

UNASDG CONVENTION

# INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION FOR SIGNING A CONVENTION AND RELATED RATIFICATION BY MEMBER STATES  
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### OVERVIEW

This note briefly explains the background to the decision to have the UNASDG - ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS operate in the status of an intergovernmental organization (IGO) and be ratified accordingly and provides an overview of the work underway to prepare for the adoption of an international treaty instrument for the registration and ratification of the UNASDG as an IGO.

### ABOUT THE UNASDG

UNASDG IGO was established during the UN Helsinki Conference on June 6, 2019, in coordination with UNGSII, which in turn was initiated by UN Director General Michael Moller together with Prof. Dr. Eckart Würzner and conceived by UNGSII Foundation as its Lead Agency during the UNGSII SDG Lab in Davos 2018 and the Inaugural Workshop in Heidelberg on April 19-20, 2018, see videos: <https://www.ungsii.org/sdg-cities>.

UNASDG IGO is the platform that provides the assurance of technological "know-how" and investments, strategic tools for global recognition, as well as a mechanism to become, in coordination with UNGSII, a global knowledge hub for the SDGs, for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), defined by the United Nations and adopted by 193 presidents of states at the General Assembly on September 25, 2015 in New York, USA, with progress presented quarterly at global conferences.

It is also tasked with improving and monitoring international cooperation and information exchange between governments and intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), developers, banks and financial institutions. Already since 2002, the affiliated non-governmental organization CSR Dialogue Forum has consultative status with the United Nations and deals with similar tasks, but also with quality assurance. UNASDG has established a special security body to ensure all security-related issues and activities, which is responsible for taking over all security-related tasks to achieve the defined goals at all levels and to manage corresponding tasks in cooperation with the relevant authorities, to prevent possible criminal acts or security-threatening incidents or anomalies and to officially document them.

UNASDG is a non-profit international association established under English law and governed by an Executive Board and a General Assembly under the supervision of a Senate.

The Office of the President manages the organization and is the executive body, with the General Secretariat of the Office of the President fully implementing the tasks assigned to it, while the International Affairs Council is an advisory member of the Office of the President and is represented by a delegate who holds the position of Director General. The Office of the President currently consists of 5 international members nominated by resolution of the Senate. One of the members is the security council in accordance with the UNASDG - Resolution of November 1, 2021. Each member state nominates a delegated representative to the International Affairs Council, to represent the interests of their state. This representative has only a representative function and acts without liability or responsibility, he is only the link between his state and the UNASDG IGO.

The UNASDG conducts its consultative work through a series of technical committees covering all areas of the Sustainable Development Goals without specific priority.

The results of this work are disseminated for the benefit of the implementation of the goals by the UNASDG linked UNGSII through publications such as recommendations, guidelines, manuals and events under the UN SDG 25+5 Cities Leadership Platform.

In the course of the activities of the overall construct within the UNGSII, SDG 25+5 Cities Leadership Platform, Alliance for Sustainable Development Goals and other smaller satellites of the structure, it was found that it is imperative to improve communication between the different actors and create regulated solutions, pathways and modules that meet the financial needs of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNASDG's capacity building work is growing rapidly and is being implemented jointly by the aforementioned organizations in cooperation with scientists, engineers, developers, banks and financial institutions in line with United Nations (UN) initiatives such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through intensive and controlled cooperation between various UN agencies and other organizations.

### CONTENT OF THE UNASDG - CHARTER AND YOUR GOALS

Achieve final IGO status through an international UNASDG - Convention with the member states of the United Nations General Assembly.

With the establishment of the UNASDG (IGO) on 06 June 2019, the UNASDG - General Assembly adopted that it strongly believes that IGO status best promotes the goals of the UNASDG in the 21st century and establishes that, in accordance with the Charter of 06 June 2019, official status should be achieved as soon as possible through the development of an international treaty instrument.

By decision of November 30, 2021, the General Assembly decided, based on the preliminary discussions held, to admit the **STATE** as a permanent member of the UNASDG and to promote the development of sustainable development plan projects with all possible capacities.

To this end, an individual CONVENTION is to be signed:

"UNASDG CONVENTION with the State will meet the requirements of the Vienna Convention on International Treaties and will incorporate the UNASDG Statute.

By signing the Convention, the State will be included and certified as a Co-Founder of the IGO in the Protocol, thereby recognizing both the Charter and the Convention in full in a legally binding manner.

The Convention will be presented for adoption and signature at a future diplomatic conference to be convened under the auspices of the UNASDG.

Once adopted and ratified, the treaty will be officially registered with the United Nations.

The agreement with UNASDG provides a solid basis for the smooth implementation of the defined sustainable development goals.

The cooperation with UNASDG (IGO) will ensure that the security of all stakeholders is always guaranteed, regulated ownership with investors as well as agreed settlement procedures are always respected, interfaces with relevant authorities and the security council are fully established, investments arranged by UNASDG and linked organizations under the control of UNASDG are serviced through direct cooperation with the Central Bank, and are provided without interruptions directly to the intended beneficiaries for the implementation of the goals.

It is to be agreed that the organization will be accorded in the territory of the State Party the full privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of your functions in the realization of the objectives.

The State Party agrees and decides, by signing the UNASDG Convention, that the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of the State, with full legal capacity, the privileges and immunities for specialized agencies established in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies adopted at the General Assembly of the United Nations on November 21, 1947.

The UNASDG Convention represents an important milestone in the relationship between the State and the UNASDG and aims to achieve that economic and humanitarian objectives are realized safely and efficiently. It also aims to promote the strengthening of international cooperation.

UNASDG has been working with UNGSII in close partnership with other international organizations for decades and wishes to continue and expand this cooperation through this Convention. Ratification of UNASDG into the status of an official IGO will make it an equal partner with organizations such as the UN, IMF, WHO, World Bank,

international financial institutions, thus strengthening existing cooperation. In addition, ratification allows for broader participation of states in the UNASDG, creating further opportunities for States Parties.

The structures and standards thus created will also make the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) applicable in the UN sense and territorially independent.

Close cooperation with industrial members of the UNASDG around the world and their respective national government agencies and authorities, as well as with other international and intergovernmental organizations, will be facilitated by signing the UNASDG Convention and will lead to simpler processing possibilities and successful results in the long term.

The objectives and activities of UNASDG as an IGO will continue to result in UNASDG providing mutual and complementary support to other IGOs in achieving their respective objectives. By working together as partners -IGO- with the respective mandate in which the role and responsibilities of each IGO is transparent, mutual support will be optimized through better coordination and greater integration of standards. Such collaborations will lead to faster implementation of objectives.

### THE DRAFT UNASDG CONVENTION

The draft UNASDG Convention (attached) was developed based on the principles and provisions of the current UNASDG Constitution.

Regarding the position of industrial partners and members, they will be managed as affiliated members to ensure the implementation of know-how and innovative technologies directly in the implementation of projects. The industrial members of UNASDG will thus be managed as affiliated members of the UNASDG IGO to continue to ensure the continued strong cohesion among members and partners that have always been important to the work of UNASDG and to fully utilize their capacities.

The draft UNASDG Convention was finalized by the UNASDG Council for implementation at the General Assembly on January 17, 2022.

It is the result of two years of work that included consultations with national members, input from a working group established by the UNASDG Council, and detailed advice from the UNASDG Legal Advisory Team, which was supported by independent legal experts from outside UNASDG.

The development of a set of new general regulations, including financial regulations, is well advanced and their adoption by the Senate is scheduled for 2022.

Signature and ratification of the UNASDG Convention with various partner states is expected to be completed in latest on 6 June 2026.

### CONCLUSION

UNASDG strongly believes that IGO status will best support the goals and activities of UNASDG in the future. It will benefit Parties and Members, other international organizations and their Member States to contribute highly to the efficiency of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through continuous improvement and enhanced cooperation.

The envisaged new UNASDG Convention will provide a fit-for-purpose international legal framework that ensures transparency and accountability and strengthen the position of UNASDG to work closely with governments and other IGOs, and effectively implement its technical and advisory work of UNASDG as the leading international expert body dealing with all SDG and security-related tasks.

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