

Which targets are on track for 2030 in the regions?









For informed debate on sustainable development, it is essential to know which targets are on track to be achieved in the world regions by 2030. In the following pages, this question is addressed for the Sustainable Development Goals 4 – Quality education, 5 – Gender equality, 14 – Life below water, and 15 – Life on land.

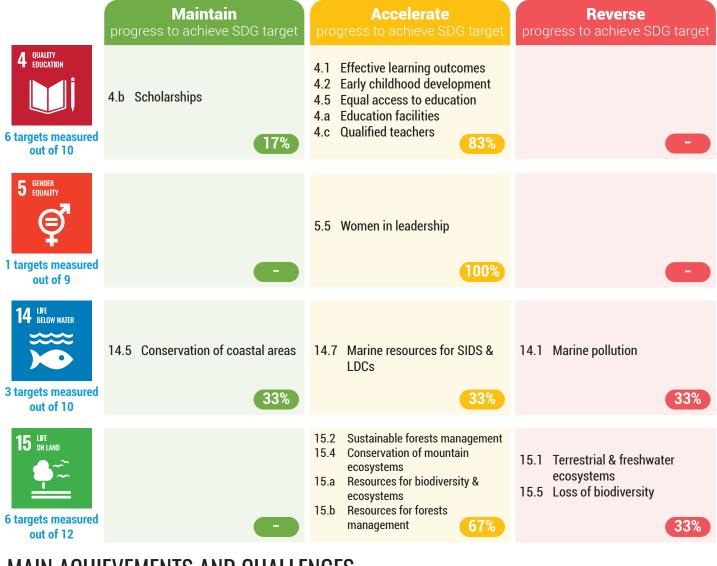
The five regional commissions of the United Nations present the progress assessment that relies on data on their member countries in the United Nations Global SDG Indicators Database. They use a common methodology that identifies the SDG targets that are on track for 2030, targets where progress has to accelerate and targets where the trend has to be reversed.

The present summary is prepared to support discussions at the 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 5–15 July).

ECA • ESCAP • ECLAC • ESCWA • UNECE

AFRICA

WHICH TARGETS ARE ON TRACK FOR 2030?





- School completion rate has been being rising over the last 20 years.
- Building and upgrading school facilities remain a challenge on the continent (drinking water, electricity, computer and internet).



- One fourth of seats in national parliaments were held by women in 2021. Disparities are however high among countries, only 12 countries reported more than 30% of seats held by women in national parliaments.
- Gender gap in managerial positions is gradually closing in Sub-Saharan Africa.



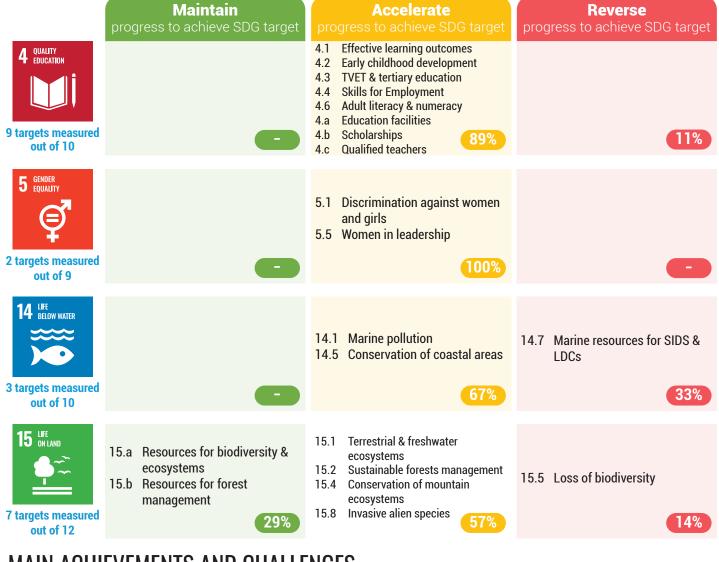
- Since 2000, the continent has more than doubled its protected area coverage of marine Key Biodiversity Areas.
- The main challenge under this goal relates to marine pollution in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution.



- The continent has lost more than 3.5 million of hectares of forest per year over the last 2 decades where Africa
 contributed to more than 70% of the global forest loss.
- The red list index has deteriorated over the last 2 decades.

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

WHICH TARGETS ARE ON TRACK FOR 2030?





- Education outcomes are deteriorating and inequality in access to education is widening in Asia-Pacific region.
- Much more must be done to ensure all schools everywhere have basic services, such as electricity, computers
 and single-sex basic sanitation infrastructure, and to ensure that all girls and boys complete at least primary
 and secondary education.



- Despite some progress on proportion of leadership and decision-making roles held by women, there is still a
 wide gender gap in access to employment and education.
- Lack of data prevents us from providing an accurate picture of progress.



- The region is regressing on the value added of sustainable marine capture fisheries as share of GDP, and progress must be accelerated in reducing marine pollution and conservation of coastal and marine areas.
- · Much more investment is needed to fill data gaps for assessing life below water in Asia-Pacific.



- Significant progress made in mobilizing resources for forest management, biodiversity and ecosystem.
- However, progress is stagnant on the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems, sustainable forest management and conservation of mountain ecosystems. The region also needs to take urgent action to halt biodiversity loss.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

WHICH TARGETS ARE ON TRACK FOR 2030?

Maintain Accelerate Reverse progress to achieve SDG target QUALITY EDUCATION 4.1 Effective learning outcomes 4.3 TVET & tertiary education Early childhood development 4.c Qualified teachers 4.5 Equal access to education 4.6 Adult literacy & numeracy 4.b Scholarship 4.a Education facilities 8 targets measured 18% 13% 50% out of 10 5 GENDER EQUALITY 5.2 Violence against women and 5.3 Early marriage 5.5 Women in leadership 3 targets measured 100% out of 9 Marine pollution 14.1 14.2 Marine & coastal ecosystems 14.5 Conservation of coastal areas 14.7 Marine resources for SIDS & **LDCs** 4 targets measured 25% **75%** out of 10 15 LIFE 15.4 Conservation of mountain 15.1 Terrestrial & freshwater ecosystems ecosystems 15.a Resources for biodiversity & 15.2 Sustainable forests 15.5 Loss of biodiversity ecosystems management 15.b Resources for forests 15.6 Utilization of genetic 7 targets measured management resource

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

43%



out of 12

Children's access to early childhood education services and adult literacy rates have slightly improved since 2000, however more efforts need to be done.

43%

14%

Despite progress, there has been a slowdown in the advancement of secondary education completion rate, with significant inequalities according to income level, territory and ethnic-racial condition, among others.



- Femicide and the prevalence of violence continue to be a serious problem despite advances in policies in some countries and the pressure exerted by women's social movements.
- Although the presence of women in the legislative bodies has gradually increased in recent years, these positions are still mostly held by men.



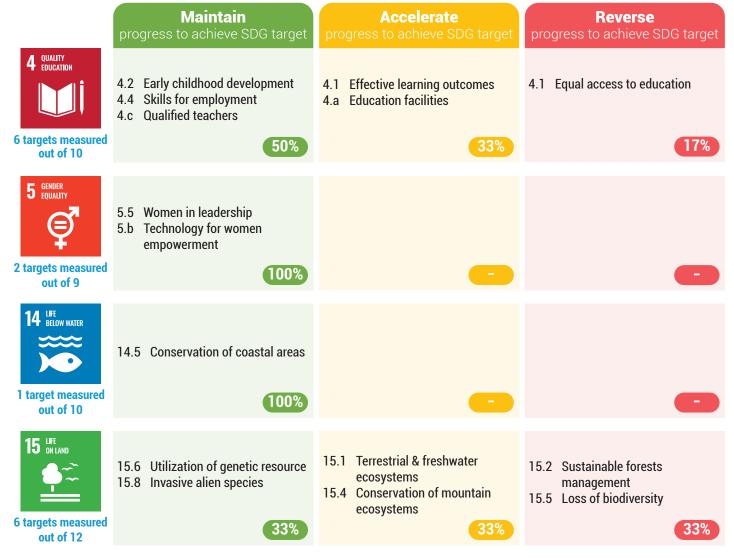
- Although the region has doubled the target for 2020 of proportion of marine protected areas, most of the countries have less than 10%, including areas with high nutrient and plastic pollution.
- Major challenges remain in sustainable fisheries. Global elimination or reformulation of harmful fisheries subsidies (5% of global subsidies) would be beneficial.



- Despite progress in some targets, goal will not be achieved unless much greater effort is implemented. In the last 20 years, deforestation dropped by almost half. Indigenous peoples' territories have well-protected forests but have received almost no support.
- The challenge is to consolidate socio-environmental policies to halt deforestation and loss of biodiversity.

ARAB REGION

WHICH TARGETS ARE ON TRACK FOR 2030?





- Since 2000, secondary school enrolment has increased from 52% to 64%, with girls' enrolment slightly outpacing that of boys.
- High proportion of children out of school, weak learning outcomes and resilience of school systems remain as challenges. An estimated 40% of students in the region were unable to participate in distance education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.



- Women in the Arab region are deeply underrepresented in leadership positions, with only 20% of seats in national parliaments and just 9% of managerial positions.
- Female labour force participation is the lowest among the world regions, and women's unemployment rate is substantially higher than the rate for men. Violence against women is high and has increased in the pandemic.



- Several countries in the region have made substantial investments in aquaculture development. Fish stocks suffer from overfishing, with only 38% of stocks in the Mediterranean within biologically sustainable levels.
- Waste management strategies are insufficient. The region's beaches have litter more than 3 times the world average.



- A fifth of the region's forests are managed with biodiversity as a primary objective.
- Land degradation and desertification have resulted in biodiversity loss, reduction of ecosystem services, and an increased risk of sand and dust storms. Conflicts have led to increased contamination of key ecosystems and the loss of resources to maintain them.

UNECE REGION

WHICH TARGETS ARE ON TRACK FOR 2030?

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

7 targets measured out of 10

Maintain to achieve SDC terr

- 4.2 Early childhood development
- 4.a Education facilities
- 4.c Qualified teachers

43%

Accelerate

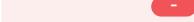
progress to achieve SDG target

- 4.1 Effective learning outcomes
- 4.3 TVET & tertiary education
- 4.4 Skills for employment
- 4.5 Equal access to education

57%

Reverse

progress to achieve SDG target





4 targets measured out of 9

5.b Technology for women empowerment

25%

- 5.1 Discrimination against women and girls
- 5.4 Unpaid care and domestic work
- 5.5 Women in leadership

75%





6 targets measured out of 10

14.2 Marine pollution

- 14.5 Conservation of coastal areas
- 14.5 Fisheries subsidies

50%

14.b Small-scale artisanal fishing

17%

- 14.7 Marine resources
- 14.a Research capacity & marine technology

33%



7 targets measured out of 12

15.1 Terrestrial & freshwater ecosystems

- 15.4 Conservation of mountain ecosystems
- 15.6 Utilization of genetic resource
- 15.8 Invasive alien species
- 15.a Resources for biodiversity & ecosystems

15.2 Sustainable forests management

15.5 Loss of biodiversity

29%



- At current trends, the region will achieve near universal access to early childhood education, have schools well equipped and staffed with well qualified teachers.
- Improvements on effective learning outcomes, equal access to education, and skills for employment have to accelerate. Achievement gaps between disadvantaged and wealthy students persist in all countries with data.



- The region is on track on the use of technology to promote the empowerment of women, but not on the other gender equality targets.
- Efforts must be accelerated to reduce disparities between women and men around unpaid care and domestic work and achieve gender parity in political and economic leadership.



- If the current pace of progress is maintained, the region is on track to achieve targets on reducing marine pollution, conserving coastal areas and combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.
- The region needs to reverse trends around sustainable fishing, and on research and development on marine technology.



- Progress must accelerate on the conservation, sustainable use of ecosystems and in providing resources for this. Regulation of the use of genetic resources, and management of invasive alien species would also have to improve to be on track for 2030.
- The region needs to reverse trends around deforestation and biodiversity.

TECHNICAL NOTE

The presented assessment relies on the Anticipated Progress Index, which measures whether a target value of an SDG indicator will be achieved by 2030 based on the observed rate of change. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development defines target values for many indicators. For others, a "champion area" approach is used to define the indicator's target value in the region. In aggregating the results from the indicator level to the level of SDG target, each measured indicator has an equal weight under the corresponding target. The methodology is described at https://data.unescap.org/resource-guides/progress-assessment-methodology

Full results on all SDGs and further details are available in the latest regional progress reports, available at the web sites of regional commissions as follows:

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

https://ecastats.uneca.org/unsdgsafrica/SDGs/SDG-progress

Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

https://data.unescap.org

Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

https://www.cepal.org/en/publications/47746-decade-action-change-era-fifth-report-regional-progress-and-challenges-relation

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

https://www.unescwa.org/publications/annual-sdg-review-2022

Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

https://w3.unece.org/sdg2022