

## INFORMATION BRIEF ON SDG ACCELERATION ACTIONS

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### BACKGROUND

Progress toward sustainable development remains under pressure as the world continues to face profound uncertainty and interconnected crises. While some economies show signs of resilience, global progress remains uneven, and only 17% of the 169 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets are on track to be achieved<sup>1</sup>. This shortfall underscores the urgent need for renewed commitment and coordinated action to accelerate sustainable development.

In response, the [SDG Acceleration Actions](#), which was established in the lead-up to the 2019 SDG Summit, aims to mobilize concrete, high-impact commitments from governments, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders. It serves as a global mechanism for scaling up efforts, fostering collaboration and driving measurable progress. By encouraging stakeholders to work across SDG interlinkages, the platform aligns efforts with sustainable development priorities and strengthens collective action to advance the 2030 Agenda.

### HIGHLIGHTS

As of 10 March 2025, a total of 450 Acceleration Actions have been published. The majority of actions (72.3%) aim to address multiple SDGs leveraging interlinkages, while 27.7% of initiatives focus on addressing one SDG. Of the 450 total registered actions, SDG 17 has the most, followed by SDGs 13, 4, 1 and 2.

With regard to geographical location of initiatives, 31.1% of registered actions comes from Africa; 27.0% from Europe; 21.1% from Latin American and the Caribbean; 14.4% from Asia and the Pacific; and 6.3% from West Asia (Middle East)<sup>2</sup>.

### WHAT IS AN SDG ACCELERATION ACTION?

The [Political Declaration](#) of the 2023 SDG Summit and the [Pact for the Future](#) of the 2024 Summit of the Future stress the need for accelerated, concerted action at all levels to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

SDG Acceleration Actions are initiatives voluntarily undertaken to advance SDG implementation by governments and non-state actors, either individually or in partnership. These actions may introduce new efforts or expand on existing ones – such as scaling up initiatives or launching new phases – while addressing specific SDGs or their interlinkages.

### IMPACT?

Registered actions will be highlighted at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and other key global meetings, including the annual ECOSOC Partnership Forum, and through UNDESA's Acceleration Action platform and social media channels.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Registration is [open](#) online. Submissions will be reviewed by UNDESA in accordance with a set of criteria (click [here](#) for more information).

<sup>1</sup> Based on [Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024](#) (UN DESA) and the [World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025](#) (UN DESA).

<sup>2</sup> Analyses on SDGs, geographic location, income group and sector are based on data from June 2020 onwards. Some actions are across multiple geographic locations.

Latin America and the Caribbean  
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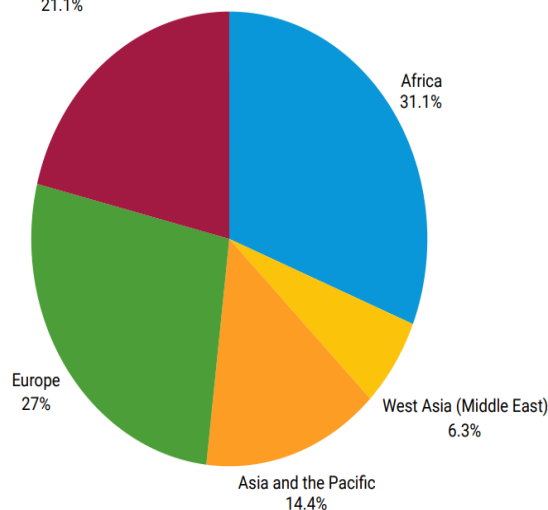


Figure 1: Regional Breakdown

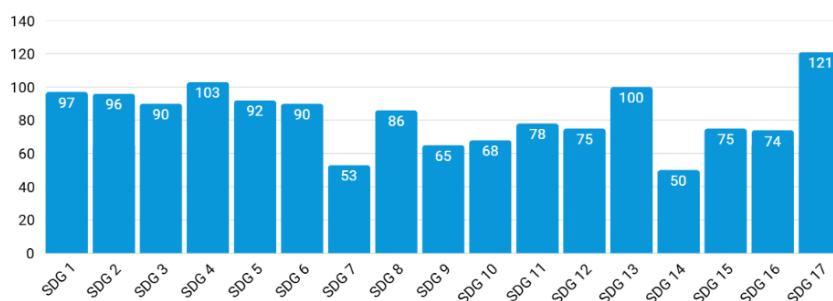


Figure 2: Number of SDGs Addressed

There is significant variation in the extent to which each goal has been addressed. SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) has the highest number of registered actions at 121, while SDG 14 (Life Below Water) has the fewest with 50.

By country income status, 43% of submissions are from high-income countries (HICs) and 43% from middle-income countries (MICs), while 14.1% come from low-income countries (LICs). Least-developed countries (LDCs), post-conflict and fragile states and small island developing states (SIDS) account for 18.3% of actions. In terms of sector, civil society has the largest share of registered SDG Acceleration Actions (36.8%), followed by governments (30.8%), the private sector (17.7%) and UN entities (8.6%).

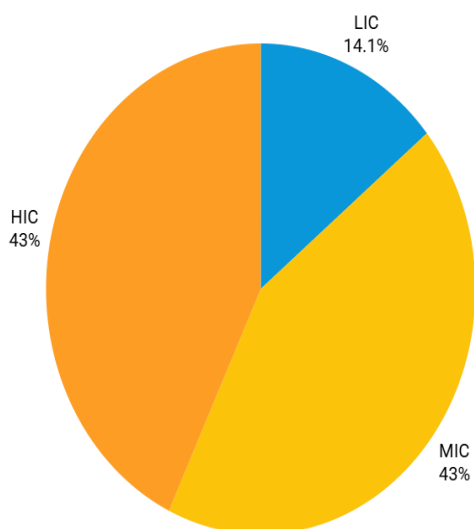


Figure 3: Income Status

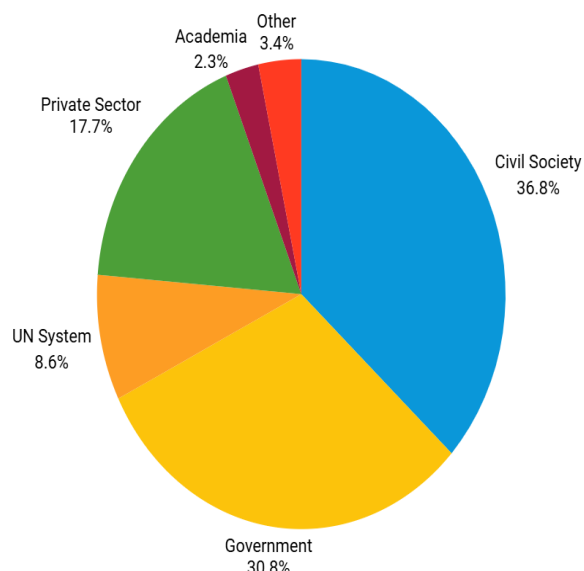


Figure 4: Sectoral Breakdown

### EXAMPLES OF SDG ACCELERATION ACTIONS

- 🕒 The [Government of Uzbekistan](#) has launched the Green Nation initiative, which aims to increase the green zone in country from 8% to 30% by planting 1 billion trees over the next 5 years.
- 🕒 The [Government of Zimbabwe](#) is supporting over 1.6 million vulnerable households by enhancing the capacities of smallholder farmers to incorporate conservative agriculture practices for producing maize, sunflower, soya beans, etc.
- 🕒 The [Government of Mongolia](#) aims to increase renewable energy generation from 7.5 % in 2014 to 30 % by 2030 through its Northeast Asia Power System Interconnection (NAPSI) initiative.
- 🕒 [Portuguese National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development](#) (CNADS) promotes the localization of the SDGs among all Portuguese municipalities using dynamic technology-based online portal, which allows the visualization and monitoring of the progress and contributions of each municipality in relation to the various SDGs.
- 🕒 [Kayama Kogyo Co., Ltd.](#), a Japanese company, aims to achieve a 90% recycling rate, 100% renewable energy use, and 200 environmental education classes by 2030, advancing sustainability through community engagement and SDG alignment.
- 🕒 The Indonesian NGO [Migrant Care](#) is stepping up to reach out to migrant workers and to facilitate their access to social protection floor in 38 villages in 7 districts before, during and after migration.
- 🕒 The mission of the [Diaspora World Cup](#) is to build and modernize educational institutions to provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all children (girls in particular).
- 🕒 In collaboration with the Government of India, bank, philanthropic organization, MSMEs and NGOs, [GMVS NGO](#) empowers rural women through skill training, entrepreneurship, financial literacy initiative and awareness programs on gender-based violence - fostering economic independence and gender equality at scale.
- 🕒 [UpwardEco Limited](#) empowers sub-Saharan African communities with waste management solutions, aiming for 95% waste reduction through GreenBins in every household while ensuring financial benefits for users.
- 🕒 [Beauty in Education](#), the initiative of the Nigeria-based cosmetics company, partners with Deploying Skills for Living, allocating 5% of sales to support education for underprivileged children, with automated transfers and quarterly reporting ensuring transparency.
- 🕒 [Collaborative Library Initiative](#) is led by the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL), with the aim of enhancing equitable access to academic resources for 200,000+ students and researchers while intending to establish 10+ public access libraries in underserved communities by 2027.