related to public administration	4	7	4	4
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
13. <i>United Nations E-Government Survey</i>	1	1	–	1
14. <i>World Public Sector Report</i>	–	–	1	–
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
15. Online training courses on matters related to public administration	2	2	2	2
16. Technical materials on issues related to governance and public institutions for sustainable development	3	4	3	3
17. Compendium of best practices and innovation in public service delivery	1	1	1	1
18. Compendium of best practices on public institutions and digital government for sustainable development	1	1	1	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> briefings/expert advice to Member States on sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings; and knowledge-sharing and networks, including the United Nations Public Administration Network, a global network (more than 30 members and 5,000 users) that connects relevant international, regional, subregional and national institutions and experts worldwide working on effective governance and public administration for sustainable development in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> databases with more than 350 applications from countries on issues related to public administration such as the United Nations Public Service Awards hub and e-Government knowledge base (covers 193 Member States and the most populous cities in each Member State).				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> United Nations Public Administration Network newsletter.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> web pages of the subprogramme, including the United Nations Project Office on Governance, the Internet Governance Forum, the United Nations Public Administration Network and the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government websites.				

## Subprogramme 8 Sustainable forest management

### Objective

- 9.113 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to ensure the effective implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests at all levels in accordance with the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030.

### Strategy

- 9.114 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Support the intergovernmental forest policy dialogue through the United Nations Forum on Forests in accordance with the strategic plan and the quadrennial programme of work (2021-2024), undertake preparations for the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and coordinate the Forum's input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

- (b) Advance coordination and cooperation with relevant United Nations entities, member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other forest stakeholders;
- (c) Develop the online clearing house of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and assist countries and partners in designing forest financing strategies, in facilitating access to financing and assisting Member States in mobilizing resources for sustainable forest management;
- (d) Place an emphasis on the special needs and circumstances of Africa, the least developed countries, countries with low forest cover, countries with high forest cover, countries with medium forest cover and low deforestation and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition (Economic and Social Council resolution 2017/4, para. 63);
- (e) Advance the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including through implementation of its communications and outreach strategy, and assist countries in developing robust national reporting frameworks;
- (f) Support common country analyses through the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in order to provide resident coordinators with the tools to tailor their responses to countries' specific needs and realities and to effectively support national implementation of sustainable forest management;
- (g) Support Member States, as appropriate, on issues related to sustainable forest management, including on COVID-19, by further deepening its normative work, technical assistance and capacity-building activities and international policy dialogue on the integration of sustainable forest management into pandemic recovery measures and strategies, in line with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fifteenth and seventeenth sessions, and outcome of the sixteenth and eighteenth sessions.

9.115 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Strengthened political commitment and action for sustainable forest management, leading to increased contributions by forests to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including on climate change and biodiversity loss, and greater integration of forests into national sustainable development plans, COVID-19 stimulus packages and recovery plans, and poverty reduction strategies;
- (b) Improved capacity of eligible countries to mobilize and gain access to financing for sustainable forest management from all sources, and improved information on and access to existing and emerging multilateral and other funding sources and data;
- (c) Member States' progress towards achieving the global forest goals and the forest-related Sustainable Development Goals;
- (d) Increased awareness among Member States of the multiple benefits of forests based on the 2024 theme of the International Day of Forests, and on highlighting the interdependent role of forests in enabling the world to meet the Sustainable Development Goals that will be reviewed during the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2024.

## Programme performance in 2022

### Improved data for tracking progress made in achieving the global forest goals

- 9.116 Voluntary national reports from Member States provide the main source of information to assess progress in implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests and achievement of its global forest goals and targets. The subprogramme supported Member States in the development of an efficient reporting format for monitoring and assessing progress made in achieving sustainable forest management and evidence-based decision-making. In response to Economic and Social Council resolution 2022/17, the format was amended and a pilot phase was conducted with interested countries.
- 9.117 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.26).



Table 9.26

**Performance measure**

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
Analysis of data and information from 52 voluntary national reports on implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests and achievement of its global forest goals were submitted by Member States to the United Nations Forum on Forests in 2019	Member States were able to assess progress through the <i>Global Forest Goals Report 2021</i>	12 Member States participated and provided feedback in the pilot phase on the amended format for national reporting on implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests and achievement of its global forest goals

**Planned results for 2024****Result 1: strengthened access by Member States to data on financing sustainable forest management****Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 9.118 The subprogramme's work contributed to Member States having access to a new quarterly newsletter on forest financing and access to an additional 228 entries in the clearing house on financing opportunities for forests, learning materials and lessons learned and best practices, and contributed to 180 Member States using the data in the clearing house, which met the planned targets.
- 9.119 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.27).

Table 9.27

**Performance measure**

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Member States' data needs are incorporated into the finalization of the design of the clearing house website	Member States have access to the clearing house phase 1, including 130 data entries on financing opportunities for forests, learning materials and lessons learned and best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States have access to a new quarterly newsletter on forest financing and to the clearing house, now including 228 data entries on financing opportunities for forests, learning materials and lessons learned and best practices</li> <li>180 Member States use the data in the clearing house</li> </ul>	Member States have access to 1 additional database on forest financial flows and use the data in the clearing house to make progress towards achieving global forest goal 4 and target 15.b of Sustainable Development Goal 15, including in the context of COVID-19 recovery plans	Member States have access to the clearing house, including 80 additional data entries in the databases on financing opportunities for forests, forest financial flows, learning materials and lessons learned and best practices

**Result 2: strengthened effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, including the United Nations forest instrument, to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including on climate change and biodiversity loss**

**Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 9.120 The subprogramme's work contributed to preparations for the 2024 midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, which included assessing progress made in: (a) achieving the objectives of the arrangement, including by the United Nations Forum on Forests and its members, the Forum secretariat, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and the Forum trust fund; (b) implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests and its communication and outreach strategy; (c) contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; and (d) involving regional and subregional partners, major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the arrangement, which met the planned target.
- 9.121 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.28).

Table 9.28

**Performance measure**

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
—	—	Preparations for the 2024 midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests with involvement of Member States, regional and subregional partners, major groups and other relevant stakeholders	Member States develop proposals to strengthen the international arrangement on forests that also include national actions to enhance the contributions of forests to other global forest-related goals and commitments, including climate change and biodiversity	Member States decide on actions to strengthen the international arrangement on forests that also include national actions to enhance the contributions of forests to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including on climate change and biodiversity loss, and other global forest-related goals and commitments

**Result 3: accelerating progress towards implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests and achieving the global forest goals, including through partnerships**

**Proposed programme plan for 2024**

- 9.122 Implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests depends on accelerating the contributions of all stakeholders, which, in line with Economic and Social Council resolution [2022/17](#), requires coordinating, mainstreaming and upscaling forest-related action and supporting partnerships. The subprogramme will enhance coordination and cooperation with relevant actors to make progress in 2024.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.123 The lesson for the subprogramme was that strengthening collaboration with global actors was critical to achieving the global forest goals by 2030. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will strengthen existing collaboration with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests; build new collaborations with key stakeholders, including the private sector, scientific, academic and philanthropic organizations, and regional and subregional entities, and increase their contributions.
- 9.124 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.29).

Table 9.29

**Performance measure**

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
—	Member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests developed the Partnership's workplan for the period 2021–2024, which is aligned with the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030	Business and industry major group designated a new focal point to help to facilitate coordination and discussion on United Nations Forum on Forests-related issues with the private sector	2 member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, 2 regional and subregional entities and 2 stakeholders integrate the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests into their workplans	2 joint initiatives among member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, regional and subregional entities and stakeholders to accelerate implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests

**Deliverables**

- 9.125 Table 9.30 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.30

**Subprogramme 8: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
1. Reports of the United Nations Forum on Forests	8	8	8	8
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
2. Meetings of the United Nations Forum on Forests	16	10	16	16
3. Meetings of experts on sustainable forest management, the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests and contributions of forests to various issues, including the Sustainable Development Goals, forest financing and other various issues related to forests	4	4	4	4
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
4. Projects on forest financing and development of national financing strategies	6	5	6	6

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
5. Projects on achievement of the global forest goals and implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests	2	1	2	2
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
6. Training events on forest financing	6	6	6	6
7. Training events on sustainable forest management	1	1	1	1
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
8. Technical materials on sustainable forest management	3	3	3	3
9. Technical materials on contributions of forests to various issues, including forest-related Sustainable Development Goals	2	2	2	2
10. Technical materials on materials financing and development of national financing strategies	2	3	2	2
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advice on various issues related to forests.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> database on clearing house mechanism.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> special events, including the International Day of Forests and events of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests; and factsheets and policy briefs on sustainable forest management, forest financing and various other issues related to forests.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases and articles on the United Nations Forum on Forests and the International Day of Forests.				

## Subprogramme 9 Financing for sustainable development

### Objective

- 9.126 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance the follow-up on and review of the implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development, including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the delivery of the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

### Strategy

- 9.127 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Build on continuing analytical work in collaboration with partners in the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development and prepare the annual *Financing for Sustainable Development Report* and other reports to support Member State negotiations at the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, Second Committee deliberations and others;
  - (b) Scale up investment for the Sustainable Development Goals, provide concrete solutions to continue to scale up investment in sustainable development by building on the work of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance, and facilitate the dialogue on sustainable investment, including through the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair, which provides a platform for direct engagement between Member States and investors;
  - (c) Provide policy support to intergovernmental and expert processes and capacity-building to foster more inclusive and effective international tax cooperation and support Member States in enhancing their tax policies and administration, improve their domestic resource mobilization,

address tax evasion, aggressive tax avoidance and illicit financial flows, and advance progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and climate action, with specific attention given to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;

- (d) Enhance its support for the Development Cooperation Forum in its action-oriented and results-focused reviews of trends, progress and emerging issues in international development cooperation, with an emphasis on policies and practices in support of those with the fewest resources and the weakest capacities;
- (e) Support countries in their design and implementation of integrated national financing frameworks, through the Integrated National Financing Framework Facility. The Facility, launched by the Department jointly with the United Nations Development Programme and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in April 2022, brokers technical assistance, facilitates knowledge exchange and provides access to technical guidance on integrated national financing frameworks to implementing countries.

9.128 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Policy and action on financing for sustainable development through strengthened analytical foundations for the outcomes of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up and Second Committee deliberations;
- (b) Countries designing and using integrated national financing frameworks, including actionable policy options, to mobilize financing for sustainable development;
- (c) The acceleration of the mobilization of resources for the Sustainable Development Goals, leading to greater investment opportunities with positive impacts, including in countries in special situations;
- (d) Improved solutions at the global, regional, national and local levels for strengthening tax cooperation and domestic resource mobilization and more effective implementation by Governments and other stakeholders of United Nations policy and practical guidance on tax matters;
- (e) Utilization by Governments and other stakeholders of policy guidance to enhance international development cooperation, for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

## Programme performance in 2022

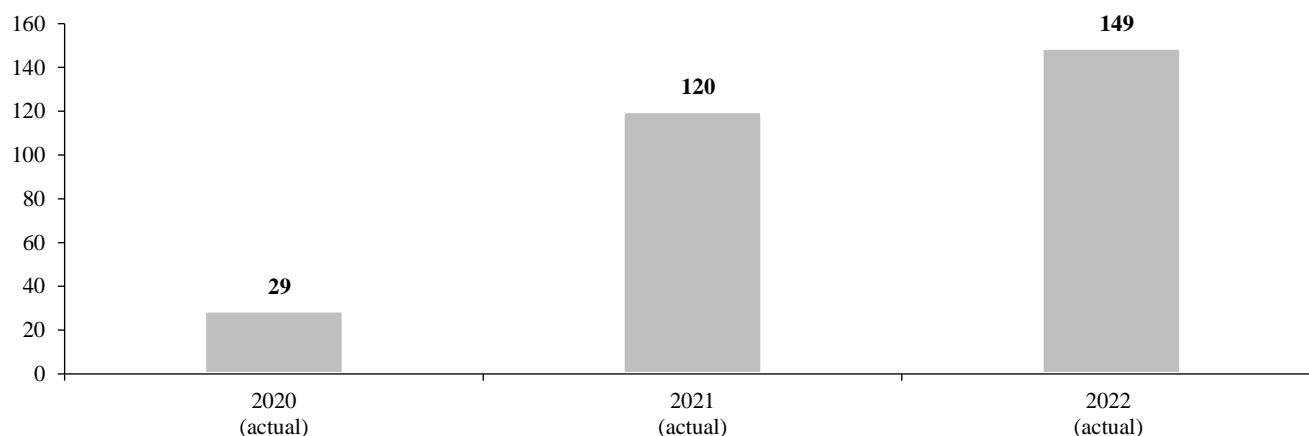
### Increased implementation by local governments of asset management action plans for sustainable development through multilingual online learning resources

- 9.129 Effective infrastructure asset management helps governments to improve essential service delivery, as well as mobilize resources needed for sustainable development. As part of its capacity development initiative on infrastructure asset management, in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services, the subprogramme encouraged local governments, as well as agencies engaged in infrastructure asset management, to design and implement multi-year asset management action plans focused on critical priority assets, with an emphasis on climate resilience and data and statistical capacity. By sharing action plan templates and writing guides in multiple languages online and by introducing additional hybrid and online learning modalities, uptake of these action plans increased significantly over the past three years. As a result, and in addition to the 65 local governments that received direct action plan design and implementation as part of the subprogramme's workshop training, more than 84 new local governments have designed and committed themselves to implementing the action plans. To encourage peer learning among governments, all 149 action plans can be accessed online.

9.130 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.XII).

Figure 9.XII

**Performance measure: number of asset management action plans designed and implemented by local governments**



### Planned results for 2024

**Result 1: towards the design and implementation by developing countries of fiscal, financial and related policies that reduce risks and build resilience**

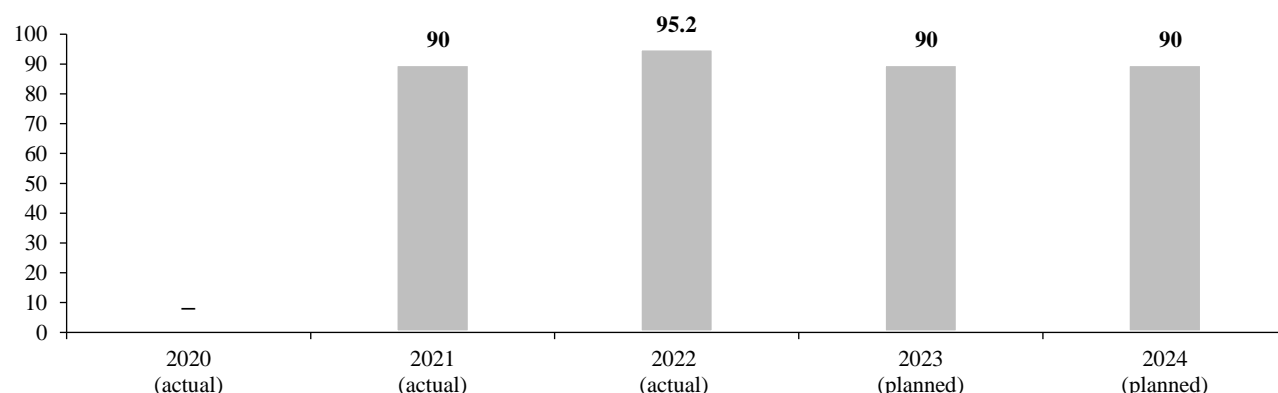
**Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 9.131 The subprogramme's work contributed to the strengthened capacity of national ministries of finance and tax administrations and other ministries, departments and offices at the regional, national and local levels in the areas of fiscal policies and practices, infrastructure asset management and effective development cooperation to reduce risk and build resilience, with 95.2 per cent of trained governmental officials having reported increased awareness and understanding in those areas, which exceeded the planned target of 75 per cent.
- 9.132 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 9.XIII).

Figure 9.XIII

**Performance measure: national ministry of finance and tax administration staff reporting increased awareness and understanding of fiscal policies and practices to reduce risk and build resilience (annual)**

(Percentage)



## Result 2: towards attracting sustainable investment by developing countries for the Sustainable Development Goals

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 9.133 The subprogramme's work contributed to 10 developing countries participating in the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair and interacting with prospective investors on sustainable development investment opportunities, which met the planned target.
- 9.134 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.31).

Table 9.31

#### Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair cancelled due to the pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 developing countries participated in the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair</li> <li>Private investors, such as the members of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance, welcomed the Fair as an opportunity to engage with Governments</li> <li>Investors followed up with some countries on specific projects</li> </ul>	10 developing countries participated in the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair	12 developing countries participate in the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair and interact with prospective investors	13 developing countries participate in the Sustainable Development Goals Investment Fair and interact with prospective investors

## Result 3: creditors and debtor countries agree on global challenges and policy solutions on debt, liquidity and fiscal space for investment in the Sustainable Development Goals

### Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 9.135 Debt vulnerabilities of many developing countries have increased in the aftermath of COVID-19, which poses financial challenges and reduces investment in the Sustainable Development Goals. The risk of debt crises and default is rising, which can have significant macroeconomic and socioeconomic impacts, including a reduction in economic growth and an increase in poverty. The subprogramme has published policy recommendations on challenges related to debt, liquidity and fiscal space for investment in the Goals. While these recommendations have contributed to advancing global understanding of the challenge and the range of policy options available, they have not been able to facilitate agreement on the possible landing space for resolution of these global challenges.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 9.136 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a need to create a neutral space for dialogue on debt issues that was inclusive of both creditors and debtors. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will organize a series of dialogues to bring together relevant actors in an inclusive manner to identify feasible solutions that can achieve global consensus.
- 9.137 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 9.32).

Table 9.32

**Performance measure**

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
—	—	—	Member States and relevant partners in the United Nations system provide feedback and guidance on priority issues related to debt, liquidity and fiscal to inform the development of policy dialogues	Policy solutions on debt, liquidity and fiscal space for investment in the Sustainable Development Goals discussed and/or agreed

**Deliverables**

- 9.138 Table 9.33 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 9.33

**Subprogramme 9: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>
1. Documents for the General Assembly	4	4	6	4
2. Documents for the Economic and Social Council	1	2	3	2
3. Documents for the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	30	39	30	30
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>183</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>151</b>
Meetings of:				
4. The General Assembly	28	29	10	10
5. The Economic and Social Council	30	30	30	20
6. The Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	16	16	16	16
7. Subcommittees of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	64	92	75	75
8. The Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development	30	30	30	15



Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
9. Experts on financing for sustainable development-related issues	15	15	30	15
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>
10. Training events on financing for development processes	2	2	2	2
11. Workshops on tax issues and domestic resource mobilization	10	47	35	35
12. Training events on interactive dialogues	1	—	2	—
13. Ministerial round tables	2	—	2	—
14. Seminars on financing for development, including interactive discussions with the participation of Governments, institutional and non-institutional stakeholders (civil society and the private sector)	6	4	3	2
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
15. <i>Financing for Sustainable Development Report</i> of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development	1	1	1	1
16. <i>United Nations Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries</i>	—	—	1	—
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
17. Building on Monterrey: selected policy issues on financing for development	1	2	1	1
18. Analytical studies on selected issues in development cooperation, including South-South cooperation, and an independent assessment of trends and progress in development cooperation	2	2	3	2
19. Issues note summarizing selected issues in the <i>Financing for Sustainable Development Report</i>	1	—	—	—
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> monthly briefings to Member States; consultations on the work of the Group of Friends on Financing the Sustainable Development Goals; consultations on financing sustainable development and the Goals to members of civil society organizations, the private sector, including the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance, academia, foundations and other entities of the United Nations system; and briefings/expert advice to Member States on sustainable development issues, including high-level bilateral consultations and intergovernmental meetings.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> Development Cooperation Forum outreach materials; and information kit for events on financing for sustainable development.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases on its annual work, including: Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up; quadrennial General Assembly high-level dialogue on financing for development; biennial Development Cooperation Forum high-level meeting; event on financing for sustainable development multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development; work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters; Sustainable Development Goal Investment Fair; launch of the <i>Financing for Sustainable Development Report</i> ; and implementation of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> Op-eds and blogs; websites of the Financing for Sustainable Development Office, the Development Cooperation Forum, the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and related digital platforms for capacity development activities, the joint Department of Economic and Social Affairs/United Nations Capital Development Fund and United Nations Office for Project Services global capacity development initiative on infrastructure asset management; and the website of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance and the integrated national financing frameworks knowledge platform.				

## B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

### Overview

9.139 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 9.34 to 9.36.

Table 9.34

#### Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Posts	77 697.3	77 694.9	92.0	677.8	143.6	913.4	1.2	78 608.3
Other staff costs	1 300.8	1 945.1	(328.2)	–	(44.6)	(372.8)	(19.2)	1 572.3
Hospitality	0.6	5.3	–	–	–	–	–	5.3
Consultants	693.0	708.3	(133.5)	–	2.5	(131.0)	(18.5)	577.3
Experts	606.1	1 255.2	–	–	(63.4)	(63.4)	(5.1)	1 191.8
Travel of representatives	969.9	2 344.6	–	–	–	–	–	2 344.6
Travel of staff	625.5	455.0	–	–	6.2	6.2	1.4	461.2
Contractual services	1 999.0	1 579.1	–	11.0	97.6	108.6	6.9	1 687.7
General operating expenses	436.0	807.8	–	1.4	(9.0)	(7.6)	(0.9)	800.2
Supplies and materials	8.6	58.1	–	2.1	(12.0)	(9.9)	(17.0)	48.2
Furniture and equipment	194.5	189.4	–	9.7	11.4	21.1	11.1	210.5
Grants and contributions	75.3	86.0	–	–	–	–	–	86.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>84 606.6</b>	<b>87 128.8</b>	<b>(369.7)</b>	<b>702.0</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>464.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>87 593.4</b>

Table 9.35

#### Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2024

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2023	489	1 USG, 2 ASG, 9 D-2, 32 D-1, 67 P-5, 88 P-4, 67 P-3, 44 P-2/1, 33 GS (PL), 146 GS (OL)
Abolishment	(2)	1 GS (OL) Information Systems Assistant under subprogramme 5 1 GS (OL) Editorial Assistant under subprogramme 5
Establishment	8	1 P-5 Chief of Section, Geospatial Information under subprogramme 4 1 P-4 Geospatial Information Officer under subprogramme 4 2 P-3 Geospatial Information Officer under subprogramme 4 2 P-2 Associate Geospatial Information Officer under subprogramme 4 1 GS (OL) Programme Management Assistant under subprogramme 4 1 P-3 Data Engineer under subprogramme 5

*Note:* The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); USG, Under-Secretary-General.

**Section 9 Economic and social affairs**

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Details</i>
Conversion	1	1 P-4 Evaluation Officer (from general temporary assistance under section 35, Development Account) under programme support
Reassignment	–	1 P-5 Senior Public Information Officer as Senior Programme Management Officer under executive direction and management 1 GS (OL) Library Assistant as Research Assistant under subprogramme 6
Proposed for 2024	496	1 USG, 2 ASG, 9 D-2, 32 D-1, 68 P-5, 90 P-4, 70 P-3, 46 P-2/1, 33 GS (PL), 145 GS (OL)

Table 9.36

**Overall: proposed posts by category and grade<sup>a</sup>**

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	Changes					2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Professional and higher						
USG	1	—	—	—	—	1
ASG	2	—	—	—	—	2
D-2	9	—	—	—	—	9
D-1	32	—	—	—	—	32
P-5	67	—	1	—	1	68
P-4	88	—	1	1	2	90
P-3	67	—	2	1	3	70
P-2/1	44	—	2	—	2	46
Subtotal	310	—	6	2	8	318
General Service and related						
GS (PL)	33	—	—	—	—	33
GS (OL)	146	—	1	(2)	(1)	145
Subtotal	179	—	1	(2)	(1)	178
Total	489	—	7	—	7	496

<sup>a</sup> Includes nine temporary posts (3 P-5, 2 P-4, 3 P-3 and 1 GS (OL)), which were approved pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [70/248](#) and [71/272](#).

9.140 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 9.37 to 9.39 and figure 9.XIV.

9.141 As reflected in tables 9.37 (1) and 9.38 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2024 amount to \$87,593,400 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$464,600 (or 0.5 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from technical adjustments, new and expanded mandates, and other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 9.37

**Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding, component and subprogramme**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
A. Policymaking organs	718.8	1 984.5	–	–	(20.3)	(20.3)	(1.0)	1 964.2
B. Executive direction and management	5 465.0	4 939.6	60.2	–	–	60.2	1.2	4 999.8
C. Programme of work								
1. Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development	8 462.2	7 818.4	–	–	20.3	20.3	(0.3)	7 838.7
2. Inclusive social development	9 351.3	9 759.2	(64.7)	–	–	(64.7)	(0.7)	9 694.5
3. Sustainable development	8 089.7	9 383.7	–	–	–	–	–	9 383.7
4. Statistics	20 132.5	18 725.6	–	689.6	–	689.6	2.4	19 415.2
5. Population	6 636.2	7 143.1	–	–	(72.3)	(72.3)	(1.0)	7 070.8
6. Economic analysis and policy	6 462.1	6 918.1	–	–	–	–	–	6 918.1
7. Public institutions and digital government	6 575.4	6 650.0	–	–	–	–	–	6 650.0
8. Sustainable forest management	2 263.7	2 384.2	–	–	–	–	–	2 384.2
9. Financing for sustainable development	5 634.4	6 551.5	(397.0)	–	–	(397.0)	(6.1)	6 154.5
Subtotal, C	73 607.5	75 333.8	(461.7)	689.6	(52.0)	175.9	0.3	75 509.7
D. Programme support	4 815.3	4 870.9	31.8	12.4	204.6	248.8	5.1	5 119.7
Subtotal, 1	84 606.6	87 128.8	(369.7)	702.0	132.3	464.6	0.5	87 593.4

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	534.5	659.0	(306.4)	(46.5)	352.6
C. Programme of work					
1. Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development	338.0	598.5	(108.5)	(18.1)	490.0
2. Inclusive social development	603.9	476.3	418.3	(87.8)	894.6
3. Sustainable development	7 567.5	12 373.8	(2 824.4)	(22.8)	9 549.4
4. Statistics	3 451.4	7 071.4	(1 050.4)	(14.9)	6 021.0
5. Population	786.2	1 003.2	(763.8)	(76.1)	239.4

**Section 9 Economic and social affairs**

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2022 expenditure</i>	<i>2023 estimate</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>
6. Economic analysis and policy	421.1	290.0	310.0	106.9	600.0
7. Public institutions and digital government	4 267.7	4 693.9	(1 539.6)	(32.8)	3 154.3
8. Sustainable forest management	841.7	1 163.5	(42.1)	(3.6)	1 121.4
9. Financing for sustainable development	3 573.8	4 271.2	(1 265.3)	(29.6)	3 005.9
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>21 851.3</b>	<b>31 941.8</b>	<b>(6 865.8)</b>	<b>(21.5)</b>	<b>25 076.0</b>
D. Programme support	62 703.4	64 151.4	1 351.3	2.1	65 502.7
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>85 089.2</b>	<b>96 752.2</b>	<b>(5 820.9)</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>90 931.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>169 161.3</b>	<b>183 881</b>	<b>(5 356.3)</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	<b>178 524.7</b>

Table 9.38

**Overall: proposed posts for 2024 by source of funding, component and subprogramme**

(Number of posts)

 (1) *Regular budget*

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>Changes</i>					<i>2024 proposed</i>
	<i>2023 approved</i>	<i>Technical adjustments</i>	<i>New/expanded mandates</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	
A. Policymaking organs	—	—	—	—	—	—
B. Executive direction and management	26	—	—	—	—	26
C. Programme of work						
1. Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development	43	—	—	—	—	43
2. Inclusive social development	58	—	—	—	—	58
3. Sustainable development	51	—	—	—	—	51
4. Statistics	121	—	7	—	7	128
5. Population	42	—	—	(1)	(1)	41
6. Economic analysis and policy	42	—	—	—	—	42
7. Public institutions and digital government	40	—	—	—	—	40
8. Sustainable forest management	12	—	—	—	—	12
9. Financing for sustainable development	34	—	—	—	—	34
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>449</b>
D. Programme support	20	—	—	1	1	21
<b>Subtotal, 1</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>496</b>

**(2) Extrabudgetary**

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2023 estimate</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	–	–	–
C. Programme of work			
1. Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development	–	–	–
2. Inclusive social development	–	–	–
3. Sustainable development	3	–	3
4. Statistics	1	–	1
5. Population	3	(3)	–
6. Economic analysis and policy	–	–	–
7. Public institutions and digital government	–	–	–
8. Sustainable forest management	2	–	2
9. Financing for sustainable development	7	(2)	5
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>11</b>
D. Programme support	31	(1)	30
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>537</b>

Table 9.39

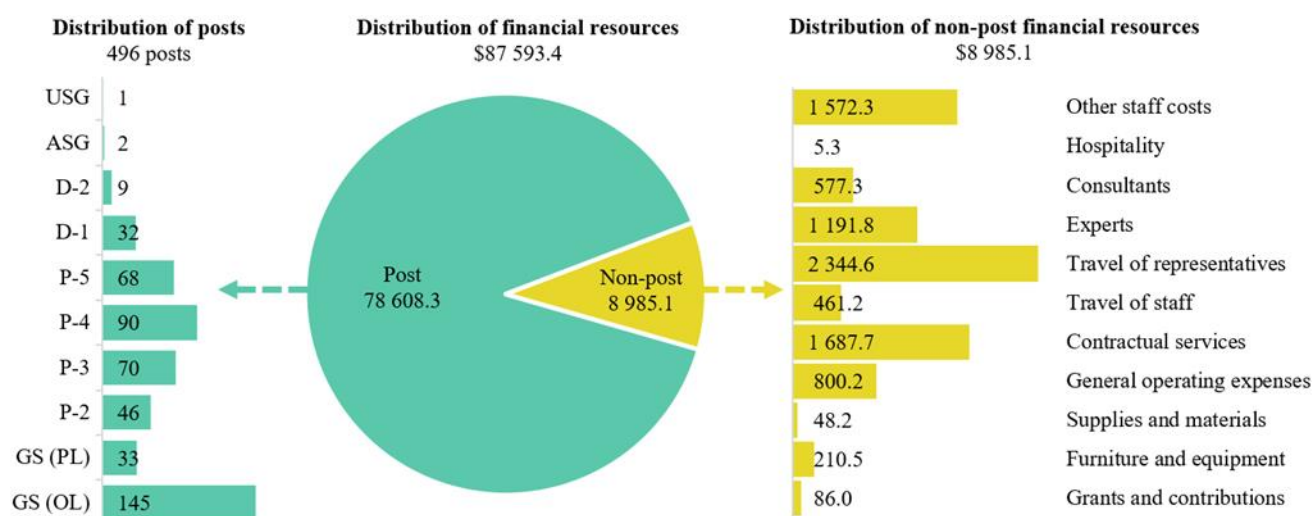
**Overall: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2024 estimate (before recosting)
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	77 697.3	77 694.9	92.0	677.8	143.6	913.4	1.2	78 608.3
Non-post	6 909.3	9 433.9	(461.7)	24.2	(11.3)	(448.8)	(4.6)	8 985.1
Total	84 606.6	87 128.8	(369.7)	702.0	132.3	464.6	0.5	87 593.4
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		310	–	6	2	8	–	318
General Service and related		179	–	1	(2)	(1)	–	178
Total		489	–	7	–	7	–	496

Figure 9.XIV  
**Distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



## Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

### Overall resource changes

#### Technical adjustments

9.142 As reflected in table 9.37 (1), resource changes reflect a net decrease of \$369,700, as follows:

- Executive direction and management.** The increase of \$60,200 relates to the higher provision of continuing vacancy rates for an Associate Public Information Officer (P-2) established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/262](#), which was approved for 2023 at a 50 per cent vacancy rate, in line with established practice;
- Subprogramme 2, Inclusive social development.** The decrease of \$64,700 relates to the removal of non-recurrent provisions (general temporary assistance) approved for 2023, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/133](#) on inclusive policies and programmes to address homelessness, including in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19);
- Subprogramme 9, Financing for sustainable development.** The decrease of \$397,000 relates to the removal of non-recurrent provisions (general temporary assistance and consultants) approved for 2023, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/244](#) on the promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations;
- Programme support.** The increase of \$31,800 relates to the higher provision of continuing vacancy rates for a Programme Management Assistant (General Service (Other level)) established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/262](#), which was approved for 2023 at a 50 per cent vacancy rate, in line with established practice.

#### New and expanded mandates

9.143 As reflected in table 9.37 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$702,000, as follows:

- Subprogramme 4, Statistics.** The increase of \$689,600 relates to the resource requirements pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution [2022/24](#), on enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements, whereby the Council decided to strengthen the work of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and called for the

establishment of a secretariat for the Committee, composed of seven posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 P-2 and 1 General Service (Other level)), as well as related office supplies. The proposed new posts are described in annex III to the present report;

- (b) **Programme support.** The increase of \$12,400 relates to the provision of standard common services costs (ICT/maintenance of office automation equipment) associated with the proposed seven new posts indicated above.

### Other changes

9.144 As reflected in table 9.37 (1), resource changes reflect a net increase of \$132,300, as follows:

- (a) **Policymaking organs.** The decrease of \$20,300 under travel of representatives relates to the proposed outward redeployment of resources to subprogramme 1 to accommodate the travel of seven additional members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti for 2024, taking into account General Assembly resolution [76/246 A](#);
- (b) **Subprogramme 1, Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development.** The increase of \$20,300 under travel of representatives relates to the proposed inward redeployment of resources from policymaking organs to cover the travel of additional members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, taking into account General Assembly resolution [76/246 A](#);
- (c) **Subprogramme 5, Population.** The decrease of \$72,300 relates to the net effect of the proposed abolishment of two General Service (Other level) posts (Information Systems Assistant and Editorial Assistant) and the proposed establishment of one post of Data Engineer (P-3), as described in annex III, as well as a reduction under other staff costs;
- (d) **Programme support.** The increase of \$204,600 relates to the proposed conversion of an Evaluation Officer (P-4) from general temporary assistance under section 35, Development Account, as described in annex III. The establishment of this post would enable greater stability and continuity in the work of the management team for the Development Account. Moreover, the redeployment from section 35 would ensure that the Evaluation Officer forms an integral part of the management team (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 P-2) funded under section 9. While the general temporary assistance position under section 35 has helped to lay the groundwork for evaluation as an essential component of the programme management function, the conversion and redeployment of this post would ensure that the evaluation function is given a continuing role as a strategic pillar of Development Account programme management.

### Extrabudgetary resources

9.145 As reflected in tables 9.37 (2) and 9.38 (2), extrabudgetary resources amount to \$90,931,300. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide for various substantive and capacity development activities, as described under each subprogramme. Extrabudgetary estimates also include resources in the amount of \$55,378,200 for the trust funds for the Junior Professional Officers Programme and the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, which the Department administers (both reflected under programme support). The expected net decrease of \$5,820,900 is attributable mainly to the anticipated completion of various projects in 2023, a projected reduction in the number of projects in 2024 and reduced contributions for the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, offset in part by an anticipated increase in contributions to the Junior Professional Officers Programme.

9.146 Anticipated in-kind contributions will provide for donated right of use of premises for project offices with an estimated value of \$273,000 (\$231,000 under subprogramme 3 and \$42,000 under subprogramme 7), and other services such as expert advice, use of training facilities and provision of equipment, with an estimated value of \$390,000 (\$136,000 under subprogramme 3 and \$254,000 under subprogramme 7).



- 9.147 The extrabudgetary resources under this section are subject to the oversight of the Department, which has delegated authority from the Secretary-General.

### Policymaking organs

- 9.148 The resources proposed under this component would provide for requirements relating to standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies, special sessions of the General Assembly and intergovernmental processes serviced by the Department. The provisions for experts serving on committees in their individual capacity are in accordance with Assembly resolution 2491 (XXIII), as amended by resolutions 41/176, 42/25 (sect. VI) and 43/217 (sect. IX), while the provisions for members of the functional commissions are in accordance with Assembly resolutions 1798 (XVII), 2128 (XX) and 2245 (XXI). Table 9.40 provides information on the standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies and related resource requirements under the regular budget.

Table 9.40  
Policymaking organs

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Policymaking organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
High-level political forum on sustainable development	The forum provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follows up on and reviews progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, enhances the integration of the 3 dimensions of sustainable development and has a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda, ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging sustainable development challenges. The forum also reviews progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and oversees a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level. In addition, the forum conducts voluntary national reviews and thematic reviews every year under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. The travel of representatives from the least developed countries to the meetings is funded from the regular budget. The outcome of the meetings of the forum under the auspices of the Council is a negotiated ministerial declaration.	Mandate: General Assembly resolutions 66/288, 67/290 and 70/299 Membership: All States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies Number of sessions in 2024: 1 (annual session under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council)	436.2	436.2
Commission for Social Development	The Social Commission was established in 1946 as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. In 1966, the Council renamed it the Commission for Social Development to clarify its role as a preparatory body of the Council for the entire range of social development policy issues. In 1996, the Council decided that the Commission would have the primary responsibility for follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development. In 2016, the Council affirmed that the Commission would contribute to the follow-up on the 2030 Agenda, within its existing mandate, by supporting	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI), 1996/7 and 2016/6 Membership: 46 government officials Number of sessions in 2024: 1	132.5	132.5

## Part IV International cooperation for development

<i>Policy-making organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
	the thematic reviews of the high-level political forum on sustainable development on progress on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.			
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	The Permanent Forum is a subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council. Its members serve in their personal capacity as independent experts on indigenous issues. The Permanent Forum serves as an advisory body to the Council with a mandate to discuss Indigenous issues within the mandate of the Council relating to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22 Membership: 16 experts Number of sessions in 2024: 1	229.4	229.4
Statistical Commission	The Commission is a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. It assists the Council in promoting the development of national statistics and the improvement in their comparability, coordinating the statistical work of the specialized agencies, developing the central statistical services of the Secretariat, advising the organs of the United Nations on questions relating to the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information and promoting the improvement in statistics and statistical methods in general.	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolution 1566 (L), reaffirming its resolution 8 (I), as amended by 8 (II) of 1946; and resolutions 2006/6 and 2020/5 Membership: 24 government officials Number of sessions in 2024: 1	68.8	68.8
Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management	The Committee is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. The Committee makes joint decisions and sets directions on the production, availability and application of geospatial information within national and global policy frameworks, promotes common principles, policies, methods, mechanisms and standards for the interoperability of geospatial data and services, and provides a platform for the development of effective strategies on how to build and strengthen national capacity concerning geospatial information, especially in developing countries. The Committee is administered within existing resources and is organized accordingly.	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 2011/24, 2016/27 and 2022/24 Membership: experts from all Member States and experts from international organizations who participate as observers Number of sessions in 2024: 1	—	—
Commission on Population and Development	The Commission on Population and Development is a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. The Commission assists the Council by: (a) arranging for studies and advising the Council on population issues and trends, the integration of population and development strategies, population and related development policies and programmes and the provision of population assistance, as well as addressing population and development questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice; (b) monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the national, regional and global levels and, within its mandate, contributing to the follow-up on and review of the 2030 Agenda; and (c) reviewing the findings of research and analysis pertaining to the interrelationships between	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (III), 150 (VII) and 2016/25 and decision 1995/320, and General Assembly resolution 49/128 Membership: 47 government officials Number of sessions in 2024: 1	79.4	79.4

## Section 9 Economic and social affairs

<i>Policy-making organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
Committee for Development Policy	<p>population and development at the national, regional and international levels and advising the Council thereon.</p> <p>The Committee is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It considers the annual theme of the Council and is called upon to undertake a triennial review of the status of least developed countries and to meet on that issue once every 3 years. The Committee also monitors the development progress of graduated countries on annual basis for a period of 3 years after graduation became effective, and triennially thereafter, as a complement to the 2 triennial reviews of the list of least developed countries carried out by the Committee. It briefs the Council every 4 years, in the year preceding the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, on how the United Nations development system is applying the least developed country category.</p>	<p>Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/46 and <a href="#">2017/29</a> and General Assembly resolution <a href="#">67/221</a></p> <p>Membership: 24 experts serving in their personal capacity from the fields of economic development, social development and environmental protection</p> <p>Number of sessions in 2024: 1</p>	224.0	224.0
Committee of Experts on Public Administration	<p>The Committee is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It supports intergovernmental deliberations by providing policy advice and programmatic guidance to improve governance and public administration structures and processes for development. It also assists the Council by reviewing trends, issues and priorities in public administration and institution-building, notably in relation to the 2030 Agenda and in support of the achievement and progress reviews of the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60</p> <p>Membership: 24 experts serving in their personal capacity from the interrelated fields of public economics, public administration and public finance</p> <p>Number of sessions in 2024: 1</p>	216.7	216.7
United Nations Forum on Forests	<p>The Forum is an intergovernmental subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. The core functions of the Forum are to: (a) provide a coherent, open, transparent and participatory global platform for policy development, dialogue, cooperation and coordination on issues related to the sustainable management of all types of forests, including emerging issues, in an integrated and holistic manner, including through cross-sectoral approaches; (b) promote, monitor and assess the implementation of sustainable forest management, in particular the United Nations strategic plan for forests and the achievement of its global forest goals and associated targets and the United Nations forest instrument, and mobilize, catalyse and facilitate access to financial, technical and scientific resources to that end; (c) promote governance frameworks and enabling conditions at all levels to achieve sustainable forest management; (d) promote coherent and collaborative international policy development on issues related to all types of forests; and (e) strengthen high-level political engagement, with the participation of major groups and other stakeholders, in support of sustainable forest management.</p>	<p>Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/35 and <a href="#">2015/33</a> and General Assembly resolution <a href="#">71/285</a></p> <p>Membership: 197 government officials</p> <p>Number of sessions in 2024: 1</p>	65.5	65.5

## Part IV International cooperation for development

<i>Policy-making organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	The Committee is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It is recognized for its work in shaping international tax norms and providing policy and practical guidance to assist countries in mobilizing domestic resources for sustainable development and aligning their fiscal policies with sustainable development priorities. The Committee engages with the Council through the Council's annual special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters, with a view to enhancing intergovernmental consideration of tax issues. The Committee is mandated to: (a) keep under review and update as necessary the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries and the Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries; (b) provide a framework for dialogue with a view to enhancing and promoting international tax cooperation among national tax authorities; (c) consider how new and emerging issues could affect international cooperation in tax matters and develop assessments, commentaries and appropriate recommendations; (d) make recommendations on capacity-building and the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition; and (e) give special attention to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in dealing with all the above issues.	Mandate: Economic and Social Council resolutions <a href="#">1273 (XLIII)</a> , 2004/69 and <a href="#">2017/2</a> and General Assembly resolution <a href="#">69/313</a>  Membership: 25 experts nominated by Governments and acting in their expert capacity  Number of sessions in 2024: 2	532.0	511.7
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 984.5</b>	<b>1 964.2</b>

9.149 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,964,200 and reflect a decrease of \$20,300 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 9.144 (a) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.41.

Table 9.41  
**Policy-making organs: evolution of financial resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>2022 expenditure</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>Technical adjustments</i>	<i>Changes</i>				<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
				<i>New/ expanded mandates</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	
Non-post								
Travel of representatives	718.8	1 984.5	–	–	(20.3)	(20.3)	(1.0)	1 964.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>718.8</b>	<b>1 984.5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(20.3)</b>	<b>(20.3)</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>	<b>1 964.2</b>

## Executive direction and management

- 9.150 The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs is responsible for the overall management, supervision and administration of the Department in the implementation of its mandates and its approved programme of work. As head of the Department, he is delegated managerial authority over human, financial and physical resources to allow for the effective delivery of the Department's mandates. He serves as the convener of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, as well as the Programme Manager of the United Nations Development Account, including management of capacity development activities. He is also a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. The Under-Secretary-General is assisted by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development.
- 9.151 The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs supports the Under-Secretary-General by providing substantive support and policy advice on departmental support to intergovernmental processes, including the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The Assistant Secretary-General is also responsible for inter-agency coordination, including support to the Under-Secretary-General in the work of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.
- 9.152 The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development serves as the principal economic adviser to the Under-Secretary-General and assists in providing thought leadership and guidance on the policy research and analysis work of the Department, including on frontier and emerging issues. The Assistant Secretary-General is also responsible for the coordination and review of the publications of the Department, reports of the Secretary-General and other technical products that provide a platform for amplifying and delivering the work of the Department on global development policy.
- 9.153 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General supports the senior leadership of the Department in the overall coordination and management of its programmes and resources, as well as the implementation of Department-wide initiatives. It assists the Under-Secretary-General in implementing the Department's overall programming, monitoring and evaluation activities. The Office coordinates the Department's support for the resident coordinator system, in collaboration with the Development Coordination Office. It also facilitates the work of the Department's gender and disability inclusion focal points and is responsible for the review of legislative reports and flagship publications of the Department.
- 9.154 The Strategic Planning and Communications Service supports the Under-Secretary-General in advancing the Department's strategic direction, integration and policy coherence, including its collaborative work with other Secretariat entities in the areas of knowledge management, communications, websites, social and multimedia outreach, publishing and information technology. It supports the Department's engagement in the Secretary-General's Executive Committee and coordinating mechanisms or bodies and represents the Department in relevant Secretariat policy and normative bodies, including the Publications Board, the Information and Communications Technology Board and the United Nations Communications Group. The Service plays a central role in the programme delivery of the Department through its support for information systems and enterprise applications. It also supports the Department's editorial board and departmental strategic planning and communications networks, and is responsible for the Department's strategic communications framework, including its implementation.
- 9.155 The Programme, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit coordinates the preparation of the Department's annual programme plan and is responsible for the internal monitoring and evaluation of the Department's work. The Unit serves as the focal point for evaluations by oversight bodies and provides support for audits of the Department. It is also responsible for producing monitoring reports for senior management decision-making. The Unit reports to the Under-Secretary-General through

the Chief of Office of the Under-Secretary-General. The Unit operates independently from other operational and management functions within the Department.

- 9.156 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 72/219, the Department is integrating environmental management practices into its operations. Drawing on its experience in 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Department uses online platform tools and organizes meetings and workshops in a virtual or hybrid format, whenever possible. In 2024, the Department will continue to increase the provision of the electronic distribution of documents and materials and to increase the paperless conduct of meetings, thereby reducing paper use and waste. The Department will also increase its focus and efforts on the online readability of publications to encourage online viewing and discourage the printing of physical copies. Whenever supported by donors, the Department will offset the greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel in connection with large-scale conferences. Furthermore, the Organization's policy on avoiding single-use plastics at Department-organized events is strictly observed. The Department is committed to contributing to the implementation of the Secretariat's climate neutrality plan.
- 9.157 Information on compliance with the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 9.42. Although the travel restrictions improved slightly in 2022 since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, advance planning has remained challenging. The Department has provided internal guidance on the advance booking policy, especially related to intergovernmental meetings, workshops and events organized by the Department. The late receipt of voluntary contributions and late nominations of non-staff travellers also contributed to a lower rate of compliance. The Department will continue to make efforts to improve the compliance rate by, among other things, promoting advance planning for all Department events and working more closely with Governments on the nominations of representatives.

Table 9.42  
**Compliance rate**  
(Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>
Timely submission of documentation	98	98	98	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	51	41	48	100	100

- 9.158 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$4,999,800 and reflect an increase of \$60,200 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 9.142 (a) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.43 and figure 9.XV.

Table 9.43

**Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources**

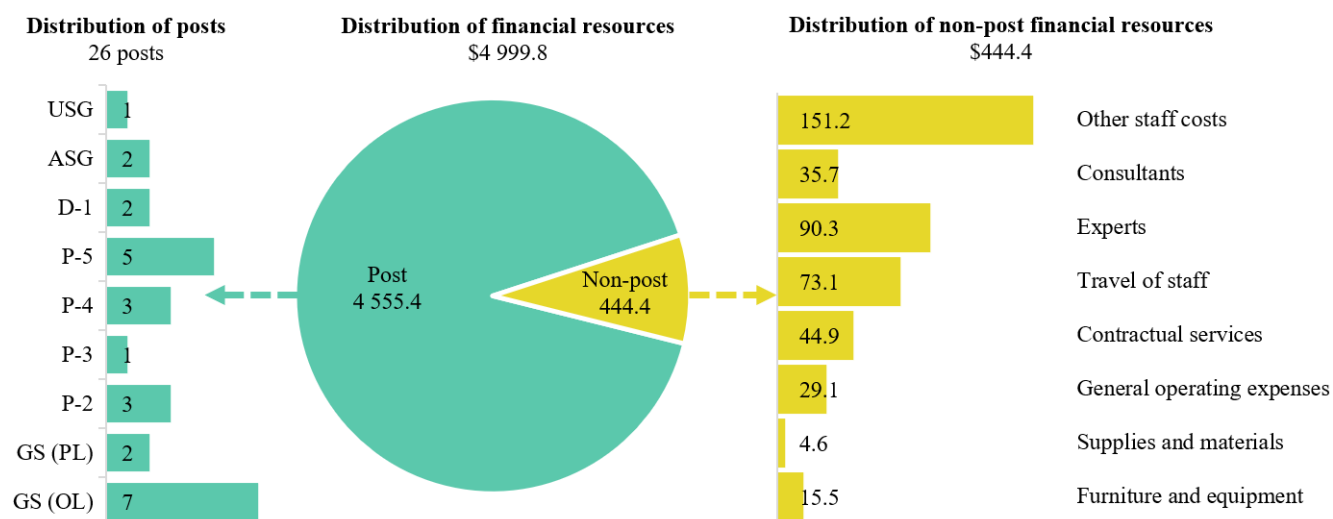
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	5 124.4	4 495.2	60.2	—	—	60.2	1.3	4 555.4
Non-post	340.8	444.4	—	—	—	—	—	444.4
Total	5 465.2	4 939.6	60.2	—	—	60.2	1.2	4 999.8
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		17	—	—	—	—	—	17
General Service and related		9	—	—	—	—	—	9
Total		26	—	—	—	—	—	26

Figure 9.XV

**Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.159 Extrabudgetary resources for the component amount to \$352,600. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support activities aimed at increasing understanding and awareness of the 2030 Agenda and expanding partnerships for implementation through global policy dialogues. The expected decrease of \$306,400 is due mainly to the scheduled completion of the project related to the strengthening of United Nations thought leadership on sustainable and inclusive development.

## Programme of work

### Subprogramme 1

#### Intergovernmental support and coordination for sustainable development

9.160 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$7,838,700 and reflect an increase of \$20,300 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 9.144 (b) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.44 and figure 9.XVI.

Table 9.44

#### Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources

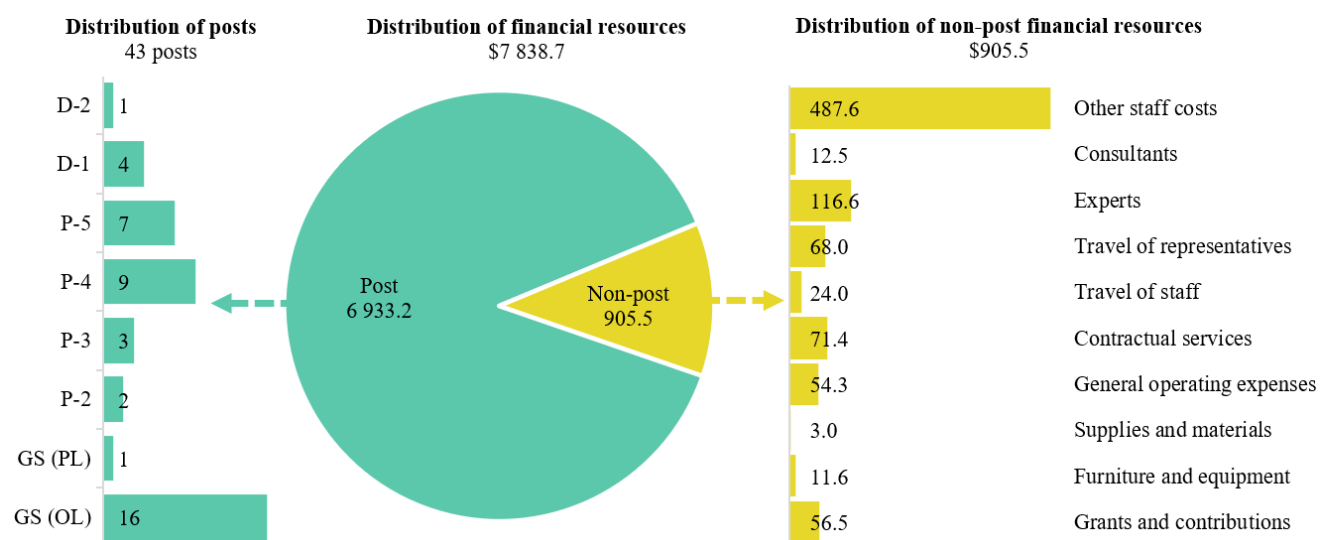
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	7 592.3	6 933.2	—	—	—	—	—	6 933.2
Non-post	869.9	885.2	—	—	20.3	20.3	2.3	905.5
Total	8 462.2	7 818.4	—	—	20.3	20.3	0.3	7 838.7
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		26	—	—	—	—	—	26
General Service and related		17	—	—	—	—	—	17
Total		43	—	—	—	—	—	43

Figure 9.XVI

#### Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)





**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.161 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$490,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide for: (a) the improvement in analytical work for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the follow-up on and monitoring of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the implementation of the 2020 quadrennial comprehensive policy through more frequent surveys of resident coordinators, United Nations country teams and Governments; and (b) the participation of government experts of developing countries in presenting their countries' voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The expected decrease of \$108,500 is due mainly to the completion of projects related to voluntary national reviews.

**Subprogramme 2**  
**Inclusive social development**

- 9.162 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$9,694,500 and reflect a decrease of \$64,700 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 9.142 (b) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.45 and figure 9.XVII.

Table 9.45

**Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources**

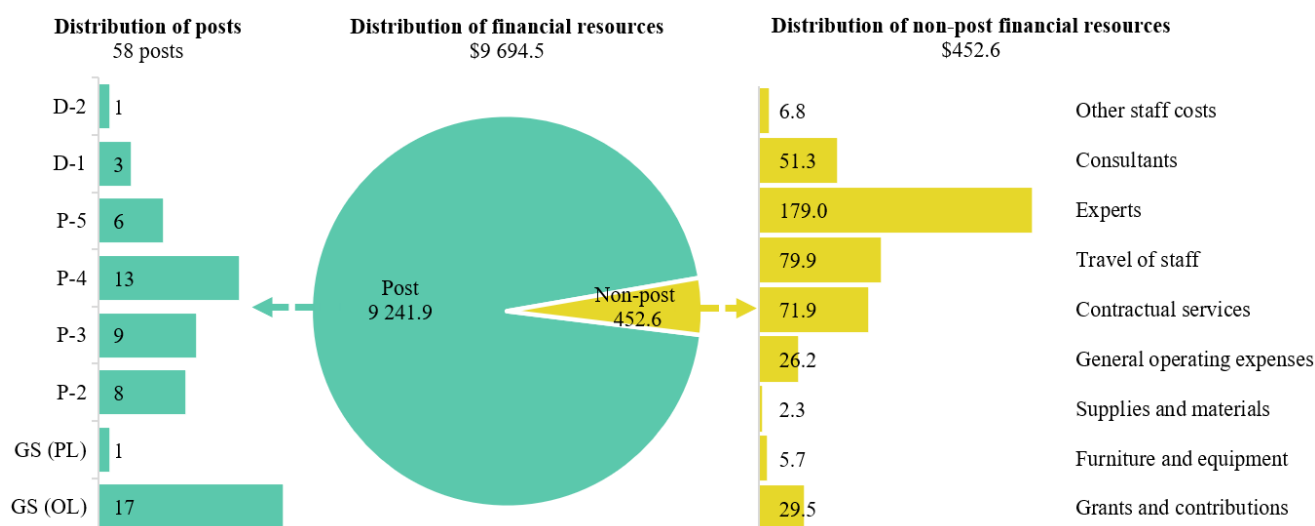
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	9 022.9	9 241.9	—	—	—	—	—	9 241.9
Non-post	328.4	517.3	(64.7)	—	—	(64.7)	(12.5)	452.6
Total	9 351.3	9 759.2	(64.7)	—	—	(64.7)	(0.7)	9 694.5
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		40	—	—	—	—	—	40
General Service and related		18	—	—	—	—	—	18
Total		58	—	—	—	—	—	58

Figure 9.XVII

**Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.163 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$894,600. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support: (a) activities related to persons with disabilities, young people, older persons, families and Indigenous Peoples; and (b) capacity development projects and activities related to government initiatives to develop national action plans and policies on Indigenous Peoples and to enhance the social inclusion of children and young people with autism through sport. The expected increase of \$418,300 is due mainly to anticipated additional projects, including capacity development activities, to respond to requests from the several Governments to support their work on Indigenous Peoples.

### Subprogramme 3

#### Sustainable development

- 9.164 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$9,383,700 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.46 and figure 9.XVIII.

Table 9.46

**Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

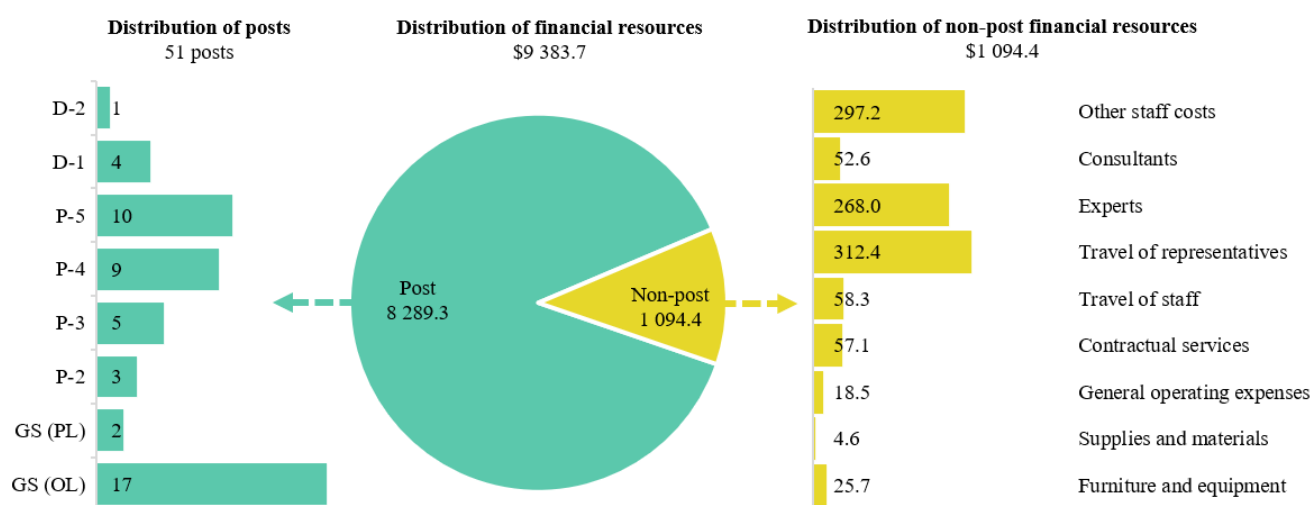
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	7 207.8	8 289.3	—	—	—	—	—	8 289.3
Non-post	881.9	1 094.4	—	—	—	—	—	1 094.4
Total	8 089.7	9 383.7	—	—	—	—	—	9 383.7

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		32	—	—	—	—	—	32
General Service and related		19	—	—	—	—	—	19
Total		51	—	—	—	—	—	51

Figure 9.XVIII

**Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.165 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$9,549,400. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support analytical work and the implementation of capacity-building projects on cross-cutting topics, such as partnerships for sustainable development, the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals, the strengthening of the role of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and the integration of the Goals into national sustainable development strategies. They would also cover sectoral topics such as water, energy, climate change, the ocean, sustainable transport, smart cities, sustainable production and consumption and agriculture, and their interlinkages. The work of the subprogramme will remain focused on countries in special situations, such as least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries in Africa and small island developing States, as well as middle-income countries upon request. The expected decrease of \$2,824,400 is due mainly to some capacity-building projects reaching the end of their implementation period in 2023 and 2024.

**Subprogramme 4  
Statistics**

- 9.166 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$19,415,200 and reflect an increase of \$689,600 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 9.143 (a) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.47 and figure 9.XIX.

Table 9.47

**Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources**

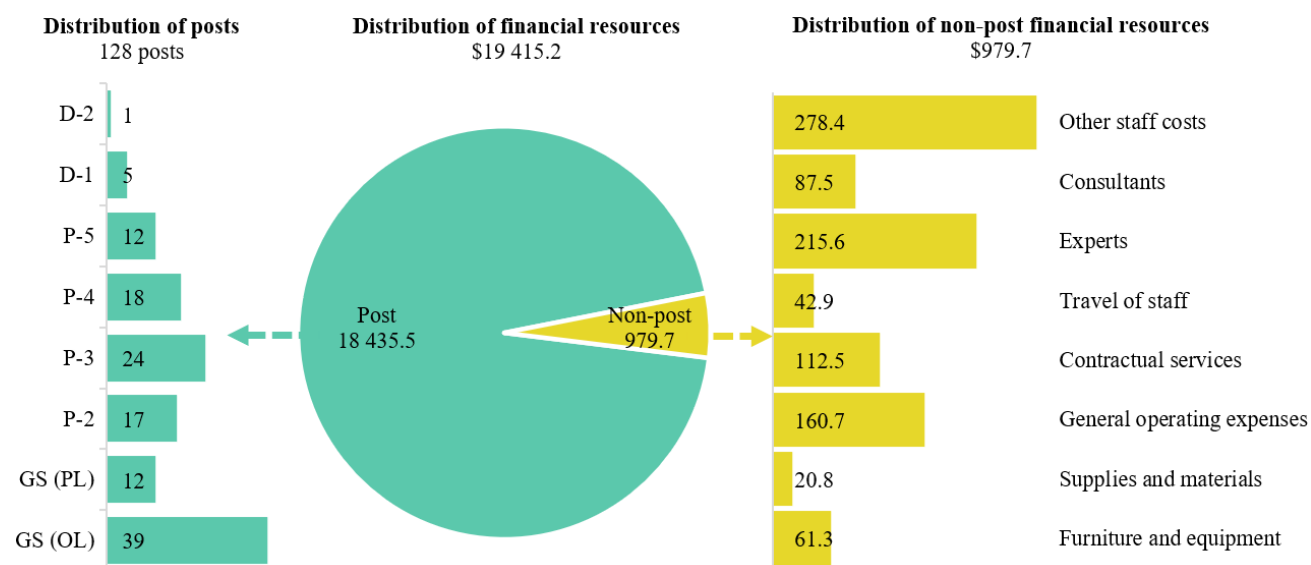
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	19 069.1	17 757.7	—	677.8	—	677.8	3.8	18 435.5
Non-post	1 063.4	967.9	—	11.8	—	11.8	1.2	979.7
Total	20 132.5	18 725.6	—	689.6	—	689.6	2.4	19 415.2
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		71	—	6	—	—	—	77
General Service and related		50	—	1	—	—	—	51
Total		121	—	7	—	—	—	128

Figure 9.XIX

**Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)


**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.167 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$6,021,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support: (a) the modernization and transformation of the national statistical and geospatial information systems of developing countries to meet the increased demand for data for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; and (b) capacity development projects and activities for strengthening the ability of developing countries to produce better and more timely data to inform policies and monitor progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and for strengthening geospatial information management systems, including for the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre. The expected decrease of \$1,050,400 is due mainly to the completion in 2023 of some of the subprogramme's capacity-building projects.

## Subprogramme 5 Population

9.168 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$7,070,800 and reflect a decrease of \$72,300 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 9.144 (c) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.48 and figure 9.XX.

Table 9.48

### Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources

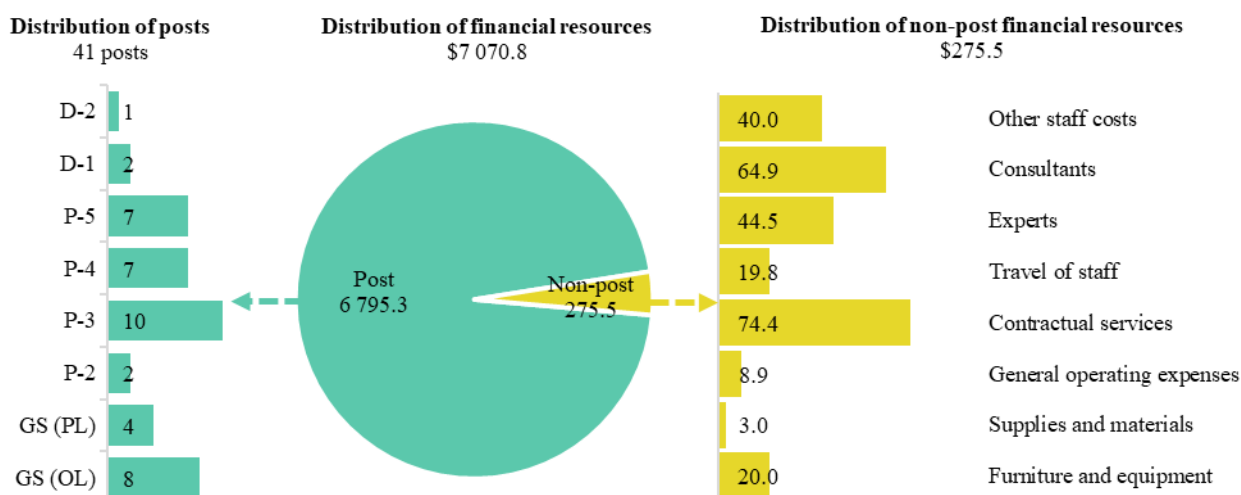
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	6 390.5	6 856.3	—	—	(61.0)	(61.0)	(0.9)	6 795.3
Non-post	245.7	286.8	—	—	(11.3)	(11.3)	(3.9)	275.5
Total	6 636.2	7 143.1	—	—	(72.3)	(72.3)	(1.0)	7 070.8
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		28	—	—	1	—	—	29
General Service and related		14	—	—	(2)	—	—	12
Total		42	—	—	(1)	—	—	41

Figure 9.XX

### Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



### Extrabudgetary resources

9.169 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$239,400. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used to support the project on addressing the gaps in comparable and transparent global information on family planning indicators and underlying

population data to expand knowledge on family planning. The expected decrease of \$763,800 is due to the scheduled completion of the project during the course of 2024.

## Subprogramme 6 Economic analysis and policy

9.170 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$6,918,100 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.49 and figure 9.XXI.

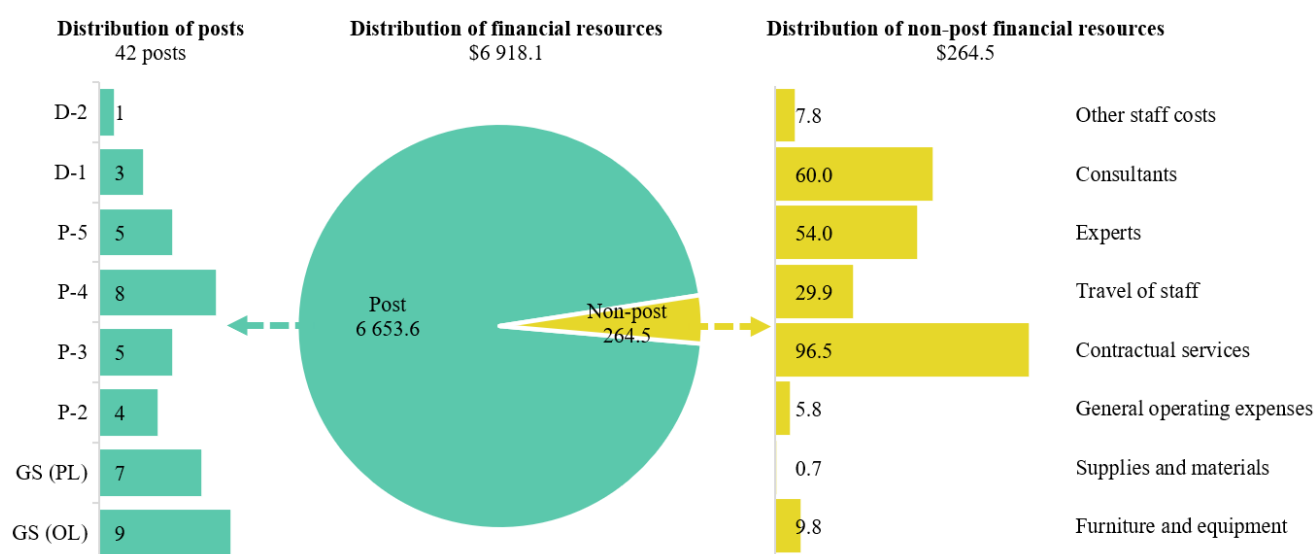
Table 9.49  
**Subprogramme 6: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	6 228.7	6 653.6	—	—	—	—	—	6 653.6
Non-post	233.4	264.5	—	—	—	—	—	264.5
Total	6 462.1	6 918.1	—	—	—	—	—	6 918.1
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		26	—	—	—	—	—	26
General Service and related		16	—	—	—	—	—	16
Total		42	—	—	—	—	—	42

Figure 9.XXI  
**Subprogramme 6: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



### Extrabudgetary resources

- 9.171 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$600,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support capacity development projects and activities to strengthen the capacity of developing countries to implement the 2030 Agenda. The expected increase of \$310,000 is due mainly to the inception and implementation of project on rebuilding better and more sustainably from the COVID-19 pandemic through the enhanced design and implementation of sustainable national recovery strategies based on policy simulations.

### Subprogramme 7 Public institutions and digital government

- 9.172 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$6,650,000 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.50 and figure 9.XXII.

Table 9.50

#### Subprogramme 7: evolution of financial and post resources

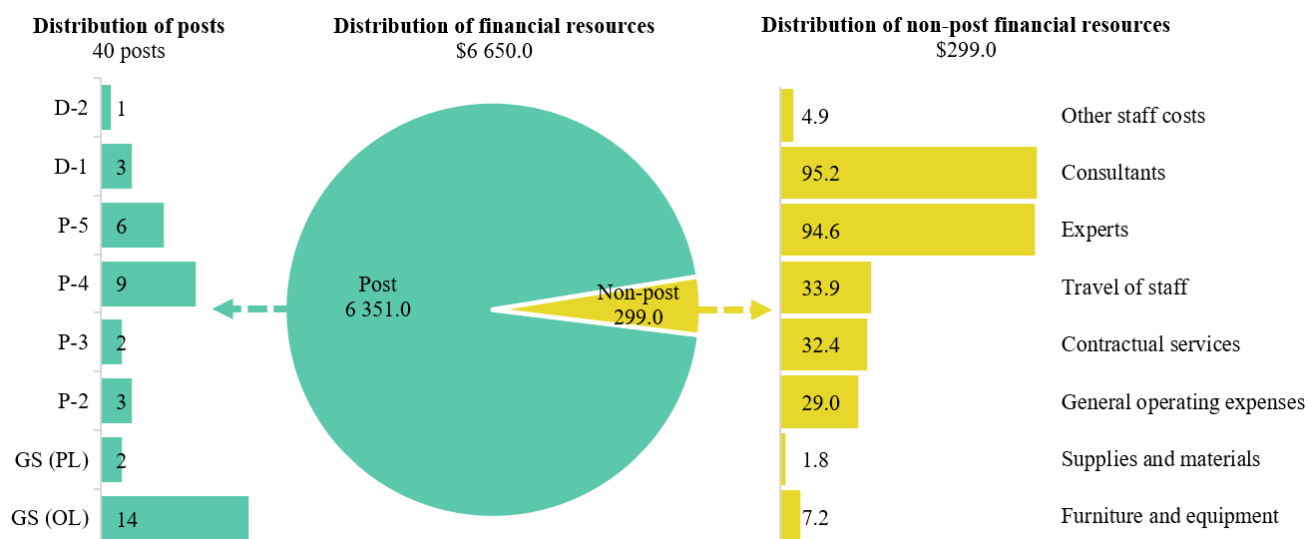
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	6 305.1	6 351.0	—	—	—	—	—	6 351.0
Non-post	270.3	299.0	—	—	—	—	—	299.0
Total	6 575.4	6 650.0	—	—	—	—	—	6 650.0
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		24	—	—	—	—	—	24
General Service and related		16	—	—	—	—	—	16
Total		40	—	—	—	—	—	40

Figure 9.XXII

**Subprogramme 7: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.173 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$3,154,300. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support capacity development projects and activities for developing countries to strengthen coherent and integrated approaches to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the local, national and regional levels, as well as to enhance the presence and leadership of women in public institutions at the local and national levels. The expected decrease of \$1,539,600 is due mainly to the scheduled completion of a large-scale fellowship project and other capacity development activities in 2023.

## Subprogramme 8

### Sustainable forest management

- 9.174 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,384,200 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.51 and figure 9.XXIII.

Table 9.51

**Subprogramme 8: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2024 estimate (before recosting)
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	2 001.9	2 099.9	—	—	—	—	—	2 099.9
Non-post	261.8	284.3	—	—	—	—	—	284.3
Total	2 263.7	2 384.2	—	—	—	—	—	2 384.2

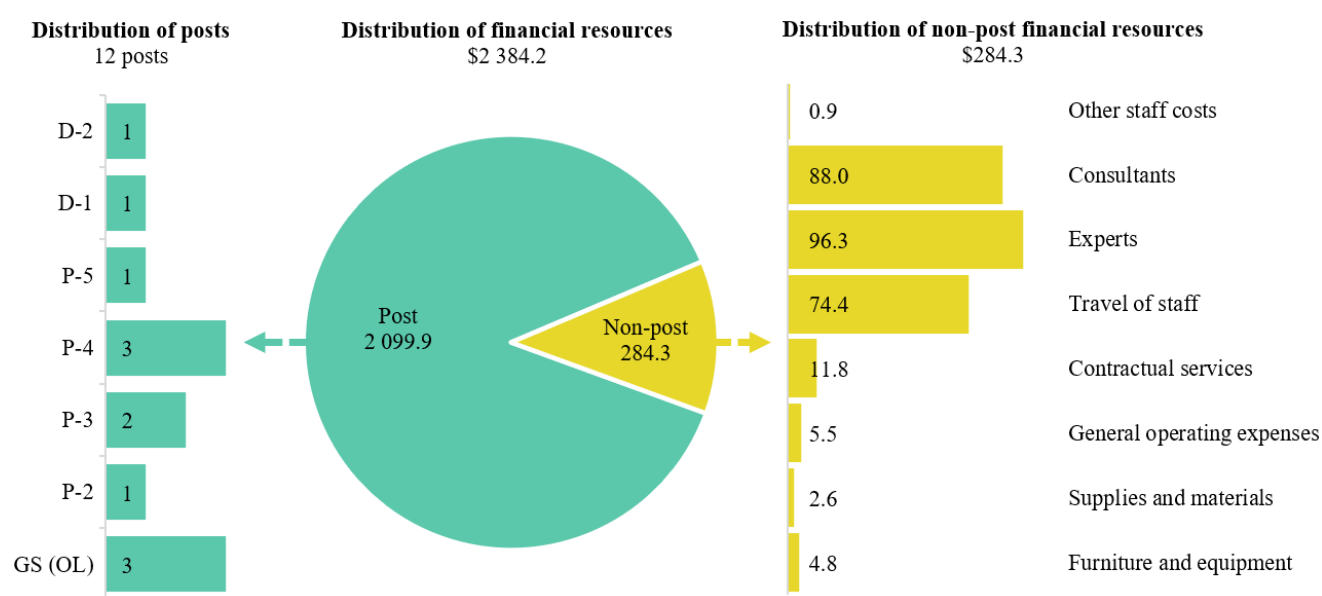


	Changes							2024 estimate (before recosting)
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		9	—	—	—	—	—	9
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		12	—	—	—	—	—	12

Figure 9.XXIII

**Subprogramme 8: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.175 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$1,121,400. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support activities related to the preparations for the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and the work of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests on communications and outreach in connection with the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030. The expected decrease of \$42,100 is due mainly to the scheduled completion of some capacity development projects related to the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network.

### Subprogramme 9

#### Financing for sustainable development

- 9.176 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$6,154,500 and reflect a decrease of \$397,000 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 9.142 (c) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.52 and figure 9.XXIV.

Table 9.52

**Subprogramme 9: evolution of financial and post resources**

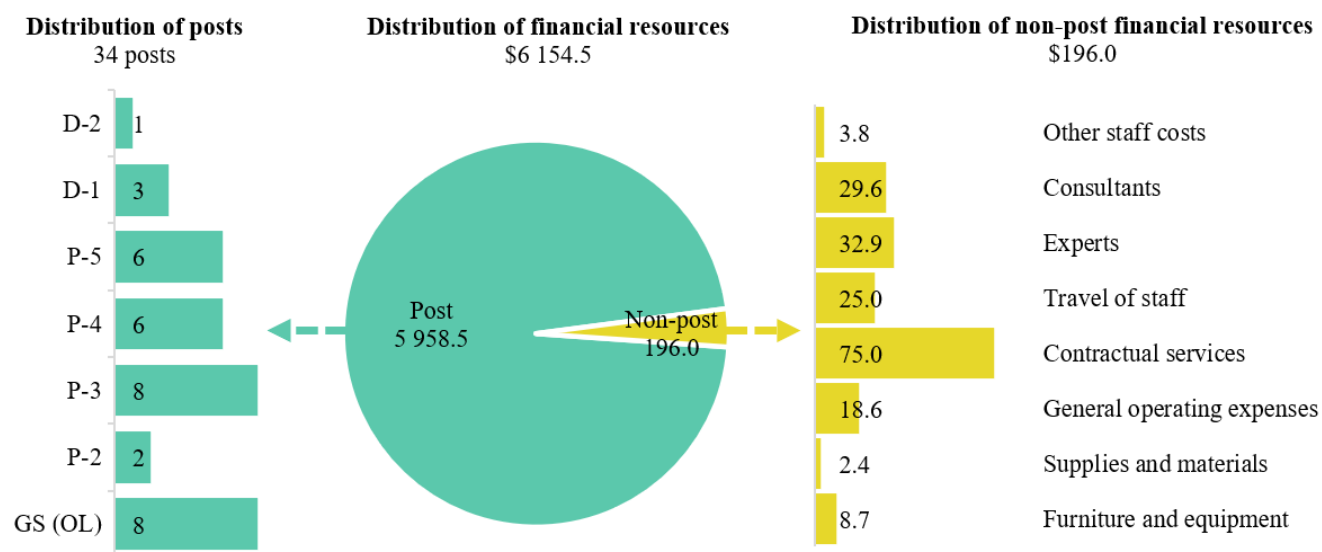
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	5 293.3	5 958.5	—	—	—	—	—	5 958.5
Non-post	341.1	593.0	(397.0)	—	—	(397.0)	(66.9)	196.0
Total	5 634.4	6 551.5	(397.0)	—	—	(397.0)	(6.1)	6 154.5
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		26	—	—	—	—	—	26
General Service and related		8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Total		34	—	—	—	—	—	34

Figure 9.XXIV

**Subprogramme 9: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)


**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.177 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$3,005,900. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide intergovernmental support, analytical products and capacity development support to Member States to implement the outcomes of International Conferences on Financing for Development, in particular the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Activities would include: (a) the preparation of policy papers; (b) the provision of options for countries to respond to ongoing global challenges; (c) the provision of strategic advice and support for capacity development in key areas, such as international cooperation in tax matters; (d) the strengthening of dialogue with international financial institutions and organizations to address global challenges; (e) multi-stakeholder engagement, in particular with the private sector; and (f) support for development cooperation. The expected decrease of \$1,265,300 is due mainly to the scheduled completion of some projects related to the implementation of the Global Investors for

Sustainable Development Alliance and the Joint Programme on Financing a Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery.

### Programme support

- 9.178 Programme support comprises the Executive Office and the Capacity Development Programme Management Office.
- 9.179 The Executive Office supports the Under-Secretary-General, as follows: (a) in his exercise of the delegation of authority to manage the human, financial and physical resources of the Department; (b) in the context of the monitoring and accountability framework; and (c) as his main interlocutor with the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and the Department of Operational Support, including in relation to participation in focal point networks or committees in support of various management-related reform initiatives. The Executive Office also provides administrative support to the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the New York office of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the Regional Commissions New York Office.
- 9.180 The Capacity Development Programme Management Office manages and coordinates the capacity development function of the Department through the formulation, coordination and implementation of the Department's capacity development activities for the coherent and integrated delivery of capacity development programmes, projects and other activities and the promotion of direct and effective translation of intergovernmental outcomes into the operational programmes. The Office supports the Under-Secretary-General in his role as Programme Manager of the United Nations Development Account, and in promoting strategic cooperation and partnerships within the Secretariat and with the United Nations development system at large, including the resident coordinator system, to promote more coherent, coordinated and cross-sectoral support for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The Office also manages the Junior Professional Officers Programme for the Secretariat and for the resident coordinator system.
- 9.181 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$5,119,700 and reflect an increase of \$248,800 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed changes are explained in paragraphs 9.142 (d), 9.143 (b) and 9.144 (d) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 9.53 and figure 9.XXV.

Table 9.53  
**Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources**

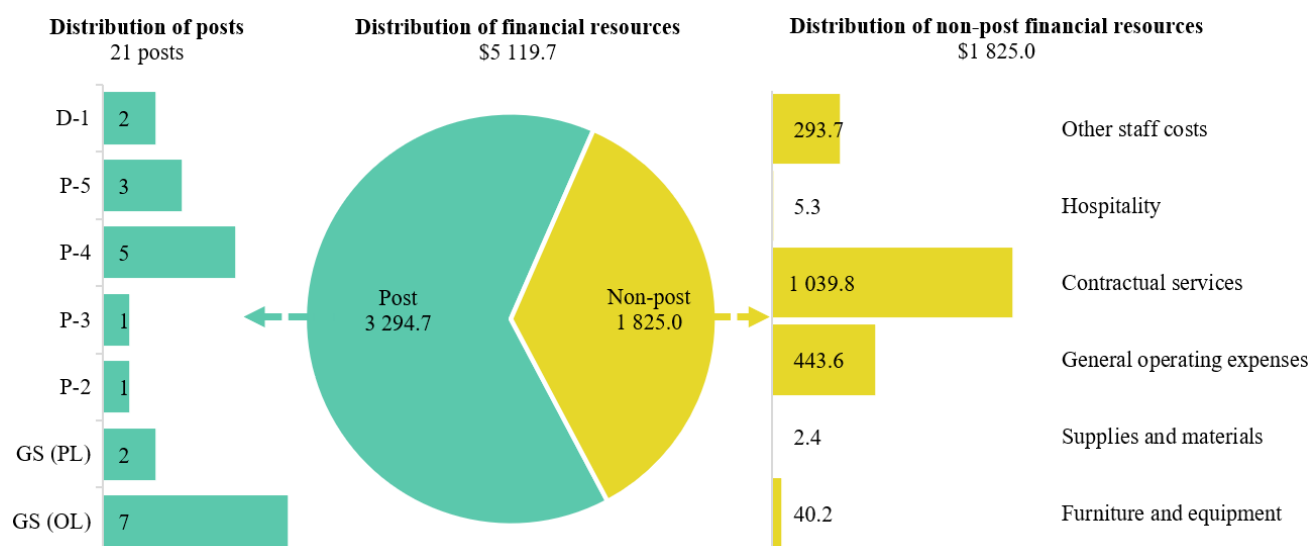
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	3 461.6	3 058.3	31.8	—	204.6	236.4	7.7	3 294.7
Non-post	1 353.7	1 812.6	—	12.4	—	12.4	0.7	1 825.0
Total	4 815.3	4 870.9	31.8	12.4	204.6	248.8	5.1	5 119.7
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		11	—	—	1	—	—	12
General Service and related		9	—	—	—	—	—	9
Total		20	—	—	1	—	—	21

Figure 9.XXV

**Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)**

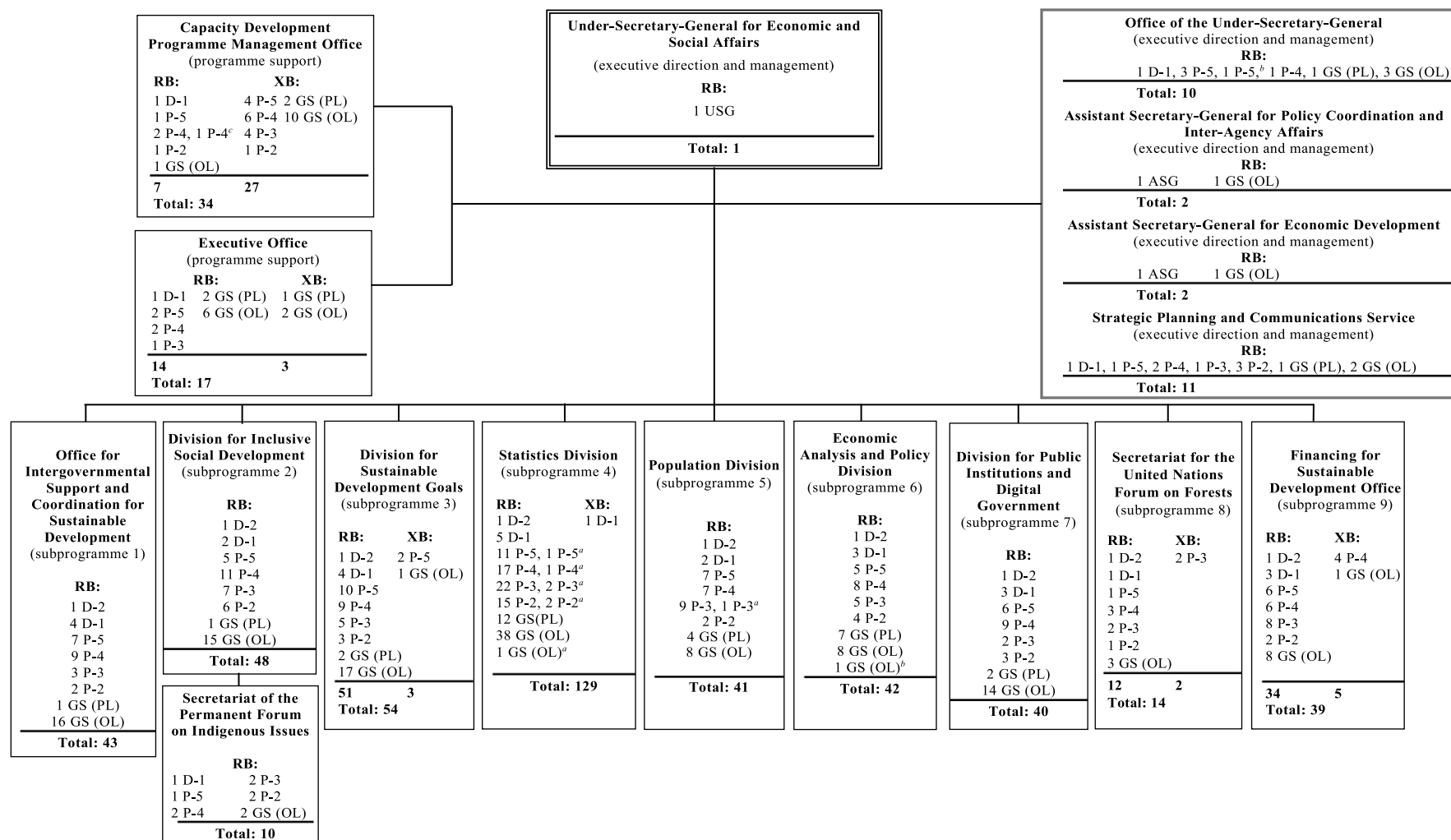
(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 9.182 Extrabudgetary resources for the component amount to \$65,502,700. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide programmatic and administrative support in delivery of substantive and capacity development activities of the Department. Extrabudgetary resources include an estimated amount of \$55,378,200 for the trust funds for the Junior Professional Officer Programme and the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, which the Department administers. The expected net increase of \$1,351,300 is due mainly to the increased estimates for the Junior Professional Officer Programme, offset in part by the decreased contributions for the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials and the scheduled completion of capacity development activities.

## Annex I

## Organizational structure and post distribution for 2024



Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

<sup>a</sup> New.

<sup>b</sup> Reassignment.

<sup>c</sup> Conversion.

## Annex II

## Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the advisory and oversight bodies

*Brief description of the recommendation*

*Action taken to implement the recommendation*

### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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The Advisory Committee trusts that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will strengthen its efforts to achieve equitable geographical representation of Member States among its staff and provide an update in all future programme budget submissions (para. IV.16).

The Advisory Committee trusts that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will continue to further its reform agenda with a view to effectively and efficiently supporting the priorities defined by Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and provide an update thereon in the next budget submission (para. IV.18).

The Advisory Committee notes the activities undertaken by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in coordination with the United Nations entities and trusts that the Department, in close cooperation with the resident coordinator system, will further improve coordination for the delivery of United Nations system

As at 31 December 2022, women represented 57.4 per cent of the overall staff in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. As at 31 December 2022, incumbents in the 257 posts in the Professional and higher categories came from a total of 80 Member States, of which Western European and other States were represented by 124, Asia and the Pacific by 61, Latin American and Caribbean by 28, Africa by 22 and Eastern Europe by 22.

The Department's efforts to achieve greater geographical representation of Member States are guided by the Secretariat's geographical diversity strategy of 2020. Outreach efforts are undertaken to broaden the pool of applicants from various regions to the Department's job openings. Such efforts include outreach to permanent missions of Member States, United Nations information centres, resident coordinator offices, focal points in United Nations system organizations and professional networks of the hiring division/office.

The programme plan reflects the Secretary-General's continued effort since 2017 to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and internal coordination of the Department to provide support to the follow-up on and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level. As progressively reported to Member States since its 2018–2019 programme budget, the Department's structure, programme of work and activities are aligned with the 2030 Agenda and designed to support Member States in its implementation. This current proposal responds to the priorities of Member States, guided by recent development trends, legislative mandates and organizational initiatives emerging from the various intergovernmental processes that inform the Department's work.

The Department's 2024 proposed programme budget responds to the priorities of Member States as shaped by current development trends and as guided by legislative mandates and organizational objectives emerging from the various intergovernmental processes that inform the work of the Department. The

*Brief description of the recommendation*

support for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular for the groups of the most vulnerable countries. The Committee trusts that an update will be provided in the context of the next budget proposal (para. IV.21).

The Advisory Committee trusts that comprehensive information on the positions of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs funded under the Development Account and the regular programme of technical cooperation will be provided in the context of future budget submissions (para. IV.22).

*Action taken to implement the recommendation*

Department continues to champion the 2030 Agenda as the blueprint for crisis response and recovery. By actioning the commitments contained in the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States, the United Nations system and all stakeholders can realize a stable and inclusive recovery, build resilience and move the world towards sustainable development for all.

The Department, in close cooperation with the resident coordinator system, continues to strengthen coordination of United Nations system support for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular for countries in special situations, including least developed and landlocked developing countries and small island developing States. The Department continues to facilitate more structured engagement between the Department and resident coordinators through the Development Coordination Office. This structured engagement further strengthens the Department's delivery of its capacity-building activities, assisting Member States in translating at the national level global norms and policy frameworks for the achievement of the Goals and other internationally agreed objectives, including for least developed and landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa. The Department continues to rely on the resident coordinators and their offices to help to identify effective country-level entry points and partnerships.

The programme plan provides highlights and updates the ongoing activities and programme of work undertaken in collaboration with United Nations system entities to support countries in their achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular those countries in special situations.

As of March 2023, the Department had, for its subprogrammes, 29 general temporary positions (3 D-1, 18 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 5 General Service (Other level)) funded under the regular programme of technical cooperation and 1 general temporary position (Evaluation Officer (P-4)) under the Development Account.

It is proposed that the Evaluation Officer (P-4) position under the Development Account be converted to an established post under section 9, as explained in annex III to the present report.

**Part IV**                      **International cooperation for development**

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*Brief description of the recommendation*

The Advisory Committee trusts that more detailed information on extrabudgetary-funded activities implemented under the subprogrammes, including information on programme support costs and cost recovery if any, will be provided in the context of the next budget submission (para. IV.23).

*Action taken to implement the recommendation*

In 2024, extrabudgetary resources amount to \$90,931,300, which provide for various substantive and capacity development activities (as described under each subprogramme) and include \$55,378,200 for the Junior Professional Officers Programme and the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials.

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## Annex III

## Summary of proposed post changes, by component and subprogramme

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Executive direction and management	1	P-5	<b>Reassignment</b> of 1 Senior Public Information Officer as Senior Programme Management Officer	<p>The proposed reassignment is to address the growing demands on the Under-Secretary-General, as head of entity, for leadership on an increasing range of substantive and management issues. The Senior Programme Management Officer would bring a required range of skills to assist the Under-Secretary-General in providing the strategic guidance, responses and policy recommendations needed to enhance the coherence and internal coordination of the work of the Department.</p> <p>The proposed reassignment would combine functions needed to enhance the coherence and internal coordination of the Department's work. This would address the growing demands on the Under-Secretary-General for leadership on an increasing range of substantive and management issues. With amalgamated functions, the senior Programme Management Officer would assist in providing strategic guidance, responses and policy recommendations and lend support to other substantive and management issues.</p>
Subprogramme 4, Statistics	1	P-5	<b>Establishment</b> of 1 Chief of Section, Geospatial Information	<p>The Economic and Social Council decided, in its resolution <a href="#">2022/24</a>, to strengthen the work of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. In order to support the Committee's encompassing architecture on global geospatial information management, including implementing the recommendations of the report of the Committee of Experts to the Council (E/2022/68), the 2030 Agenda and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, the Council also called for the establishment of a secretariat comprising seven posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 P-2 and 1 GS (OL)).</p>
	1	P-4	<b>Establishment</b> of 1 Geospatial Information Officer	<p>The secretariat would also be responsible for the following:</p>
	2	P-3	<b>Establishment</b> of 2 Geospatial Information Officers	<p>(a) Service/support the Committee's high-level group, subcommittee, experts and working groups;</p>
	2	P-2	<b>Establishment</b> of 2 Associate Geospatial Information Officers	<p>(b) Manage/support the global Committee architecture, including its five regional committees and four thematic groups;</p>
	1	GS (OL)	<b>Establishment</b> of 1 Programme Management Assistant	<p>(c) Support the implementation of the Committee's global geospatial strategic frameworks, guides, methods, standards and norms;</p> <p>(d) Implement and monitor extrabudgetary capacity and capability development projects under the Committee;</p> <p>(e) Coordinate/implement external technical cooperation and capacity development partnerships, including the SDG Data Alliance, the Group on Earth Observations, the World Geospatial Industry Council, Geospatial World and Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure;</p> <p>(f) Promote coherence, coordination and cooperation on global geospatial information management-related issues;</p>

## Part IV International cooperation for development

Component/subprogramme	Posts	Grade	Description	Reason for change
Subprogramme 5, Population	1	P-3	<b>Establishment of</b> 1 Data Engineer	(g) Support the establishment and oversight of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre and the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence.
	(1)	GS (OL)	<b>Abolishment of</b> 1 Information Systems Assistant	The abolishment of a post of Information Systems Assistant (GS (OL)) in the Demographic Data Systems Unit and a post of Editorial Assistant (GS (OL)) in the Publications, Outreach and Support Unit, for the establishment of a post of Data Engineer (P-3) in the Demographic Data Systems Unit is required owing to the level of professional skill needed to integrate heterogeneous data sources, improve data interoperability, and support high-performance cloud-based computing, database infrastructure and web-based front-ends to disseminate results in a user-friendly way.
	(1)	GS (OL)	<b>Abolishment of</b> 1 Editorial Assistant	The subprogramme faces increasing requests for more detailed statistics, greater transparency in its methods and improved access to data. To meet these challenges, the subprogramme has been incrementally upgrading its analytical workflow and information technology infrastructure and employing more advanced statistical methods to more effectively manipulate and compile heterogeneous data from Member States, regional and international organizations, and research and academic groups so that the Department can provide the highest quality outputs possible.
Subprogramme 6, Economic analysis and policy	1	GS (OL)	<b>Reassignment of</b> 1 Library Assistant as Research Assistant	This proposed reassignment reflects the change in needs, from organizing references and maintaining physical reference collections to supporting the research and acquisition of digitalized and electronic information and disseminating information, to enable policy analysis throughout the subprogramme.
Programme support	1	P-4	<b>Conversion of</b> 1 Evaluation Officer (from general temporary assistance under section 35, Development Account)	The proposed conversion, under the Capacity Development Programme Management Office, would improve the stability and continuity of the evaluation function. The Evaluation Officer will design and manage programme-level evaluations and provide guidance and support for project evaluations conducted by the Development Account implementing entities.  The conversion of this post would make evaluation a more integrated part of the management team for the Development Account. The proposed consolidation of resources under section 9 would support all project phases and cement the role of evaluation as a strategic pillar of the overall programme management of the Development Account.

*Abbreviation:* GS (OL), General Service (Other level).