

GOAL 14

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans

Actions and commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals

A Better World, Volume 6

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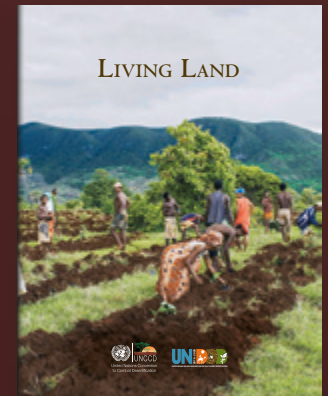
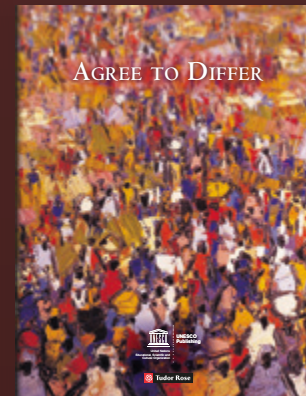
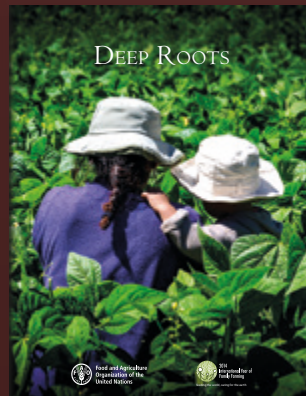
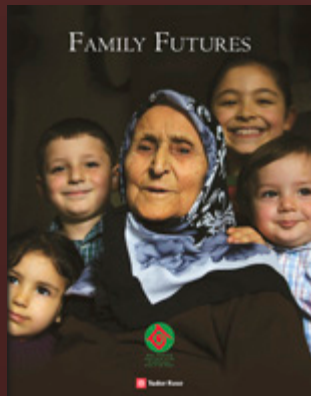
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Since 1999, in partnership with the United Nations and its agencies, the Human Development Forum has published 29 books covering a diverse range of topics — from disaster reduction, water management and climate science to intercultural dialogue and humanitarian assistance. These publications are read extensively by the human development sector and especially by community leaders in vulnerable regions around the globe.

The books are the result of close collaboration between individual UN agencies, UN member states and civil sector organisations, all committed to a better future for the world. With many published under UN copyright, they have widened the knowledge of people in vulnerable communities, giving them inspiration to better their lives in a sustainable way.

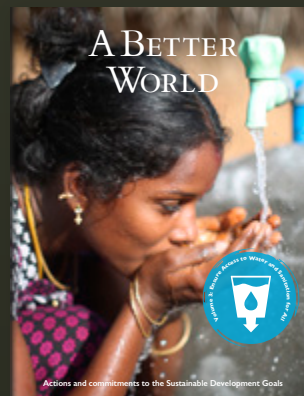
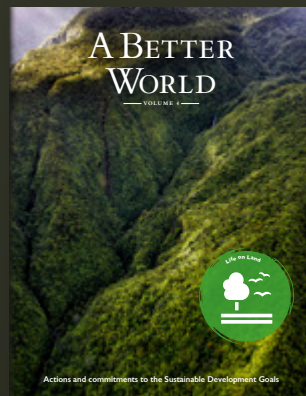
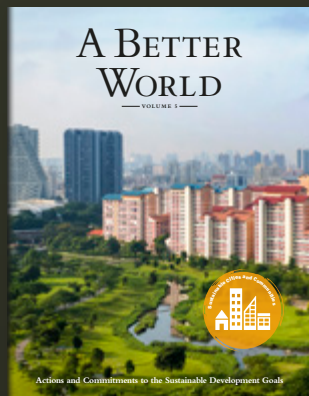


A Better World

With the establishment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, we launched *A Better World*. Each volume in the series is dedicated to celebrating progress of one of the 17 Goals.

The forthcoming volume will cover Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, and will be published in 2020 in time for outreach activities before, during and after the UN 2020 Ocean Conference in Lisbon, June 2020.

This document is intended for prospective contributors to *A Better World*. It contains a summary of our plans for the publication and information on what you need to do to ensure your projects and initiatives are profiled in the Goal 14 edition. We look forward to working with you on this compelling volume.



A Better World — Volume 6

Ensuring the health of the oceans and their resources is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. However, human activities such as unsustainable fishing practices, harmful fisheries subsidies, and ineffective waste management resulting in marine pollution, such as from plastics and nutrients, continue to threaten the oceans.

Further pressure is consequently placed on environmental systems, like biodiversity and natural infrastructure, while creating global socio-economic problems, including health, safety and financial risks. In order to combat these issues and promote ocean sustainability, innovative solutions that prevent and mitigate detrimental impacts to marine environments are essential. World leaders must also work to protect marine species and support the people who depend on oceans, whether for employment, resources, or leisure.

A Better World: Volume 6 will focus fully on conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources. *A Better World* will be a fully illustrated 200-page book with over 80 authors relating their work in active efforts to make Goal 14 a reality. Their commentaries will draw upon experiences around the world at international, regional, national and local community levels of activity.

A Better World will reflect the progress and challenges in this essential topic, highlighting good practices in a wide variety of societies and disciplines. The book will be launched in time for the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 in Lisbon in June 2020.



Key subjects to be covered in the book

1. CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

This COA aims to support its members in implementing their voluntary commitments related to implementation of international law as reflected in UNCLOS.

3. MANGROVES

Mangroves are highly productive ecosystems providing numerous goods and services that include support of fisheries, maintenance and improvement of water quality.

4. MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Diverse area-based measures and management tools can be used to sustainably manage, protect, conserve and restore marine ecosystems.

5. MARINE POLLUTION

Marine pollution from human activities can be found at all points across the ocean's vast expanse, whether in the deep, at the surface, or in the organisms that live in it.

6. OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Ocean acidity has increased by roughly 26% since pre-industrial times because of increased releases of CO₂ due to the burning of fossil fuels and other human activities.

7. SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

Sustainable management and conservation of the Ocean requires a solid and trusted knowledge base upon which decisions are based.

8. SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY

The Ocean are central to sustainable development globally, and particularly for Small Island developing States and coastal least developed countries.

9. SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Marine fisheries are a key source of economic and food security, providing livelihoods for the 300 million people involved in the sector.



Human development stakeholders

Over two decades, we are proud to have partnered with many leading human development organizations across the three principle stakeholder groups including the United Nations and its agencies, UN member states and civil society institutions worldwide. Our mission is to create landmark publications for the purpose of engaging these organisations to collaborate in addressing critical international issues.

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*Myriam Kusayanagi, World Humanitarian Summit,
United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)*



“*Agree to Differ* looks great – superb layout, thanks a lot!
And thanks for our collaboration, which I enjoyed.”

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“Many thanks for working together with FAO on *Family Farming*. Your all-round publishing and logistical support has been much appreciated”

Rachel Tucker, Office for Corporate Communication, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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