



**BOOSTING PARTNERSHIPS
AND MULTISTAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT**

Promoting public-private partnership to propel the SDGs

The sixth annual SDG Business Forum took place during the High-Level Week of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. Co-convened by UN DESA, the International Chamber of Commerce and UN Global Compact, the event reached more than 7,000 participants from 143 countries around the world. The sixth SDG Business Forum incorporated important themes of several United Nations Conferences, including the High-Level Dialogue on Energy, the United Nations Food Systems Summit, the Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, the CBD COP15 and UNFCCC COP26. As a truly multistakeholder event, the Forum included 17 CEO-level speakers, and several high-ranking government officials, UN Principals and Special Envoys also addressed the Forum. The SDG Business Forum continues to be an important space for dialogue to promote a whole-of-society approach to forward sustainable development.

Accelerating action on the SDGs, with and for countries in Africa

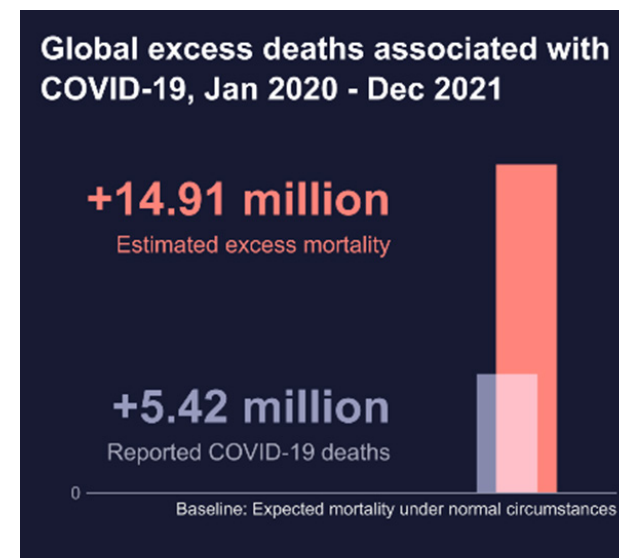
UN DESA, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa and the Economic Commission for Africa, organized the Special High-Level Dialogue on the Sustainable Development of Africa, convened by the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The dialogue provided an opportunity for African Member States and their partners to share country experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 while considering the challenges of pandemic recovery and the impact of current geopolitical challenges on food and energy security across the



continent. The Dialogue served to renew the commitment to the sustainable development of Africa as one of the established priorities of the United Nations and mobilize greater support and partnerships for accelerated implementation of sustainable development priorities.

Measuring the full impact of COVID-19 on mortality

In 2021, UN DESA co-convened with WHO the Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Estimates (TAG). In May 2022, estimates based on the TAG's work were launched, finding that 14.9 million excess deaths (range 13.3 million to 16.6 million) were directly or indirectly attributable to COVID-19 between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2021, nearly 3 times the number of deaths officially reported as attributable to COVID-19. The work of the TAG brings to light the full mortality burden of the pandemic and underlines the need to better integrate national health information systems and civil registration and vital statistics systems. UN DESA will continue to support countries in strengthening statistical systems and improving evaluation and analysis of demographic data.



Source: World Health Organization, April 2022

