

THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS NETWORK

Catalyzing Solutions For Today's Sustainable
Development Challenges





As part of the SDSN Global Network Managers Workshop, participants took part in a guided tour of Sunway University in Malaysia. Pictured (left to right): Karen Chand, SDSN Director of Education Studies; Estíbaliz Sáez de Cámara, Chair of SDSN Spain; and Marta García Haro, Senior Manager for the SDSN Networks Program.

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President's Letter

We are living through a time of profound global disruption and change — and equally profound possibilities. The world faces mounting pressures: geopolitical competition, global financing and trade under threat, rapidly escalating climate risks, and a weakening commitment by some countries, notably the US government, to UN-based multilateral cooperation. **Yet, at the same time, the international movement for sustainable development remains very much alive.**

The most dynamic development progress is occurring in the emerging and developing countries of Asia, home to more than half of the world's population. Africa, too, in the decades ahead, is poised to follow a similar upward trajectory.

At the core of the global progress are the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs remain the world's unified global framework for addressing poverty, inequality, climate change, and the long-term viability of our planet. Most of the world is strongly adhering to the aspirations of the SDGs.

Recent surveys show strong global public support for the UN system and the SDGs, yet implementation remains weak. While the UN has proven effective in agenda setting, it remains structurally weak in execution and financing, constrained by its dependence on major powers and the absence of robust global investment mechanisms.

As a new Secretary-General will be appointed this year, and governments begin to formally review the SDG agenda and define the post-2030 pathway, **one theme will define the next phase: implementation.**

This is where the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) plays and will continue to play a key role—advancing education, analyzing and recommending public policies, building professional capacity, and helping to translate global commitments into practical action. Our focus is to identify where progress is possible, accelerate it, and help to design and build institutions capable of sustaining it. We don't tilt at windmills. We help to install them!

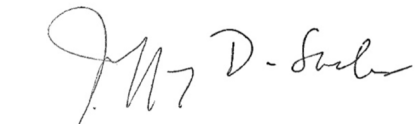
As we look toward 2030 and beyond, the SDSN's work rests on five interconnected pillars.

1. Our Global Network and national and regional Networks are the foundation of our impact. Universities play a critical role in driving transformative and practical solutions for the world's most acute challenges. Our dynamic Network will continue to enable locally-grounded solutions informed by global evidence. We aim to reach every UN Member State through our national and regional Networks, covering all 193 countries.

- 2. Our education work** runs across several dimensions. Through the SDG Academy, Global Schools, Ages of Globalization, partnerships with UNESCO, and collaboration with the MDP Consortium, the SDSN is strengthening global access to and enhancing the quality of education and training for sustainable development worldwide. In Fall 2026, we will launch a global online master's program across all major regions, supported by an internationally coordinated faculty.
- 3. Our flagship research and analytical initiatives** — including the SDG Transformation Center, FA-BLE, FELD, the ASEAN Green Future, the Tropical Forests program, and the World Happiness Report — continue to inform decision-making at national and global levels. Increasingly, our analytical work will point towards the post-2030 agenda: understanding why policies succeed or fail, and how planning, financing, and institutions can be strengthened to deliver results.
- 4. Through our global convenings**, the SDSN serves as a trusted platform for collaboration across sectors and borders. We continue to bring together academic, business, and policy leaders across regions to advance green and digital transformations, with major initiatives underway for the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa, and the ASEAN-China region, and continued engagement with the Vatican.
- 5. Our work with UN agencies and multilateral institutions**, through the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition in partnership with UNIDO, and other similar programs with other UN agencies, demonstrates how academic expertise can directly support multilateral action, from energy transitions to the future of cities. This year, in 2026, we look forward to launching a new council focused on the future of cities in partnership with UN-Habitat.

I invite you to explore our 2025 Impact Report, highlighting the extraordinary work of our staff, Networks, members, educators, and partners worldwide, to whom I am deeply grateful.

Together, achieving sustainable development globally is not merely an aspiration — it can and will be our shared global reality.



PROF. JEFFREY D. SACHS
President of the SDSN



About the SDSN

Under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) mobilizes the world’s largest knowledge Network to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change through **education, research, policy advice, and global collaboration**. Via its unique global Network of over 2,100 academic institutions, coordinated by 59 national and regional Networks worldwide, the SDSN pioneers scientifically rigorous, scalable, interdisciplinary, and systemic approaches for an inclusive, sustainable, and just future.



During the UN High-Level Political Forum, the SDSN and partners gathered academics, policymakers, and experts for the "Global Higher Education Symposium" to reflect on the role of higher education in achieving the SDGs.

OUR APPROACH

In partnership with UN agencies, multilateral financing institutions, governments, academia, civil society, and the private sector, the SDSN works across five core pillars.

- I. Mobilizing a Global Network:** We mobilize the world’s largest Network of knowledge-generating institutions and youth leaders to identify and advance integrated science-based global and local solutions for sustainable development.
- II. Education for Sustainable Development:** We expand access to and enhance the quality of education and training that equips learners worldwide to drive sustainable development.
- III. SDG Monitoring & Accountability:** We track global, national, and local SDG progress to inform government planning, guide long-term sustainable pathways, and ensure just climate transitions.
- IV. Policy Shaping & Reform:** We catalyze evidence-based policy and governance reforms across critical areas, including climate and energy, finance, forests, food and land-use, health, peace, and well-being.
- V. Global Convening & Influence:** We convene and connect stakeholders, experts, and institutions worldwide, including UN bodies, governments, civil society, scientists, academia, and the private sector, to promote solutions for a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

59 National & Regional Networks Across 160+ Countries

95k Learners Enrolled from 235 Countries & Territories



6.5k Young People Reached Through SDSN Youth



101k Downloads of Reports & Policy Briefs

100+ UN & Multilateral Engagements

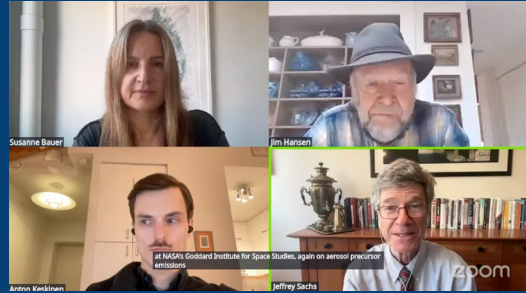
4.9k Policy & Academic Citations

40% Voluntary National Reviews Citing SDSN Research



60+ Blog Posts Published

620k YouTube Views



178k Social Media Followers

72k Newsletter Subscribers



15k Mentions in News Outlets Worldwide

324k Unique Visitors to the SDSN Website

I. Mobilizing a Global Network



“The SDSN brings together more than 2,100 knowledge institutions to turn science into action — strengthening national SDG implementation, empowering youth, shaping global sustainable development priorities, and providing the tools, evidence, and momentum needed to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement.”

MARÍA CORTÉS PUCH
Vice President of Networks

Strengthening National & Regional Action

In 2025, the SDSN increased its global footprint by expanding to **59 national and regional Networks**, welcoming the SDSN **Netherlands, Egypt, and Kuwait**. Together, these 59 Networks coordinate more than 2,100 member institutions, including universities, research centers, think tanks, NGOs, and policy organizations, translating global goals into locally-led solutions shaped by national and regional priorities.

This growing capacity was bolstered by the launch of the **SDSN Africa Center at Addis Ababa University**. Hosted by the Center for African and Asian Studies, the Center advances economic research, policy analysis, education, and green transition strategies, while



Addis Ababa University became the official host of the new SDSN Africa Center.

supporting greater regional and global integration. It now coordinates **11 national and regional Networks** across more than 25 countries and territories, reinforcing Africa-led, evidence-based progress toward the SDGs.



The SDSN includes more than 2,100 members, coordinated by 59 National and Regional Networks and 20 Youth Networks in over 160 countries.

Driving Collaboration Across the Global Network

In 2025, the SDSN convened Network Chairs and Managers through two flagship gatherings that reinforced alignment and accelerated collective impact. The **annual Network Chairs Meeting** in New York brought together 15 Chairs in person and nearly 40 online to spotlight regional progress, share innovative approaches, and deepen peer learning across

Networks. Building on this momentum, Managers and Chairs from 23 Networks met in Sunway City, Malaysia, for the **Global Network Managers Workshop**, a four-day convening co-organized with the Institute of International Affairs, Qianhai, and hosted by Sunway University. Through thematic sessions and external engagements, participants exchanged practical lessons, forged new partnerships, and sharpened strategies to advance sustainable development at local, national, and regional levels.



SDSN Network Chairs and Managers took part in a four-day workshop in Sunway City, Malaysia.



SDSN Youth gathered 72 young leaders and experts for the Vatican Youth Symposium. Photo credit: Gabriella C. Marino.

A Decade of Youth-Led Action for Sustainable Development

In 2025, [SDSN Youth marked its 10th anniversary](#), celebrating a decade of empowering young leaders to advance sustainable development. The year saw the launch of new Youth Networks in **Cameroon, Ghana, Italy, the Philippines, and South Africa**, bringing the total to **20 Youth Networks** spanning more than **45 countries**. Embedded within the SDSN's national and regional Networks, each Youth Network equips young people to localize the SDGs and implement practical solutions in their communities. In 2025 alone, their initiatives collectively reached and impacted more than **6,500 young people**, strengthening the pipeline of future leaders driving sustainable development worldwide.

Bringing Youth Voices to the Table

In April 2025, SDSN Youth and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (PASS) hosted the [Vatican Youth Symposium](#) (VYS), bringing together more than **70 participants from 38 countries**, including 22 delegates from the Global South and a majority aged 18 to 35. Sessions addressed education, urban development, sustainable entrepreneurship, youth leadership, climate action, and industry, producing actionable insights and solutions from young leaders for pressing global challenges.

NETWORK SPOTLIGHTS

Guiding Thailand's
SDG Agenda

At the UN High-Level Political Forum, SDSN Thailand joined the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) to present **Thailand's Voluntary National Review** (VNR). The Network played a key role in the **country's VNR process** through analytical inputs on SDG progress and challenges, recommended strategies to strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration, and support with the integration of civil society, academic, and subnational perspectives into the country's national SDG narrative, highlighting the critical role of science-policy collaboration in advancing sustainable development.



Reducing Food Loss &
Emissions in Rwanda

In 2025, SDSN Great Lakes advanced a flagship initiative in Rwanda to reduce food loss, improve public health, and cut emissions by scaling renewable-powered cold chain solutions across agri-food and health systems. In a country where agriculture is fundamental to its economy, and where two-thirds of farmers lack access to grid electricity, the initiative preserved food quality, improved access to safe food, vaccines, and medicines, and expanded market access for smallholder farmers and fishers, particularly women. Through sustainable technologies, capacity building, and viable business models, the initiative continues to expand market access for smallholder farmers and fishers and strengthens rural livelihoods, demonstrating a **scalable, low-emissions solution with strong potential for replication across Africa**.

SDSN Thailand actively contributed to Thailand's official presentation of its Voluntary National Review at the UN High-Level Political Forum.

Advancing SDG
Implementation in Ireland

In 2025, SDSN Ireland played a leading role in policy engagement and SDG implementation, earning **recognition as a 2025–2026 SDG Champion**. Throughout the year, the Network contributed to **Ireland's Third National SDG Implementation Plan**, participated in OECD consultations on policy coherence for sustainable development, and supported the rollout of Voluntary Local Reviews. SDSN Ireland also developed high-resolution geospatial tools for tracking local SDG progress and collaborated with Co-operation Ireland and the All-Island Local Authority Forum to foster cross-sector partnerships.



Driving Biodiversity
Conservation
Across Borders

For years, SDSN Andes has led a bi-national consortium of organizations from Colombia and Ecuador as part of the Biodiversity Conservation in the Mira and Mataje Rivers Basins project in the Tropical Andes and Chocó regions. In 2025, the consortium produced an extensive open dataset on the region's flora and fauna that was published in *Nature*, informed a binational **conservation strategy framework**, and created an **open-access knowledge platform** (Wiki-Mira-Mataje). The research also supported the identification of a newly discovered species and helped name one amphibian, *Pristimantis praemortuus*, whose Latin name ("before dying") underscores the urgency of addressing global biodiversity loss.

Minister Darragh O'Brien presented the 2025–2026 SDG Champion to SDSN Ireland Leadership Council member Sarah Lynch and Network Manager John Barimo. Photo credit: Department of Climate, Energy, and the Environment.

Education for Sustainable Development



"In the digital age, there is no excuse for leaving anyone behind in education or professional training for sustainable development. With today's technologies, high-quality learning can reach every person — whether they are in a remote refugee camp or sitting on the board of a global corporation."

PATRICK PAUL WALSH
Vice President of Education & Director of the SDG Academy

Scaling Access to World-Class SDG Education

In 2025, the SDG Academy expanded global access to high-quality education for sustainable development with the release of five new courses, addressing critical themes, such as revitalizing multilateralism, climate adaptation, and insurance and the SDGs. The Academy also enrolled more than **95,000 learners from 235 countries and territories** through its online offerings on edX. With a growing catalog of over **2,000 lectures, case studies, and event recordings**, the SDG Academy continues to provide learners worldwide with accessible, interdisciplinary resources spanning business, energy systems, education policy, management, and history — equipping practitioners, students, and policymakers to translate their knowledge into action.

Closing the Skill Gap for Sustainable Development

In 2025, the SDG Academy continued to empower professionals across sectors to build the sustainability skills needed to drive action in their organizations and communities. Through partnerships with platforms, including edX, LinkedIn Learning, and SEEK, the Academy expanded access to **51 high-quality courses and five certificates**, enabling professionals worldwide to establish practical, in-demand sustainability competencies.

The Academy also delivered tailored training directly to organizations and municipal governments, strengthening institutional capacity to act on sustainability commitments. This work included the [BuildSkills Academy in Europe](#), customized pro-



The SDG Academy co-led a five-day SDG leadership training program with the UAE Ministry of Cabinet Affairs.

grams with Sunway Group in Malaysia, industry-focused initiatives in the [insurance sector](#), and an [SDG leadership training program](#) in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Cabinet Affairs.

Strengthening Leadership within UNESCO's Global NGO Network

The SDSN strengthened its global influence through its election to the **NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee for the 2024–2026 term** in a highly competitive process, represented by the SDG Academy's Isabela Carrozza Joia. This role enables the SDSN to help shape NGO engagement across the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) priority areas while amplifying collective impact. Fur-

ther advancing this contribution, Joia was appointed Communications Officer and Youth Chair of the Youth Working Group, driving stronger global coordination and elevating youth perspectives within the Committee's 2024–2026 Program of Work.



The SDG Academy's Isabela Carrozza Joia (second from left) with the the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

Thought Leadership for a Changing World

In 2025, the [Book Club with Jeffrey Sachs](#) podcast completed its fourth season, reaching a cumulative audience of nearly **400,000 downloads** and over **one million YouTube views**. Across the season, Professor Sachs and distinguished guests examined some of the most consequential questions of our time, from the roots of war and empire to the future of peace, governance, and technology. Through in-depth conversations with leading historians, political analysts, and futurists, the podcast advanced public understanding of global challenges and helped shape informed discourse on pathways toward a more peaceful and sustainable world.



In Season 4 of the [Book Club with Jeffrey Sachs](#), Prof. Sachs interviewed several renowned authors, including Annie Jacobsen (top image) and Lauren Benton (bottom image).

Embedding Sustainable Development in Classrooms Globally

In 2025, the Global Schools Program (GSP) added **318 pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools** in **59 countries** and **239,000 new students** to its network of **2,000+ institutions**. The program was [recognized by HunderED](#) as one of the 100 most scalable and innovative education initiatives worldwide, underscoring its global relevance and impact.

The GSP also trained over **580 educators in 97 countries** through its Advocates Program, supporting SDG-aligned action projects that reached nearly **79,000 students** and strengthened school communities' capacity to drive local sustainability action.

Gamified Learning for the Energy Transition

In 2025, the GSP, in collaboration with Siemens Energy, entered the [second year of Schools for Goal 7](#), an initiative aimed at empowering teachers and students to explore clean energy, STEAM education, and sustainable development through interactive, gamified curricula — *Planet Rescuers* on Minecraft Education. The project completed a **successful pilot across 58 schools in 29 countries** and released three new learning resources focused on renewable energy, the energy transition, climate action, green skills, and sustainable consumption, helping educators bring complex energy concepts into classrooms in engaging and practical ways.



GSP Advocate James Remugar Mayson Jr. integrated Education for Sustainable Development in classrooms in Liberia.



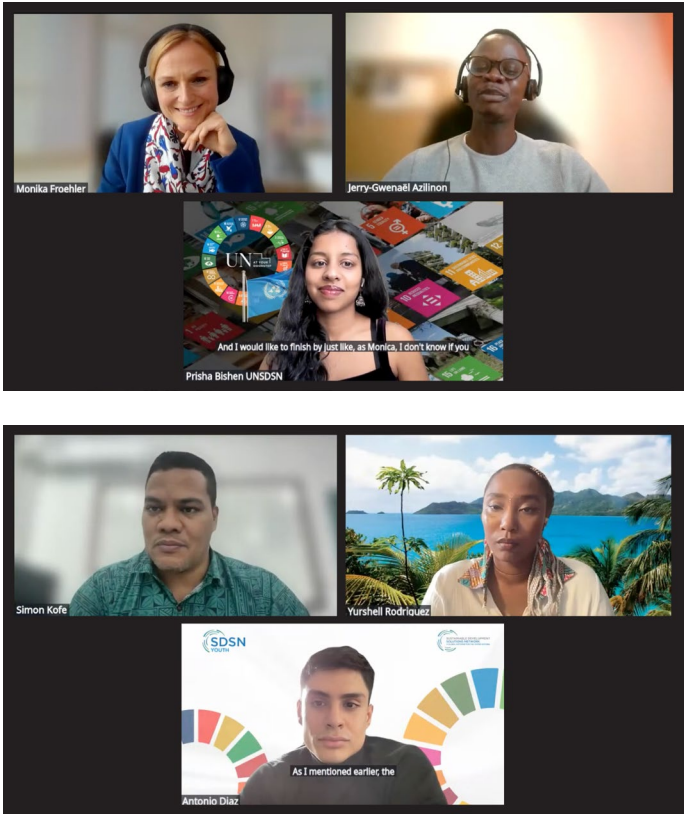
Mission 4.7 organized stakeholder focus groups across Malaysia to socialize the National Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Action Plan.

Transforming Education Systems in Malaysia

In 2025, Mission 4.7, a collaborative partnership led by the SDSN, the Ban Ki-moon Foundation, UNESCO, and Columbia University’s Center for Sustainable Development, launched a strategic partnership with the School of Education at Sunway University to deliver a **Training of Trainers (ToT)** program for ESD. The inaugural cohort included **21 certified trainers**, who will go on to train teachers in up to 40 schools, creating a nationwide multiplier effect and strengthening long-term educator capacity to embed sustainability across Malaysia’s education system.

Reimagining Global History & Leadership

In September 2025, the SDSN launched the alpha version of **Ages of Globalization (AoG)**, a first-of-its-kind course led by Professor Jeffrey Sachs examining how 70,000 years of human history connect to today’s greatest challenges. The launch marked the project’s one-year milestone and engaged educators, youth, and partners in rethinking global history and leadership for the 21st century. Complementing AoG, the live component of the course — UN at Your Doorstep — connected more than **11,500 participants from 165+ countries** with global leaders and UN officials through live dialogues, bringing global policymaking directly into classrooms.



The UN at Your Doorstep live dialogues explored many of today’s most pressing sustainable development challenges, including gender equality (top image) and climate action (bottom image).

In 2026, a **10-week higher-education curriculum** for AoG was released through the SDSN’s Global Master’s in Development Practice (MDP) Association, enabling universities to integrate the course as a credit-bearing offering and further embed global systems thinking in higher education.

Advancing Sustainable Development in Higher Ed

To date, the SDSN’s Global MDP Association includes **40 programs across 23 countries**, with more than **8,000 graduates** contributing to sustainable development practice worldwide. In June 2025, the SDSN hosted the **17th Annual MDP Summit in Milan**, Italy, convening students and faculty for intensive exchange on emerging approaches to sustainable development education.

Engaging Youth in SDG Solutions & Data

In 2025, SDGs Today, in partnership with Columbia University’s Center for Sustainable Development, organized the **fifth Eco Ambassadors Solutions Lab**, engaging over **100 high school students from more than 30 countries**. Through eight weeks of interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and technical training, participants explored solutions using geospatial technologies, digital storytelling, and sustainable development approaches. The program strengthened students’ leadership, communication, and technical skills, provided mentorship from sustainability, science, and policy leaders, and fostered a global network of young changemakers driving action for the SDGs.

III. SDG Monitoring & Accountability



“At a time when facts are often lost in the noise, the SDSN’s data and analytical work, including the Sustainable Development Report series, provide much-needed clarity. By bringing institutions, investors, scientists, and communities together, these reports don’t just track progress—they help drive it.”

GUILLAUME LAFORTUNE
Vice President & Head of the Paris Office

Measuring SDG Progress Worldwide

In June 2025, the SDG Transformation Center released the [10th edition of its flagship Sustainable Development Report](#) (SDR), the **most comprehensive assessment of progress across all 193 UN Member States on the SDGs**. The report found that, a decade after the adoption of the SDGs, global progress remains significantly off-track, with less than 20% of targets projected to be achieved by 2030. At the same time, the SDR highlighted that most UN Member States continue to demonstrate strong political commitment to sustainable development, underscoring the urgent need to translate ambition into accelerated, evidence-based action.



The SDSN hosted a roundtable discussion with ambassadors to the UN to discuss the results of the SDR 2025. Pictured (left to right): Prof. Jeffrey Sachs and Ambassador Rui Vinhas, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN in New York.



SDSN Vice President Guillaume Lafortune presented the results of the Europe Sustainable Development Report to the European Economic and Social Committee.

To support regional and national decision-making, the Center partnered with institutions worldwide to deliver tailored regional and subnational analyses:

- The [Europe Sustainable Development Report 2025](#) was launched in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee at their NAT section meeting, presented to the Council of the EU Working Party on Agenda 2030, and discussed with leading members of the European Parliament.
- The [Arab Region SDG Index and Dashboards 2025](#), prepared with the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government, were launched at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- The [Nordic Sustainable Development Report 2025](#) tracked and promoted local implementation of the SDGs across Nordic countries.

Tracking Global Commitment to Multilateralism

As part of the SDR 2025, the Center published an updated Index of Countries’ Support for UN-based Multilateralism (UN-Mi), offering a data-driven assessment of national commitment to the SDGs and the multilateral system. The launch of a new [interactive data visualization platform](#) alongside the UN-Mi enables policymakers, researchers, and the public to evaluate countries’ engagement through complementary indicators, including VNRs and VLRs, strengthening transparency and accountability for global cooperation.

Advancing Research on International Spillovers

In 2025, the Center promoted research on [international spillovers](#), examining how national policies affect sustainable development outcomes across borders. The SDSN convened a workshop with the [Netherlands’ Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#) (OECD) on international spillovers, producing a country-specific analytical report to inform parliamentary discussions on integrating environmental, social, and economic spillovers into national decision-making, while enhancing the resilience and sustainability of national trade and supply chains.

Aligning National Policy Pathways with the SDGs

In 2024, the SDSN signed a [tripartite agreement](#) with **Agence Française de Développement** (AFD) and **Uzbekistan’s Ministry of Economy and Finance** to strengthen SDG monitoring and align national policy pathways with the SDGs. As part of the partnership, in 2025, the Center conducted a two-day technical workshop in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, supporting government counterparts in applying SDG tools to policymaking. The Center also worked with the National Statistics Committee and the Institute for Macroeconomic and Regional Studies to inventory SDG data for inclusion in the forthcoming SDG Index for Uzbek Regions, laying the groundwork for subnational, evidence-based decision-making.

Leveraging Geospatial Solutions

In 2025, the SDSN strengthened evidence-based decision-making by applying geospatial technologies to make SDG monitoring and financing more precise, timely, and actionable. The SDG Transformation Center integrated Geographic Information System (GIS) tools to enable granular spatial analysis, localizing SDG monitoring and informing policy design with government partners, including **Uzbekistan’s Ministry of Economy and Finance** and the **Government of Benin**.

SDGs Today also convened a high-level ministerial workshop on *Geospatial & AI Solutions: Transforming Financing for Sustainable Development*, engag-

ing finance and planning ministries from over 60 countries. The workshop highlighted how geospatial and AI tools can strengthen national data systems and unlock innovative financing mechanisms for more informed, evidence-driven decisions.



The SDSN’s Maryam Rabiee accepted the 2025 GEO SDG Award on behalf of SDGs Today.

Real-Time Data for Sustainable Development

In 2025, SDGs Today delivered a suite of new, high-impact data products to inform real-time decision-making. These included a [LinkedIn Hiring Rate](#) dashboard created with LinkedIn’s Economic Graph and Research Institute; a report on SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) in [pre- and post-war Gaza](#), developed with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; and an [African Wealth Assets](#) dashboard produced in partnership with Wuhan University. These efforts received wide recognition, including the **2025 GEO SDG Award** for work on mapping and monitoring marine litter in Ghana, highlighting the growing role of timely, granular data in advancing sustainable development action.



The SDSN joined the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uzbekistan for a high-level ceremony, followed by a technical workshop on SDG monitoring and policy pathways.

IV. Policy Shaping & Reform

CLIMATE & ENERGY

Engineering-Based Solutions for the Energy Transition

In 2025, the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition (CEET) — co-chaired by the SDSN and the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) — strengthened the Secretary-General’s climate agenda by turning technical expertise into actionable solutions. The Council informed high-level decision-making with a background note on Mission 300 for the African Energy Summit, provided expert guidance on iron/steel and cement/concrete, and



The CEET co-hosted the COP30 side event “Strengthening Capacity Building for the Energy Transition.”

analyzed the impacts of tariffs on clean energy technologies. To further amplify global impact, the CEET also collaborated with partners, including the **Enel Foundation, Sustainable Energy for All, and UNIDO**, to produce [three new issue briefs](#), translating technical expertise into actionable guidance for policymakers, industry leaders, and development practitioners.

Recognizing Student-Led Solutions for Climate Action

In 2025, the SDSN hosted the fourth edition of Universities for Goal 13 in partnership with Siemens Energy, an annual competition supporting student-led innovation to address climate change. The competition brought together **more than 65 participants from eight universities across eight countries**. Developed by students from Monash University, the [winning project](#), “Turning algae into the future of clean industry,” proposes a high-performance microalgae biorefinery capable of capturing industrial CO₂ emissions and converting them into valuable products, including astaxanthin and biofertilizer. The team received a USD 10,000 award to support further development, helping bridge academic innovation and real-world climate solutions.

Advancing Frameworks for ASEAN’s Decarbonization

In 2025, the ASEAN Green Future (AGF) project released several new analytical reports examining decarbonization pathways in [Indonesia](#), [Myanmar](#), and [Laos](#), advancing integrated modeling frameworks critical to ASEAN’s long-term decarbonization strategies and regional energy security. AGF’s research shaped public and policy discourse, **informing major regional and national engagements** — including COP 30 and the 25th ASEAN Energy Business Forum — on energy transition, carbon pricing, nuclear feasibility, and grid resilience. The project also supported the ASEAN Expert Advisory Panel for the Clean Industrial Manufacturing for Promoting ASEAN Competitiveness and Transformation (C-IMPACT) programme, ensuring technical insights were translated into actionable policy guidance.

Accelerating the Energy Transition on University Campuses

The SDSN recently expanded its Net Zero on Campus initiative through the [launch of the University Co-operation for Net Zero on Campus](#) (UNICO) project. Co-funded by the EU ERASMUS+ program, UNICO will work with **four European universities** within the SDSN Network to advance net-zero strategies. The project aims to accelerate institutional transitions to net-zero emissions while fostering leadership, inno-

vation, and peer learning across universities and their surrounding communities — positioning higher education institutions as living laboratories for the energy transition.



The Athens Living Lab — one of eight Living Labs in the CARMINE Project — took place at Greece’s National Infrastructures for Research and Technology.

Scaling Climate Innovation Across Europe

In 2025, the SDSN amplified the impact of four EU-funded projects under Horizon Europe — [ARSL-NOE](#), [CARMINE](#), [IMPETUS](#), and [CATALYST](#) — supporting the uptake of innovative climate adaptation and sustainability tools across policy, practice, and learning communities. This included expanding access to climate adaptation knowledge through a free [MOOC](#); piloting an [SDG implementation course](#) to strengthen sustainability skills development; and advancing a sustainability-integrated VET curriculum endorsed by multiple European Centres of Vocational Excellence.



The CEET hosted its annual meeting at the Global Energy Interconnection (GEI) Forum in Beijing, China.

TROPICAL FORESTS



“The Science Panels for the Amazon, Congo Basin, and Borneo bring together over 800 scientists—largely from the regions themselves, including Indigenous peoples and local communities—to advance a transformative vision for conservation and sustainable development in the tropics. Their work is strategically vital, as tropical forests are central to the Earth’s climate, water systems, and biodiversity. The SDSN looks forward to expanding this model across other globally significant biomes, including the Pantanal—the world’s largest wetland—in 2026.”

EMMA TORRES
Vice President of the Americas & Strategic Partnerships

Urging Action for the World’s Largest Tropical Forests

At COP30, the Science Panel for the Amazon (SPA), the Science Panel for the Congo Basin (SPCB), and the Science Panel for Borneo (SPB) sounded the global alarm on tropical forests with the launch of the [2025 Amazon Assessment Report](#) and key findings from the forthcoming [Congo Basin](#) and [Borneo](#) assessments. Together, these assessments warn that the world’s three largest tropical forest biomes are under escalating and unprecedented pressure, threatening ecosystems that are foundational to global climate stability, biodiversity, and human well-being. For the Congo Basin and Borneo, the reports represent the **first-ever comprehensive scientific assessments**, synthesizing evidence across disciplines and

countries. For the SPA, the 2025 report marks the Panel’s second assessment report, building on the first landmark report released at COP26 and earning **mentions in more than 110 media outlets**.



At COP30, the SPA, SPCB, and SPB hosted a joint event, fostering south-south cooperation.



The SPA and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito convened the III Conferencia por La Amazonía Que Queremos (Third Conference for The Amazon We Want).

Championing Amazonian Connectivity

In August 2025, ahead of the V Summit of Presidents of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) in Bogotá, Colombia, the SPA engaged in the [Amazon Dialogues](#) with Presidents and Indigenous leaders on climate, socio-bio-economy, security, and biodiversity. This high-level dialogue included **Colombian President Gustavo Petro; Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva; Bolivian President Luis Arce Catacora; Ecuadorian Vice President María José Pinto; and the Foreign Ministers of Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela.** SPA Co-Chair, Marielos Peña-Claros, presented civil society recommendations, calling for unified action to strengthen Amazonian connectivity as a key climate solution.

Amplifying Amazonian Youth Leadership

In 2025, the SPA strengthened intergenerational engagement by convening three webinars under the theme of Science Across Generations: A Dialogue Series and hosting five virtual workshops that brought together **200 young people from across the Amazon region.** These engagements culminated in the launch of the [Amazon Youth Manifesto: Voices for Connectivity and Climate Action](#) at COP30, developed by the SPA's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The Manifesto presents clear, youth-driven recommendations for public institutions, the private sector, and academia, reinforcing the role of young leaders in shaping the future of the Amazon.



SPA YAC Member Gustavo Nascimento shared his research during the 31st Annual Conference of the Yale Chapter of the International Society for Tropical Foresters.

FOOD & LAND-USE

Developing Long-Term Pathways for Sustainable Food & Land-Use Systems

In 2025, the Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land-Use, and Energy (FABLE) Consortium strengthened the evidence base for long-term food and land-use transformation, adding **five new country teams.** In partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), FABLE contributed to an [analytical study on SDG 2](#) (Zero Hunger) and the European Union's agri-food system, reinforcing the role of



The FELD Program hosted the COP30 side event "Cutting the Waste: How Climate Plans Help Leverage Action on Food Loss and Waste for People, Nature and Planet."

integrated modeling in aligning food security, environmental sustainability, and policy coherence. In addition, the Consortium released [key policy briefs](#) examining the equity and fairness in reducing agricultural emissions, highlighting pathways to align climate ambition with social justice, and introducing a conceptual and methodological framework for integrating resilience indicators into agrifood system models to support more robust planning under climate uncertainty.

Elevating Food Systems in Global Negotiations

In 2025, the SDSN's Food, Environment, Land, and Development (FELD) Program advanced food and land-use systems in global climate negotiations through active participation in the **Meetings of Agricultural Chief Scientists of G20 States and COP30.** In October, the team co-organized a regional workshop on Food Loss and Waste Prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa, supporting SDG Target 12.3 to halve per capita global food waste. FELD also hosted a dialogue with African community farmers at the COP30 AgriZone and convened a panel exploring how to integrate food loss and waste reduction into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), promoting practical pathways to embed food systems transformation within national climate commitments.



The SDSN gathered partners for the 2025 Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) workshop in Paris, France.

Aligning Food, Land-Use, & Biodiversity Agendas

In 2025, the FABLE Consortium and the FELD Program convened stakeholders under the FOLUR Impact Program, a seven-year initiative that seeks to transform food and land-use systems through a global knowledge platform and 27 country projects. The workshop provided a space to reflect on achievements, showcase new tools, and strengthen collabora-

tion across food, land-use, and biodiversity communities. FABLE presented a spatial module and a global trade economic model, while FELD shared work reviewing the Biennial Transparency Report system under the Paris Agreement and introduced the Nature Action Tracker, developed in collaboration with WWF International. Together, these efforts advance restoration, biodiversity, and actionable climate commitments in landscapes and value chains for eight major commodities.

GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS, & PEACE

Deepening GBA-ASEAN Collaboration

In 2025, the SDSN [launched the Greater Bay Area-ASEAN Initiative](#) (GAI), a platform to strengthen trade, finance, technology, and policy linkages between China's Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The initiative was formally inaugurated at the GBA-ASEAN Conference on Trade, Finance, and Sustainable Development, which brought together high-level leaders from government, academia, and the private sector to foster dialogue on sustainable development cooperation, regional connectivity, and shared growth across East and Southeast Asia. Building on this momentum, GAI will host biannual conferences each year, providing a space for knowledge exchange, joint initiatives, and actionable solutions across the region.



Zheng Yongnian, President of Institute for International Affairs, Qianhai, provided opening remarks at the GBA-ASEAN Conference in Shenzhen.

Strengthening Democratic Institutions in Malaysia

In 2025, the SDSN intensified its support for democratic reform in Malaysia through policy dialogue on inclusive, effective, and accountable governance and ongoing engagement with key stakeholders. These efforts contributed to ongoing reform debates on electoral systems, political financing regulations, and local government democracy, reinforcing evidence-based pathways toward stronger democratic institutions. Notably, the SDSN **supported proposals to strengthen women's representation in state legislative assemblies**, including the introduction of women-only additional seats and measures to reduce financial barriers for women candidates.

Fostering a Fraternal Economy for Global Impact

Through its partnership with the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences (PASS), the SDSN helped shape a new vision for economic and financial systems rooted in human dignity, ecological responsibility, and global solidarity. In 2025, **three high-level Vatican convenings** brought together over 50 world leaders, economists, faith representatives, and policymakers to develop concrete pathways on financing for development, ethical multilateralism, and global economic reform. These dialogues laid the groundwork for a forthcoming book on the Fraternal Economy, contributing to actionable frameworks that align markets, states, and global institutions with sustainable and inclusive development.



The SDSN hosted the two-day GBA-ASEAN Conference in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Pictured (left to right): Prof. Jeffrey Sachs; Haimeng Zhang, Vice President of LONGi Solar; Daniel Fung, Vice Chairman of Financial Services Development Council; and Grace Fung Oei, Chairperson of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Hong Kong.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



"Since the launch of an ambitious SDG bond in 2021, Benin has embarked on an innovative approach to sustainable development combining fiscal discipline, social responsibility, and long-term vision. In this context, the technical partnership established with the SDSN ensures rigorous monitoring and empirical evaluation of the progress and efforts made by the Government of Benin in implementing the 2030 Agenda."

ROMUALD WADAGNI
Minister of Economy & Finance, Government of Benin

Advocating for Reforms of the Global Financial Architecture

In the lead-up to the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Seville, Spain, the SDSN [released a statement on Financing for Development](#), outlining key reforms to the international financial architecture to be adopted at the conference. Recommendations contributed to the global movement for reforming international finance by proposing new mechanisms for mobilizing long-term, low-cost capital to advance sustainable development and climate action, particularly in emerging and developing economies.

Exploring SDG Financing Pathways in Benin

In 2025, the SDG Transformation Center deepened its collaboration with **Benin's Ministry of Economics and Finance** to guide the country's SDG monitoring and implementation strategy following its pioneering SDG Eurobond. In partnership with SDSN Benin, the Center developed policy briefs on innovative [financing mechanisms](#), identifying [institutional bottlenecks](#) and opportunities to strengthen domestic resource mobilization, [deepen capital markets](#), and align public and private finance with the SDGs. By turning country-level lessons into actionable recommendations, this work provides scalable insights for other African countries aiming to close financing gaps and accelerate sustainable development.

Assessing Financing Gaps in Local Coffee Production

The SDSN developed a bottom-up unit cost framework to assess SDG spending needs and financing gaps at national, local, and sectoral levels. In 2025, the framework was piloted in coffee-producing regions of selected Latin American countries, demonstrating how granular costing can inform place-based investment strategies. In collaboration with the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), the SDSN released the handbook [Prosperity for Coffee Producers Through SDG-Based Coffee Plans](#). The handbook provides governments and stakeholders with practical tools to diagnose development gaps, prioritize investments, and coordinate collective action, supporting more resilient and sustainable coffee-growing communities.

Fostering Development Support for Small Island Developing States

The current Official Development Assistance (ODA) framework relies primarily on income per capita, which overlooks the complex vulnerabilities faced by many developing countries, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In response to this, the SDSN partnered with GIZ to develop frameworks that incorporate multidimensional vulnerability into ODA eligibility criteria to ensure that vulnerable countries receive support to safeguard development gains against external shocks.



The SDSN collaborated with Education Above All to empower governments to implement transformative education and development policies.

Financing for Education

In 2025, the SDSN advanced sustainable finance for education through innovative long-term financing solutions and targeted capacity-building initiatives. In collaboration with Education Above All (EAA), the SDSN assessed debt financing models, smart classroom integration, gender equity measures, and curriculum innovation to support equitable and resilient education systems, particularly across Africa. The SDSN also launched an executive training program with [Uganda's National Planning Authority](#) to enhance senior government capacity in macroeconomic modeling and sustainable growth planning, laying the groundwork for scaling impact across the region.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING



"This year's report pushes us to look beyond traditional determinants like health and wealth. It turns out that sharing meals and trusting others are even stronger predictors of wellbeing than expected. In this era of social isolation and political polarisation, we need to find ways to bring people around the table again — doing so is critical for our individual and collective wellbeing."

JAN-EMMANUEL DE NEVE

Director of Oxford's Wellbeing Research Centre, Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford, & Editor for the World Happiness Report

Measuring World Happiness

In 2025, the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, in partnership with the SDSN and Gallup, and an independent editorial board, released the [13th edition of the World Happiness Report](#) (WHR). As the **world's foremost publication on global wellbeing**, the report draws from data from 140 countries, with the 2025 edition highlighting the central role of social trust and cohesion in fostering happiness. Reaching millions worldwide, the report continues to shape public discourse and policies on global well-being.

In Fall 2026, for the first time ever, the SDSN will produce a regional edition of the Happiness Report focused on the ASEAN in an effort to foster greater awareness of wellbeing in the region.

Strengthening Urban Climate & Health Impact

In 2025, the SDSN played a key role in the [Pathfinder Initiative](#), helping translate climate and health evidence into practical tools for cities and policy-makers. Building on global evidence of climate mitigation actions with strong health co-benefits, the SDSN contributed to the initiative's second phase by enhancing monitoring, evaluation, and capacity for action. This included support for the development of a practical indicator framework aligned with the EU Mission for 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030 that will enable cities to better track health-relevant climate outcomes.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Localized SDG Assessment & Transformation

The SDSN's SDG Index and Dashboards are widely recognized as essential tools for SDG monitoring, policymaking, and action planning at subnational levels. In 2025, the SDSN released [SDGs for Malaysian States](#), an interactive platform assessing SDG performance across 13 states and three Federal Territories. Meanwhile, in Brazil, [several cities improved their SDG scores](#) following the implementation of assessment-based recommendations from the SDG Index and Dashboards, demonstrating the practical impact of data-driven approaches on local sustainable development outcomes.

Empowering Youth to Localize SDG 11

In 2025, SDSN Youth welcomed its [eighth cohort of the Local Pathways Fellowship](#), a 10-month training and peer-learning program that equips young leaders with the tools, frameworks, and networks needed to localize SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) in cities around the world. The Fellowship introduced a new training module on the Solutionary Framework, which strengthened Fellows' capacity to design ethical and scalable responses to complex

urban challenges. Throughout the year, participants also engaged directly in global policy and advocacy spaces, including the [ECOSOC Youth Forum](#) and [PlastExpo 2025](#). Together, these experiences positioned Fellows as emerging urban leaders, translating global sustainability agendas into locally grounded, youth-driven action.



Local Pathway Fellows participated in the ECOSOC Youth Forum in New York.

Espousing Nature-Based Solutions in Amazonian Cities

At the [COP30 Local Leaders Forum](#), the Science Panel for the Amazon (SPA) released a [policy brief](#) highlighting the pivotal role of Amazonian cities in advancing sustainable development, climate resilience, and biocultural conservation. The brief outlines actionable recommendations for city leaders, including the integration of Indigenous and local planning systems, investment in decentralized and resilient infrastructure, the scaling of nature-based solutions, and the promotion of inclusive urban development pathways.

V. Global Convening & Influence



"The SDSN's global convenings demonstrate the unique power of our network to bring together leaders from academia, government, business, and civil society to advance practical solutions for sustainable development. From the Leadership Council to major multilateral forums and the gathering of university presidents across more than 100 countries, the SDSN provides a trusted platform where ideas translate into action. In an era of fragmentation, this convening power is more important than ever."

JOHN THWAITES
SDSN Board Chair, Professor in Practice, Monash University, & Chair, SDSN Australia, New Zealand & Pacific

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

SDSN Leadership Council

In September 2025, the SDSN hosted its 25th Meeting of the SDSN Leadership Council, a high-level advisory group of more than **75+ eminent figures from academia, business, civil society, and government** that shapes the Network's strategic direction. Gathering in New York City and online, the Council addressed critical issues including financing sustainable development, evolving trade systems, accelerating the energy transition, and advancing equitable education.

Op-Eds & Public Commentary

In 2025, the SDSN amplified public dialogue on sustainable development through a range of high-profile channels. The work included thought leadership via SDSN President Jeffrey Sachs' [Book Club](#), the SPA's [Conversations for The Amazon We Want](#) podcast, and key op-eds and commentaries on topics such as [Amazon forest conservation](#), [green education](#), [UN-based multilateralism](#), and [youth engagement](#). These efforts helped raise awareness, shape public discourse, and influence stakeholders across government, civil society, and the private sector.

HIGH-LEVEL MULTILATERAL EVENTS

The SDSN actively participated in major global multilateral events, including the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), the UN General Assembly and Climate Week NYC, the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30), the ECOSOC Youth Forum, EU Green Week, the Global Energy Interconnection (GEI) Forum, and the Second World Summit for Social Development (2WSSD).

Unlocking Capital for Sustainable Development

At the FfD4 in Seville, Spain, nearly 15,000 delegates gathered to discuss sustainable finance. The SDSN [hosted high-level side events](#) on unlocking capital for sustainable development, climate finance, education funding disparities, and shared key insights from the Sustainable Development Report 2025, helping catalyze investment-oriented action.



SDSN President Prof. Jeffrey Sachs led conversations at the FfD4 in Seville, Spain.

Revisiting the UN Charter

In September 2025, the SDSN hosted a high-level [Conference on Reform of the UN Charter](#), convening global leaders for strategic dialogue. Building on the 2024 Summit of the Future, the conference revisited the UN Charter, which has not been amended since 1973. Sessions examined amplifying underrepresented regions' voices, veto power implications, financial mechanisms for sustainable development, and the relevance of Article 109, reinforcing discourse on strengthening global governance systems.

Calling for Global Peace

In response to the resurgence of increasingly prolonged and deadly armed conflicts, the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations** (UNAOC) and **Religions for Peace**, with the support of the SDSN, co-organized the launch of [A Call for Peace: The End of Wars and Respect for International Law](#). The initiative aims to strengthen global condemnation of war, promote a message of peace, and uphold respect for international law.



The SDSN and the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI) co-hosted a High-Level Convening on ASEAN's Integrated Energy and Digital Future (AIEDF) ahead of the ASEAN Summit.

Accelerating Science for Sustainable Development

At HLPF, the SDSN [co-hosted Science Day 2025](#) with the **International Science Council** (ISC), the **Stockholm Environment Institute** (SEI), the **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP), and the **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs** (UN DESA). The event brought together leading scientists, policymakers, civil society representatives, and young leaders to explore how science can accelerate sustainable development and address gaps in SDG implementation.

Strengthening ASEAN Regional Resilience

Throughout 2025, the SDSN hosted and co-hosted **three high-level convenings across the ASEAN region**: the [ASEAN Workshop on Sustainable Development](#), the [High-Level Convening on ASEAN's Integrated Energy and Digital Future](#), and the [GBA-ASEAN Conference on Trade, Finance, and Sustainable Development](#). Bringing together hundreds of leaders and experts, these gatherings advanced regional integration and cooperation to address the climate crisis, accelerate the energy transition, and strengthen trade, finance, technology, and policy linkages across ASEAN.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
& INSTITUTIONAL GUIDANCE

Forging New Partnerships
with Key Organizations

In 2025, the SDSN forged strategic global partnerships to advance sustainable development. New collaborations included [SustainChain](#), a public-service platform by the U.S. Coalition on Sustainability, and the [Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative](#) (GeSI), promoting digital solutions for the SDGs.

Leading Sessions at
the SRI Congress

In June 2025, the SDSN partnered with the [Sustainability Research and Innovation](#) (SRI) Congress, to advance evidence-based, actionable, and inclusive sustainability solutions. The Congress brought together **thousands of leaders from government, civil society, academia, and the private sector** across more than **80 countries**. As a Lead Partner, the SDSN led a series of sessions exploring how transformative change requires new ways of working across disciplines, sectors, and geographies.



At the SRI Congress 2025, SDSN VP of Networks Maria Cortes-Puch (second from right) participated in a session on the role higher education and research institutions in advancing the SDGs.

SDSN Secretariat

The SDSN has offices in **New York, Paris, and Kuala Lumpur**. The Secretariat is composed of **70+ individuals** from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and areas of expertise, united by a commitment to achieving the SDGs for a sustainable future.

The SDSN is also deeply committed to **diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging** (DEIB). These principles guide its internal culture and engagement with communities, partners, and stakeholders globally, ensuring that the SDSN’s work is inclusive, collaborative, and impactful across regions.

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The SDSN continues to uphold rigorous financial stewardship and accountability standards. Under the oversight of the Board of Directors and its Finance and Audit Committee, the organization adheres to disciplined budget planning, transparent reporting, and annual independent audits. Resources are strategically allocated to strengthen core operations, expand regional Network engagement, and deliver global public goods that inform policy and practice worldwide. Through prudent financial management and a focus on efficiency, the SDSN maximizes the impact of every dollar entrusted to the organization in support of sustainable development.

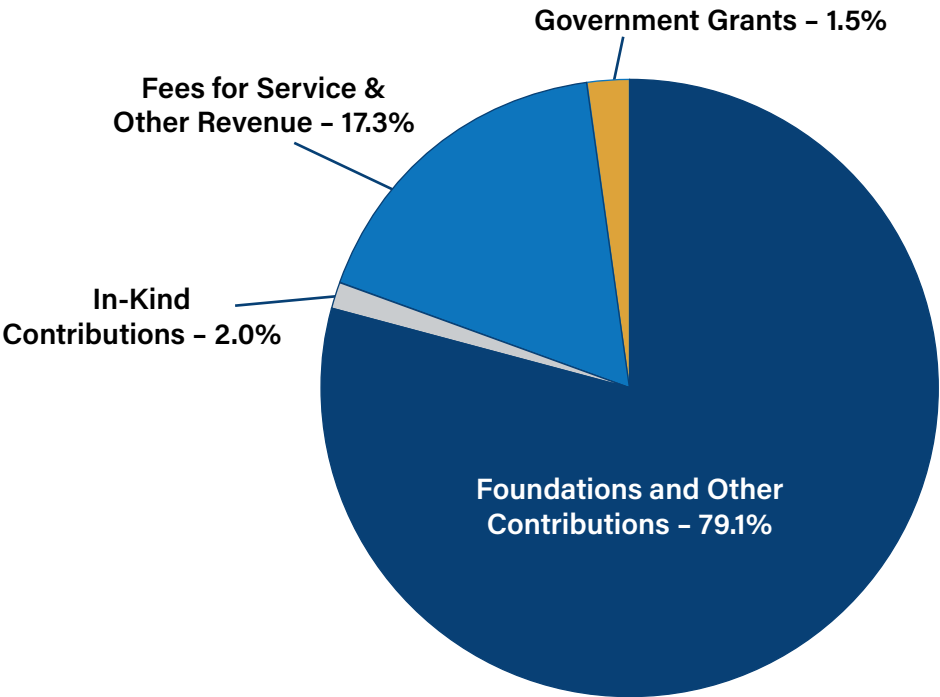
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For the fiscal period 1 July 2024 through 30 June 2025, covering the activities of the SDSN New York and Paris offices.

Revenue and Other Support	2025	2024
Government Grants	\$ 143,023	\$ 1,071,062
Foundations and Other Contributions	7,451,635	6,540,214
In-kind Contributions	192,597	114,762
Fees for Service & Other Revenue	1,634,881	1,945,569
Total Revenues and Other Support	9,422,136	9,671,607

Expenses	2025	2024
Program Services	8,316,142	8,922,272
Management and General	2,958,847	2,564,555
Fundraising	294,953	350,928
Total Expenses	11,569,942	11,837,755
Change in Net Assets Before Foreign Currency Impact	(2,147,806)	(2,166,148)
Foreign Currency Translation Gain / (Loss)	(20,243)	3,041
Change in Net Assets	(2,168,049)	(2,163,107)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	5,773,664	7,936,771
Net Assets, End of the Year	\$ 3,605,615	\$ 5,773,664

Revenue by Source FY25



Engage with the SDSN

Become a Network Member

Knowledge-generating institutions can join the SDSN at no cost. Member institutions should have significant expertise in one or more areas related to sustainable development and commit to contributing substantially toward finding and implementing solutions for the SDGs.

Members join a dynamic global Network that draws upon the knowledge and educational capacity of more than 2,100 member institutions from 59 active national and regional Networks. They work together to address the world’s most pressing problems.

Member organizations can:

- Leverage the SDSN expertise for teaching, research, and local/national sustainable development.
- Access top-tier experts and young professionals working in sustainable development.
- Gain entry into the SDSN’s vibrant members-only platforms and peer-to-peer networking opportunities.

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