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ISO/UNDP 53001

Management systems for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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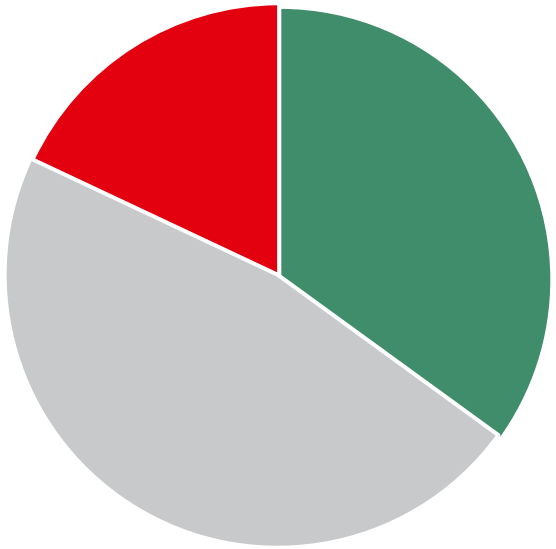
Progress is real and substantial...
but fragile and unequal

There is a need to translate commitment into tangible, meaningful action

Positive impacts come from strategic decisions and day-to-day operations

Why is ISO/UNDP 53001 needed?

Sustainable development targets with available data



35%
On track or showing moderate progress

Nearly half
Moving too slowly or making only marginal progress

18%
Have regressed

Source: United Nations, The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025

ISO and UNDP partnership

UNDP ambition

- enable the thinking in the UNDP SDG Enterprise Standard to reach the broadest possible market
- get a consensus-based standard to support the SDGs onto the market as soon as possible

ISO ambition

- use the familiar ISO management system standard format to support organizations globally
- provide a practical tool to transform intention into action in the area of sustainability and impact management

Common interest

- ✓ Promote application of the impact management approach to organizations of all sizes and types, including the private sector
- ✓ Enable meaningful contribution to sustainable development
- ✓ Support organizations to build resilience and legitimacy by consistently acting with integrity

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Who can use this standard?

Governments
that committed to the UN SDGs

Organizations
that want to tangibly contribute to sustainable development

Sustainability actors
that drive specific sustainability initiatives



Organizations committed to ESG disclosure
that need to embed sustainability in their business model and throughout the value chain

Local authorities
requiring conformity from external suppliers

Certification Bodies
that build trust through conformity assessment

Organizations
using other ISO management systems



Enhancing the existing ecosystem, not replacing it

- **IT IS NOT ANOTHER REPORTING FRAMEWORK.**
  It complements and enables existing standards (like GRI, IFRS, ISSB S1&S2, TNFD and so on) by providing the robust internal management system needed to generate consistent, integrated, decision-useful, and assurance-ready data

- **IT IS NOT A THEMATIC STANDARD.**
  It does not replace specialized standards (e.g., ISO 14064-1 for GHG emissions or ISO 17298 for biodiversity and so on) but acts as the central operating system to integrate their requirements into a cohesive business process.

- **IT DOES NOT CERTIFY IMPACT.**
  It certifies that a credible management system is in place to manage an organization's contributions to sustainability. This assures the process, not a guarantee of specific outcomes.



Questions?