



# How can we help Member States?

The SDG Lab at UN Geneva brings together individuals, organizations, and Member States working to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and serves as a platform to enhance multi-stakeholder SDG implementation.

Multiple, intersecting crises, predominated by COVID-19, the climate crisis, and conflict, make it clear that the achievement of the 2030 Agenda is in peril. Without unprecedented and concerted global action, the SDGs will not deliver on the promise of leaving no one behind. For its part, the SDG Lab supports advancing enablers of the 2020 Agenda, with a focus on data, digitalization and sustainable finance.

## **The SDG Lab can bring value to Member States by:**

- Proposing collaborative ways of working to accelerate the SDGs, tapping into innovative approaches, techniques, and expertise from the Geneva SDG Community and beyond.
- Intentionally connecting and convening different actors on SDG implementation, breaking the siloed approach to development.
- Scaling up solutions for specific in-country challenges through models of multi-stakeholder participation that emphasizes diversity and inclusion.



# The SDG Lab offers concrete ways to support and collaborate with Permanent Missions. This approach is meant to be pragmatic and responsive to the needs of Member States.

## BRINGING MEMBER STATES AND THE SDG COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The SDG Lab facilitates knowledge transfer and fosters collaboration between country-level actors and Geneva-based actors with relevant SDG expertise.

### ▶ **SDG Entry Point**

As a part of the Office of the Director-General at UN Geneva, the SDG Lab offers a “one-stop” service to Member States by providing tailored support in response to identified needs, from tested tools to SDG-aligned approaches. Established as a laboratory, the SDG Lab experiments and learns from diverse concepts and methods on collaboration and innovation.

### ▶ **Geneva SDG Community**

The SDG Lab explores scalable, actionable solutions, tools, and initiatives developed in and by the Geneva SDG Community to meet the challenges and opportunities Member States have in implementing the SDGs. The Geneva SDG Community is comprised of 200+ organizations working across the 2030 Agenda, on every SDG.

## BRINGING MEMBER STATES AND THE FINANCE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Interest in providing more capital to sustainable initiatives is growing, but there is a supply-demand mismatch due to lack of dialogue and understanding between financial actors and partners at country-level, including Member States.

### ▶ **Pipeline Builder**

The SDG Lab offers Member States a concrete pilot tool, the Pipeline Builder, to streamline capital projects aligned with national sustainable development strategies.

### ▶ **Building Bridges**

Through the Building Bridges sustainable finance initiative, the SDG Lab works to engage Member States in this multi-stakeholder initiative to deliver more finance and impact for the SDGs.

## TAILORED INFORMATION SERVICES ON THE SDGS

The SDG Lab organizes information sharing sessions to inform and debrief partners on major events and processes related to the 2030 Agenda.

### ▶ **“All You Need to Know” Series**

The “All You Need to Know” format distills key trends and developments about high-level SDG events and dialogues, such as the annual UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

### ▶ **“So What’s Next?” Series**

The “So What’s Next” format assembles diverse perspectives and analyses by having different SDG experts share their experiences in promoting an integrated, non-siloed approach to sustainable development.