In 2019, UN DESA ran more than 200 capacity-building projects in more than 90 countries across the globe.

In 2019, UN DESA’s top 5 most popular publications were downloaded a combined 769,376 times, more than doubling total downloads for the top 5 publications in 2018.

In 2019 UN DESA’s overall website visits increased by 16% over 2018. Traffic to the main UN DESA website increased by 30%, a testament of the efforts to coordinate outreach at the Departmental level.

In 2019, UN DESA submitted in total 369 parliamentary documents, including:

- 54 Reports of the Secretary-General
- 33 Notes by the Secretary-General
- 59 Notes by the Secretariat
- 10 Agendas
- 4 Committee Experts Reports
- 2 Summaries by ECOSOC President
- 2 Reports of an intergovernmental group meeting
- 33 New Applications for Consultative Status with ECOSOC
- 5 Quadrennial Reports
- 90 Summaries of technical papers
- 77 NGO Statements

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Progress toward gender parity at the Professional level in UN DESA

As of 31 March 2020, UN DESA had achieved its target for gender balance at the ASG and P4 levels. The Department remains committed to the promise of gender parity and women’s empowerment within its workforce, operations and substantive approach.