

DRIVING THE TRANSITION TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

UNIDO and GEF collaborate for sustainable industrial development, addressing environmental challenges and promoting global environmental benefits (GEBs). Reducing GHG emissions, chemical waste, and promoting resource efficiency and economic growth is key. The partnership improves industry's environmental performance, while creating socio-economic co-benefits such as job-creation and poverty alleviation. UNIDO implements GEF projects, prioritizing countries' circular economy and climate needs. These joint efforts align perfectly with the countries' sustainable development goals.

Prioritizing circularity, climate technologies and resilience, and industrial decarbonization whilst enabling growth

The UNIDO-GEF alliance helps countries achieve the GEBs by reducing GHG emissions, enhancing climate resilience, eliminating chemical waste, protecting biodiversity, reducing land degradation and improving quality of international water bodies.

The UNIDO-GEF partnership is based on the shared belief that innovation through integrated solutions is essential for achieving environmental sustainability and inclusive socio-economic development. Supported by the GEF financing, UNIDO provides recipient countries with technical assistance and expertise in inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

UNIDO HAS DEVELOPED A STRONG GLOBAL NETWORK OF PARTNERS:



COMMUNITIES

ACADEMIA

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CSOs & NGOs

PRIVATE SECTOR

GOVERNMENTS



INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS FOR A TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE



Climate Change

UNIDO supports climate change mitigation and adaptation innovation and technology transfer.

Chemicals & Waste

UNIDO helps countries phase out harmful chemicals and adopt sustainable industrial technologies.

International Waters

UNIDO helps protect aquatic ecosystems through technical and regulatory upgrades.

Land Degradation

UNIDO combats land degradation through sustainable agriculture, land rehabilitation, land governance, and capacity building.

Biodiversity

UNIDO promotes biodiversity preservation through sustainable industry, pollution reduction, and ecosystem protection measures.



1966/1991
UNIDO & GEF established to support projects on environment and industrial development.

2001
UNIDO starts helping countries to reduce chemicals pollution and to protect human health through GEF projects.

2006
UNIDO gains access to climate change mitigation, international waters, land degradation and biodiversity focal areas.

2014
UNIDO starts climate change adaptation work with Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund.

2016
UNIDO & GEF celebrate partnership at their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

2022 - 2026
UNIDO & GEF continue to safeguard the environment through innovative and sustainable industrial projects.

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Working with all members of an industrial landscape leads to greater impact.

UNIDO'S PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS HAVE HELPED CREATE COUNTLESS JOBS AND GEBs IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

UNIDO and GEF work with the private sector to stimulate innovation in developing clean technologies and attracting investment, while building national capacity for industrial development. UNIDO has also established networks of regional and national investment and technology promotion centers to provide technical support, investment, and knowledge sharing, as a means to help countries transition to cleaner, climate-friendly, and climate-resilient industries.

UNIDO's work is essential for promoting sustainable industrial development. Through provision of technical cooperation, analytical and policy advisory services, as well as through convening for knowledge transfer and partnership fostering, UNIDO is helping developing countries to build a more prosperous and sustainable future.