

Mr. Chairman, your Excellencies, distinguished colleagues

It is my pleasure to introduce the annual Report of the Secretary-General A/77/320. This report is on the priorities and initiatives of the United Nations Office for Partnerships for 2021.

By engaging key stakeholders, the UN Office for Partnerships serves as a global gateway to catalyse and co-create collaborations that accelerate solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Office leverages expertise and networks through its initiatives and programmes, such as the SDG Strategy Hub, the UN Democracy Fund, the UN Fund for International Partnerships, and the UN Partnership Trust Fund, and the Secretary-General's SDG Advocates and Climate Action Team.

Through our work we create opportunities to mobilize action toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Key events, convenings and initiatives such as the recent UN General Assembly High-Level Week virtual [SDG Moment](#), the SDG Action Zone, and the [SDG Advocates](#) engagement are all mobilizing ambition, action, solidarity, as well as solutions.

UN Partnerships has conceptualized, curated, and delivered significant SDG activations. For example, we organized the [performance](#) and [interview](#) with BTS as champions of the SDGs at UNGA76 which garnered more than 80 million views toward growing the global movement for the SDGs. Following this success, we are now working with the K-pop industry to leverage its millions of fans and followers, encouraging them to raise awareness and embrace the SDGs, and to mobilise their fan base for SDG action.

This year's SDG Moment featured Co-Chairs of the SDG Advocates the Prime Ministers of Barbados and Canada, immersive projections supported by the Government of UAE, leading philanthropists, and other outstanding private and public sector leaders. They all helped us to showcase the bold plans, actions and solutions that are needed to strengthen the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Similarly, we built the SDG Studio in collaboration with the Government of the Netherlands and the Department of Global Communications, streamlining the creation of [original and compelling content](#) for contemporary audiences.

We also manage distinct programmatic trust funds.

The UN Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) provides the primary interface for the UN system's engagement with the [United Nations Foundation](#). Over the past two decades, UNFIP has collaborated with the UN Foundation on almost 700

innovative, cross-sector projects implemented by the UN system partners globally. In 2021, the UN Foundation provided to UNFIP, grants of approximately \$11.9 million.

The UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF) enables projects that empower civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. The Fund subsists entirely on voluntary contributions from governments. So far, UNDEF has supported over 880 projects in more than 130 countries. In 2021, 34 projects were funded at a total cost of US\$ 9.2 million.

In closing, the UN Office for Partnerships has continued to foster inclusive and transformative engagement of partners, including diverse and marginalized voices, in multi-stakeholder collaborative spaces in support of the Secretary-General's *Our Common Agenda*. Going forward, the Office will continue to invest in its capacity to deliver results and take partnerships to scale.

Thank you for your attention.

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