

Women farmers in northern Senegal receive training in drone piloting, which will facilitate inspection of their fields and improve productivity. (Richard-Toll, Senegal; April 2021)  
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# Development in Africa



## KEY PROGRAMMES

- Coordination of global advocacy and support for African Union development initiatives
- Regional coordination of and support for African Union development initiatives
- Public information and awareness activities for African Union development initiatives
- Regional cooperation for economic and social development in Africa



## INDICATIVE RESOURCES

**\$109M**

\$97M regular assessed and \$12M voluntary contributions (including Economic Commission for Africa)



## SELECT MANDATES

- Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda, General Assembly resolution 71/254
- A monitoring mechanism to review commitments towards Africa's development, General Assembly resolution 66/293
- Political declaration on Africa's development needs, General Assembly resolution 63/1
- Ending conflict in Africa, Security Council resolution 2457 (2019)
- New Partnership for Africa's Development, General Assembly resolution 73/335
- United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, General Assembly resolution 57/7
- Victoria Falls Declaration on the United Nations Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development in Africa, E/HLPF/2020/3/Add.1, annex
- Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, General Assembly resolution 73/336
- Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change, General Assembly resolution 57/300



## SELECT ENTITIES

- Office of the Special Advisor on Africa
- Economic Commission for Africa
- Department of Global Communications





Health workers have been at the forefront of Africa's COVID-19 response. The recovery from the pandemic could become an opportunity to increase investment in essential services. (Butaro, Rwanda; December 2021) © United Nations/Martin Thaulow



ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## CONTEXT

Currently home to some 1.4 billion people, Africa is expected to account for close to a quarter of the world's population by 2050. The continent's success is crucial to global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. As the continent emerges from the pandemic, it is critical that the recovery be approached as an opportunity to accelerate development progress, focusing on areas with a multiplying impact to deliver transformative change.



“Energy is the common element to all areas of development in Africa. Achieving energy access for all is indispensable to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.”

*Cristina Isabel Lopes da Silva Monteiro Duarte, Special Adviser on Africa*

## KEY OBJECTIVES

The United Nations promotes sustainable development and peace in Africa by contributing to accelerating the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union. We do so by addressing the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development and the interlinkages between peace, security, human rights and development. We also help to foster intraregional integration and international cooperation on the continent.



“Africa wants more of a voice in decisions shaping world finance. Its economies face multiple challenges. The continent has shown great resilience, but recovery and building forward better require investments and mutual trust.”

*Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa*

KEY OUTCOMES

In support of Africa's recovery from COVID-19, we highlighted domestic resource mobilization as a game changer for implementing the 2030 Agenda. We put forward specific recommendations to turn the extractive sector into an engine for sustainable development, to curb illicit financial flows and to leverage them as sources for development financing. We also raised awareness about the need to adopt objective international standards for credit rating agencies, given their impact on African countries' ability to service their debt.

In the context of the high-level dialogue on energy, we facilitated a coordinated approach to adopt energy investments as drivers for Sustainable Development Goal acceleration. Stakeholders agreed to identify energy-focused initiatives that can trigger progress and increase African countries' resilience through improved social services and social protection, job creation and opportunities that reach Africa's youth and women and girls, industrialization, climate adaptation and digitalization.

We generated new knowledge on how deficiencies in public service delivery might become root causes of violence and identified hindrances that undermined public service delivery. In cooperation with the African Peer Review Mechanism, we worked to develop African-focused solutions to strengthen

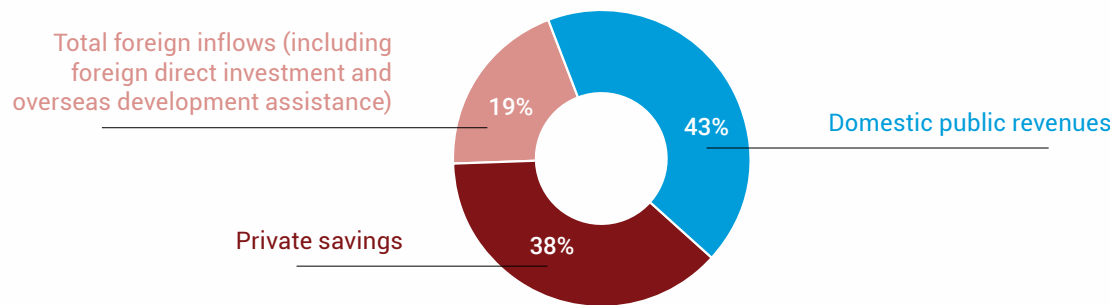
governance as an enabler for public service delivery and development.

We also continued to create spaces for African voices in the United Nations. The African Knowledge Network and the Africa Think Tank Network were launched with the objective of increasing the participation of African experts in intergovernmental discussions. We held the first academic conference on Africa at the United Nations.

ACCELERATORS OF AFRICA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

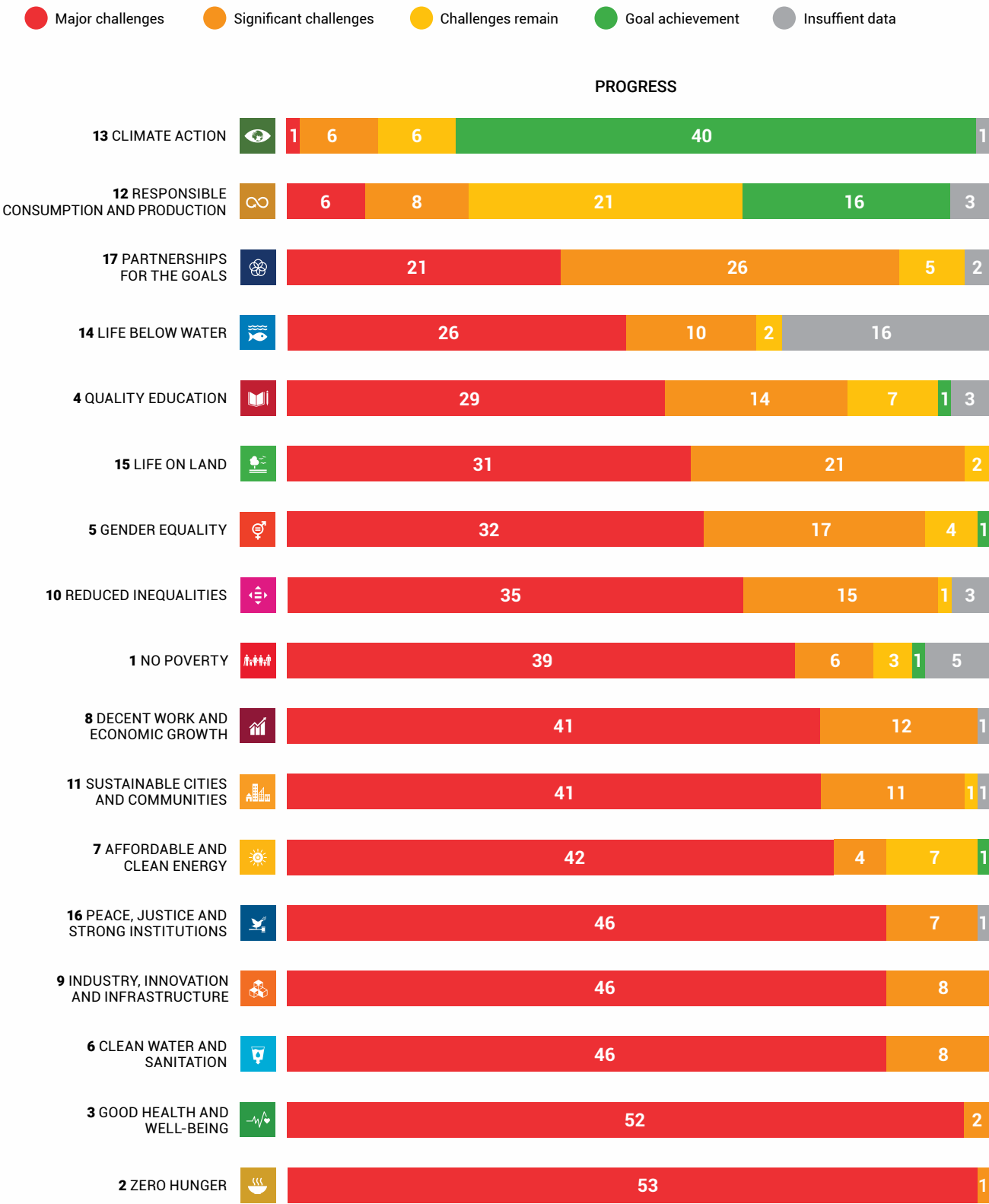
Accelerating sustainable development in Africa requires leveraging intangible assets, which fall into three categories. "Enablers" are the preconditions for leapfrogging towards Africa's fourth industrial revolution, such as education and skill development geared towards relevant sectors and effective institutions and policy frameworks. "Drivers" refer to triggers with a multiplying impact to stimulate holistic development, for example investments in energy. Finally, "game changers" represent factors that can determine the success or failure of development efforts, including effective domestic resource mobilization.

DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION KEY TO FINANCING AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT



Latest data on public revenue from 54 countries on the continent is from 2018.

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE 54 AFRICAN COUNTRIES





# In Focus: United Nations Family in Africa

## LARGE SHARE OF UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE AND INVESTMENT IN AFRICA



**76,600+**  
civilian staff serve in Africa

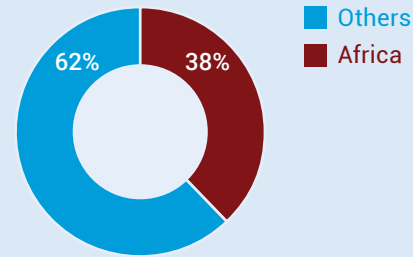


**62,000+**  
uniformed personnel serve in Africa



**36%**  
of Secretariat staff are from Africa

Share of United Nations system total expenditure in 2020  
(including peace operations)



In 2020, some 38 per cent (\$21 billion) of United Nations spending on development, humanitarian and peace activities was delivered in Africa.

## GLOBAL UNITED NATIONS EVENTS IN 2021 KEY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA



**High-level dialogue on energy**

Produced a road map with a timeline to provide 500 million more people access to electricity by 2025 and 1 billion more people access to clean cooking solutions.



**United Nations Food Systems Summit**

Called for a transformation in global food systems in ways that contribute to people's nutrition, health and well-being, restore and protect nature, are climate neutral and adapted to local circumstances, and provide decent jobs and inclusive economies.



**Twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

Saw over 25 African leaders demand climate justice and pledges of \$8.5 billion to help South Africa to transition away from coal production and \$1.5 billion to protect the Congo basin, as part of efforts to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030.

## INTERLOCKING PRIORITIES FOR A SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE AFRICA

Preventing and addressing conflict

Averting disasters and reducing poverty

Harnessing potential of young people

Empowering women and girls

Accelerating transition to green economy

Safeguarding nature



Many African countries are making major investments in renewable energy. Here, a solar-powered pump is installed, with support from the Peacebuilding Fund. (Faya, Chad; November 2021) © IOM/Peacebuilding Fund