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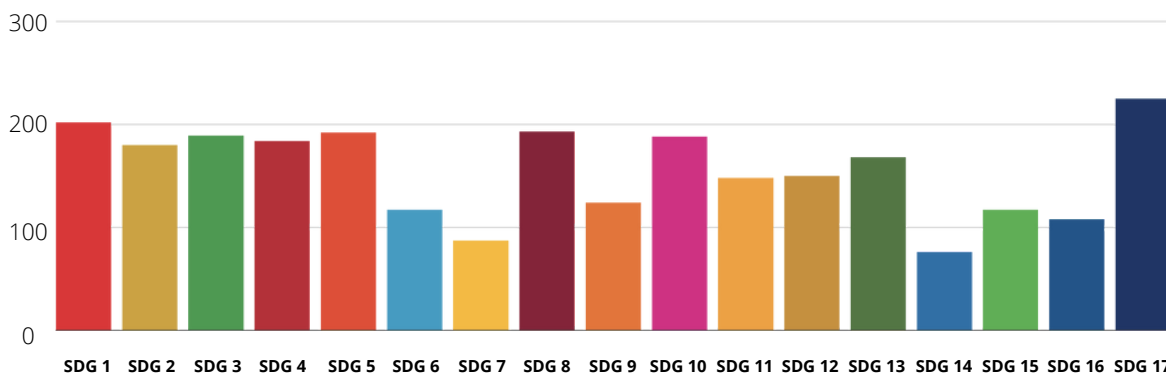
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BACKGROUND

From December 2020 to March 2021, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through its Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), led a Second Open Call for good practices, success stories, and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Building on the success of the First Open Call (conducted by UNDESA in November 2018 - February 2019), the Second Open Call aimed to highlight examples of good practices, including those that could be replicated or scaled-up by others across the globe. The practices show how gaps and constraints could be addressed, and what steps could be taken to accelerate progress in the achievement of the SDGs as well as support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 700 submissions were received and more than 460 were approved by the Inter-Agency review team, constituted of 30 experts specialized in sustainable development from across the UN system.
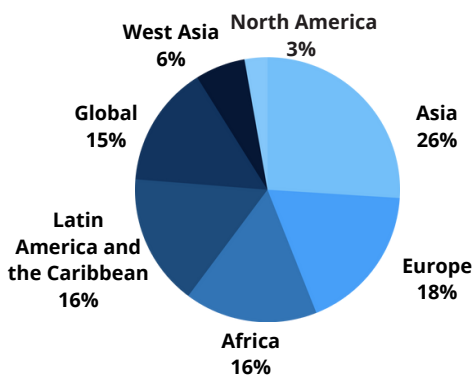
HIGHLIGHTS

APPROVED SDG GOOD PRACTICES BY SDGS - 2ND OPEN CALL (2020/2021)
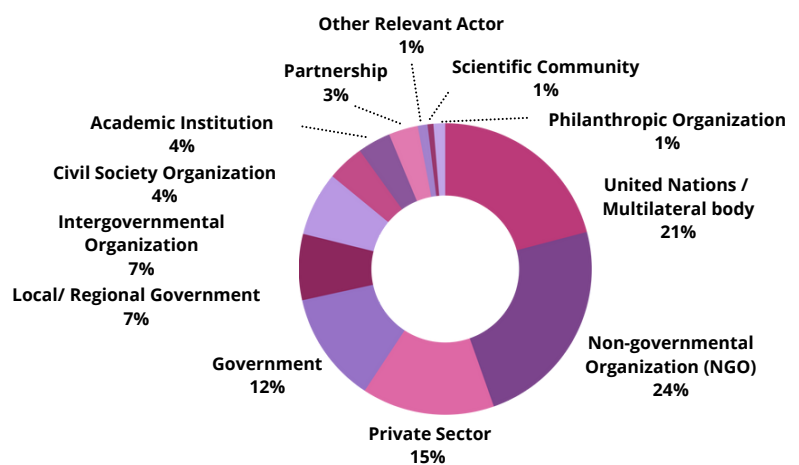
*464 in total

Global initiatives comprised 15% of approved submissions. Submissions were also received from Asia and the Pacific (26%), Europe (18%), Africa (16%), Latin America and the Caribbean (16%), Global (15%), West Asia (6%), and North America (3%). Proposals came from sectors including United Nations/multilateral body (21%), non-governmental organizations (24%), private sector (15%), governments (12%), local governments (7%), intergovernmental organizations (7%), and others.

Approved Submissions by Region

West Asia
6%
North America
3%
Global
15%
Asia
26%
Latin America and the Caribbean
16%
Europe
18%
Africa
16%

Approved Submissions by Sector

Other Relevant Actor
1%
Partnership
3%
Scientific Community
1%
Academic Institution
4%
Philanthropic Organization
1%
Civil Society Organization
4%
Intergovernmental Organization
7%
United Nations / Multilateral body
21%
Local/ Regional Government
7%
Government
12%
Non-governmental Organization (NGO)
24%
Private Sector
15%

In February 2022, UNDESA issued a digital publication (Second Edition) highlighting twenty-one outstanding examples of good practices during the second open call. Click here to download the publication: https://bit.ly/SDGGoodPractices2ndEdition

To learn more about the SDG Good Practices, please visit the online database here: https://sdgs.un.org/sdg-good-practices

EXAMPLES OF SDG GOOD PRACTICES

Below is a selection of few outstanding examples emerged during the Second Open Call, featuring practices that are supporting the implementation of the SDGs under review in the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2022, to be held from 5-7 and 11-15 July 2022 at UNHQ, under the theme "*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*".

Engineer Girls of Turkey
UNDP Turkey Country Office | Turkey

Engineer Girls of Turkey (EGT) Project concentrates on developing a private sector driven gender equality mainstreaming program to promote female students participation in engineering professions, and empowering female engineering students. The project evolves around three main components: (1) formulating of an analytical framework to show obstacles and developing of a long-term evaluation plan; (2) implementing a support program for both female engineering students and high school students and (3) developing institutional inclusive work models to adopt and advocate gender sensitive approach.

Promoting youth and female participation in the delivery of public infrastructure
CoST | Guatemala

CoST-the Infrastructure Transparency Initiative (CoST) promotes transparency, participation and accountability in public infrastructure worldwide. In partnership with USAID, CoST Guatemala launched a series of social audit workshops to build the capacity of young community leaders to monitor infrastructure projects. The practice was two-fold: investing in empowering and training the growing youth generation in Guatemala and strengthening project oversight and accountability. The workshops combined theoretical and practical activities covering access to project information and data portals, infrastructure transparency as means to ensure accountability and mechanisms of citizen participation.

#EUBeachCleanup
European Commission | Worldwide

#EUBeachCleanup is a worldwide awareness-raising and ocean activism campaign to mobilize against marine pollution based on bottom-up local initiatives sharing a common global message and branding: "The ocean starts with you!" Partners can engage by participating in one of the many cleanup events organized by EU staff and partners or through changing daily consumption and waste management habits. Organized since 2018, the campaign has been rapidly expanding. #EUBeachCleanup is organized annually over 4-6 weeks, peaking in the second half of September.

Rehabilitation of degraded land
ACSAD | Egypt

The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry lands (ACSAD) is an Arab organization working within the framework of the League of Arab States to support Arab efforts in agricultural development. One of the main tasks of ACSAD is to address the challenges facing arid and semi-arid areas in the Arab region, especially the adverse effects of desertification, drought and land degradation through the development of scientific research, project implementation and capacity building to promote the sustainable management of natural resources and improve the living conditions of people in affected areas. ACSAD focus on desertification issues in the Arab region through conducting research, studies and implementation of applied projects, in addition to holding training courses and workshops.

Institutionalization and Implementation of Government-CSO partnership to effectively fulfill and achieve SDGs
Korean NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation| Worldwide

To improve Civil society's participation in sustainable development processes and accountability mechanisms, a Government-Civil Society partnership was established in 2017. More than 150 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including members of the Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC) and Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation (KoFID), have collaborated with the Office for Government Policy Coordination of Prime Minister's Secretariat, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EDCF (Economic Development Cooperation Fund) and KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency). The partnership reached 31 implementation tasks in 2021 through mutual discussion and agreement, and funds were provided for humanitarian assistance in response of COVID-19 in 30 countries. To monitor the status of the partnership, a special meeting is convened twice a year and the latest results have been included into the 2021 Korean Civil Society Contribution Report for HLPF.

UN DESA/DSDG will continue to promote the SDG Good Practices in events, publications, and briefings, as appropriate.
For more information, please check here: https://sdgs.un.org/sdg-good-practices