What does UN DESA do?

**Intergovernmental support**
By facilitating major global conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields, as mandated by UN Member States, UN DESA assists countries as they find common ground, set norms, and take decisive steps to move the world forward.

**Analysis**
As the think tank of the United Nations, UN DESA, generates, analyses and compiles a wide range of economic, social and environmental data and statistics to inform and advise Member States and other stakeholders as they take stock of trends and policy options to tackle common problems.

**Capacity-building**
UN DESA aids in translating policy frameworks developed in UN conferences and summits into programmes at the country level and, through technical assistance, supports Member States in building national capacities.

**Major databases**
- Ocean Voluntary Commitment Database
- Population Databases
- SDG Acceleration Action Database
- SDG Good Practices Database
- SIDS Partnerships Database
- UN Comtrade International Trade Statistics Database
- UN COVID-19 Data Hub
- UN Data
- UN e-Government Knowledge Database
- UN Global SDG Indicators Database
- UN LDC Data
- UN Public Service Awards Database
- UN SDG Data Hub
- UN System SDG Implementation Database
- Voluntary National Reviews Database

**Major publications**
- State of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
- The Sustainable Development Goals Report
- The World’s Women
- United Nations E-Government Survey
- World Social Report
- World Economic Situation and Prospects
- Financing for Sustainable Development Report
- International Migration Report
- World Population Prospects
- World Public Sector Report
- World Youth Report
Supporting development for all through intergovernmental processes

General Assembly
- Plenary
- Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee)
- Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee)

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- UN Collaborative Mechanisms
  - Collaborative Partnership on Forests
  - Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs
  - High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-building for the 2030 Agenda
  - Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators
  - Inter-agency Consulative Group on SIDS
  - Inter-agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
  - Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development
  - Inter-agency Task Team for the Technology Facilitation Mechanism

Economic and Social Council
- Commissions
  - Commission for Social Development
  - Commission on Population and Development
  - Statistical Commission
  - United Nations Forum on Forests

Committees and Advisory Bodies
- Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee for Development Policy
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names