

SDG GOOD PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

Second Open Call: Towards the Decade of Action to Deliver the Sustainable Development Goals

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CALL FOR GOOD PRACTICES ABOUT?

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through its Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) has launched a second open call (<https://sdgs.un.org/sdg-good-practices>) 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). The purpose of this call is to highlight examples of good practices, including those that could be replicated or scaled-up by others across the globe. The submitted practices may 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.

A first open call for SDG Good Practices was conducted from Nov-2018 to February-2019. The outcomes of the first open call can be found here: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices>. In addition, a digital publication was published by UN DESA based on the results of the first open call and can be downloaded from here: <https://sdgs.un.org/publications/sdg-good-practices-2020>.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Governments at all levels, UN entities, international and regional organizations, and stakeholders from all relevant sectors and regions can submit applications.

WHAT CAN BE SUBMITTED?

One or more examples of a good practice, e.g. policy, programme or project, **directly related** to the achievement of one or more of the 17 SDGs (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>) can be submitted.

Submissions should show inspiring breakthroughs, lessons learned, and success stories related to the implementation and follow up of the Sustainable Development Goals at any level (global, regional, national and sub-national).

HOW CAN I SUBMIT A GOOD PRACTICE?

Submissions can ONLY be made through a web-based portal available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDGGoodPractices2>. The online form will be open from **2 December 2020 to 28 February 2021**.

We strongly recommend preparing the answers in advance. Please, can check details about the questionnaire here: <https://sdgs.un.org/documents/second-open-call-application-form-25069>.

CAN I SAVE AN UNFINISHED APPLICATION AND RETURN LATER TO CONTINUE WITH THE SUBMISSION?

Unfinished submissions might not be automatically saved. To avoid any possible information loss, it is STRONGLY suggested that submissions are prepared in advance and saved on a separate file before you start with the online form.

Please, check here for the questions and character limit: <https://sdgs.un.org/documents/second-open-call-application-form-25069>.

Only submissions through the online form (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDGGoodPractices2>) will be accepted.

MY ORGANIZATION/ENTITY SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION DURING THE FIRST OPEN CALL IN 2018-2019, SHOULD WE SUBMIT IT AGAIN THIS YEAR?

If your organization/entity submitted an application during the first open call convened in 2018-2019, please check our database (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/browse/>) to see if it was approved.

If the practice was already approved and published in the database, there is **no need to re-submit** during the second open call. However, if there are important or critical updates to the practice, a new application could be submitted.

CAN I SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE GOOD PRACTICE?

Multiple Good Practices can be submitted by the same entity as long as all required information is submitted for all practices.

WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN SDG GOOD PRACTICES SUBMISSION?

Submissions should include the title of the practice/project, geographical coverage, an introduction, the key stakeholders engaged, the results/outputs and impacts, the enabling factors and constraints, sustainability and replicability of the initiative, conclusions, contact details and other sources of information. Submissions will also be requested to explain how practices were (or not) impacted by COVID-19.

Each of the categories listed above should not be more than a certain number of characters.

Submissions about practices that started before 2015 must clearly explain how they were adapted/adjusted to the SDGs in order to be considered.

The details for each of the categories above are listed at: <https://sdgs.un.org/documents/second-open-call-application-form-25069>

Please, refer to the outcomes of the first open call (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices>) for examples.

IS THE FORM AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH? IN WHICH LANGUAGES CAN I SUBMIT?

The form is only available in English; however, submissions can be made in English, French and Spanish.

WHEN CAN SUBMISSIONS BE MADE?

Submissions can be made between **2 December 2020 to the 14 March 2021**.

WHO WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE INCLUDED?

A dedicated inter-agency task team comprised of experts from a number of United Nations agencies will analyze each of the submissions and decide on the approved SDG Good Practices.

WHAT WILL BE THE CRITERIA FOR THE REVIEW OF SDG GOOD PRACTICES SUBMISSIONS?

The criteria below will be followed by the United Nations inter-agency task team for good practices on SDGs when assessing submissions to this initiative. Each submission will be reviewed by at least two members of the inter-agency task teams.

Criteria Checklist
SDG-Specific

1. Does the practice add concrete value to the implementation of one or more of the SDGs at the local, sub-national, national, regional, global level?
2. Does the practice integrate the goals, and/or does it consider the three dimensions of sustainable development, including by creating synergies and/or mitigating trade-offs?

Results-focused

3. Does the practice demonstrate clearly defined and measurable results?
4. Has the practice contributed to changes in status or trends?
5. Has the practice contributed to leaving no one behind? Has the practice considered unintended (negative) effects, especially in terms of leaving no one behind?

Inclusive

6. Does the practice show evidence of engagement of different stakeholders or partnerships, including at the local level?
7. Are there innovative methods of engagement and participation, including by mobilizing community members or targeting beneficiaries during the planning, implementation and follow up processes?

Accountable, Sustainable and Replicable

8. Have gaps and challenges been appropriately alleviated or mitigated?
9. Does the practice have any distinguishing or innovative features?
10. Does the practice have elements to ensure accountability and sustainability, such as a monitoring mechanism?
11. Is there evidence that the practice can be or has been replicated and/or scaled up?
12. Can the practice facilitate/generate medium/long term impact and transformation?

WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF MY SUBMISSION IS APPROVED?

Due to the high volume of the submissions, the United Nations will not be in a position to notify individual organization/entity regarding the results. Please refer to the website (<https://sdgs.un.org/sdg-good-practices>) for latest updates.

WHEN WILL THE OUTCOMES BE PUBLISHED?

Outcomes of the analysis are expected to be published online by end of **May 2021**.



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HOW WILL THE GOOD PRACTICES BE DISSEMINATED?

Submissions will be showcased at the dedicated platform as well as at relevant events promoted by UNDESA.

For an example of how the SDG Good Practices could be promoted by UNDESA, please, check the publication of a compilation of SDG Good Practices selected from the first open call: <https://sdgs.un.org/publications/sdg-good-practices-2020>

For more information about the first Open Call, please, check here: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices>

I STILL HAVE DOUBTS, HOW CAN I CLARIFY THEM?

For more information, please, check: <https://sdgs.un.org/sdg-good-practices>

In case of doubts, please, send a message to dsdg@un.org with the subject: "SDG Good Practices".

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