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Solution pathways

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Outcomes

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Strengthen effective, accountable and inclusive governance

Enhance prevention and recovery for resilient societies

Promote nature-based solutions for a sustainable planet

Close the clean energy gap

Strengthen gender equality

Enablers:

Development finance | Multi-Stakeholder Platforms | Innovation | Delivering as One UN (working with other UN’s regional offices) | Working with sub-regional bodies (i.e. ASEAN, SAARC, PIFS) | Thought leadership | Partnerships (private sector) | S-S and triangular cooperation

To help countries achieve the 2030 Agenda across diverse development situations by eradicating poverty in all its forms, accelerating structural transformations for sustainable development, and building resilience to crises and shocks.