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. This report encapsulates the Department's unwavering commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the pursuit of a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous world for all.

The year 2023 marked a watershed moment in our collective journey towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDG Summit, with its groundbreaking Political Declaration, reinvigorated our global commitment and set the stage for accelerated action. UN DESA stands ready to harness this momentum from this year's Summit of the Future, helping Member States to put the 2030 Agenda back on track. In these challenging times, our mission as the home of the development pillar within the UN system has never been more critical.

This edition of the   shows how we deliver across three key pillars of work — intergovernmental support, analysis, and capacity-building. It showcases the Department's tangible results over the course of the 78th session of the General Assembly (September 2023-August 2024). It demonstrates UN DESA's commitment to the Secretary-General's vision of safeguarding people and planet, and highlights our efforts to achieve the SDGs with just six years remaining.

Structured in seven thematic chapters, it showcases how UN DESA advances key priorities of Member States and the Secretary-General. This includes our support for crucial events including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the SDG Summit. It also
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cial architecture, develop metrics that go beyond GDP,

and advancing progress towards a UN framework convention on international tax cooperation. These efforts underscore UN DESA's commitment to fostering fairer and more resilient economic systems that empower developing countries and are aligned with the SDGs.

Chapter 4, "Making data count", emphasizes UN DESA's role in ensuring data drives sustainable and equitable progress. The Department provided key assessments on SDG progress, launched the UN Data Platform, and focused on global population trends, especially for countries in special situations. The Department also spotlighted gender disparities through the
and fostered innovation through the UN Datathon. Enhanced collaboration within the global data community was achieved through the expanded Global

Chapter 5, "Strengthening governance and capacities of national institutions", focuses on UN DESA's work to build capacity in Member States to implement the 11 Principles of Effective Governance, including by fostering innovation and accountability in public institutions. The Department emphasized the role of SDG 16 in advancing the 2030 Agenda, empowered women leaders, and advanced digital government transformation. Additionally, UN DESA collaborated with schools of public administration to enhance public servants' capacities and developed governance strategies aligned with the UN 2.0 "Quintet of Change."

Chapter 6, "Ending the war on nature", emphasizes UN DESA's collaborations with Member States to build capacities and accelerate cross-sectoral actions on energy, climate, forests, oceans, and water, all crucial to SDG progress. The Department supported the Global Stocktaking on SDG 7, linked the 2030 Agenda with the Paris Agreement at COP28, and led preparations for