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# UNCTAD Technical Cooperation 2024

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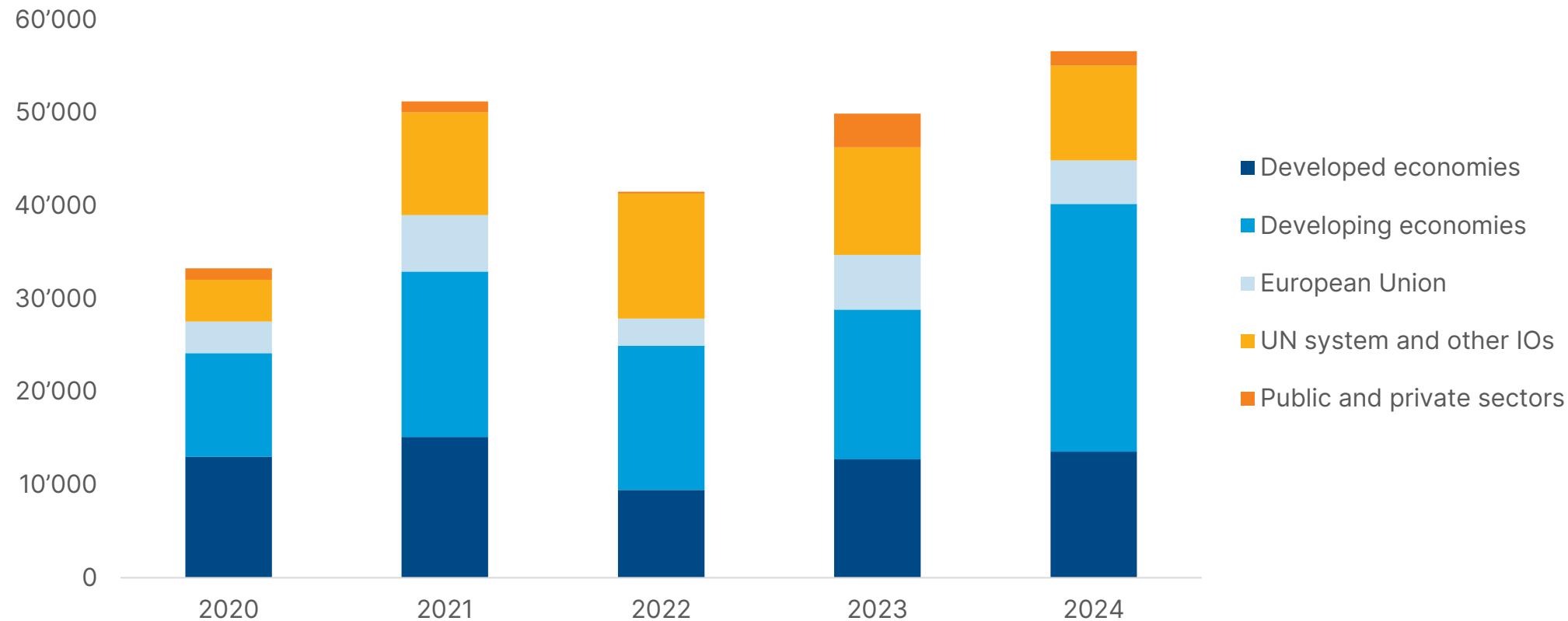
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# Trust Fund Resources

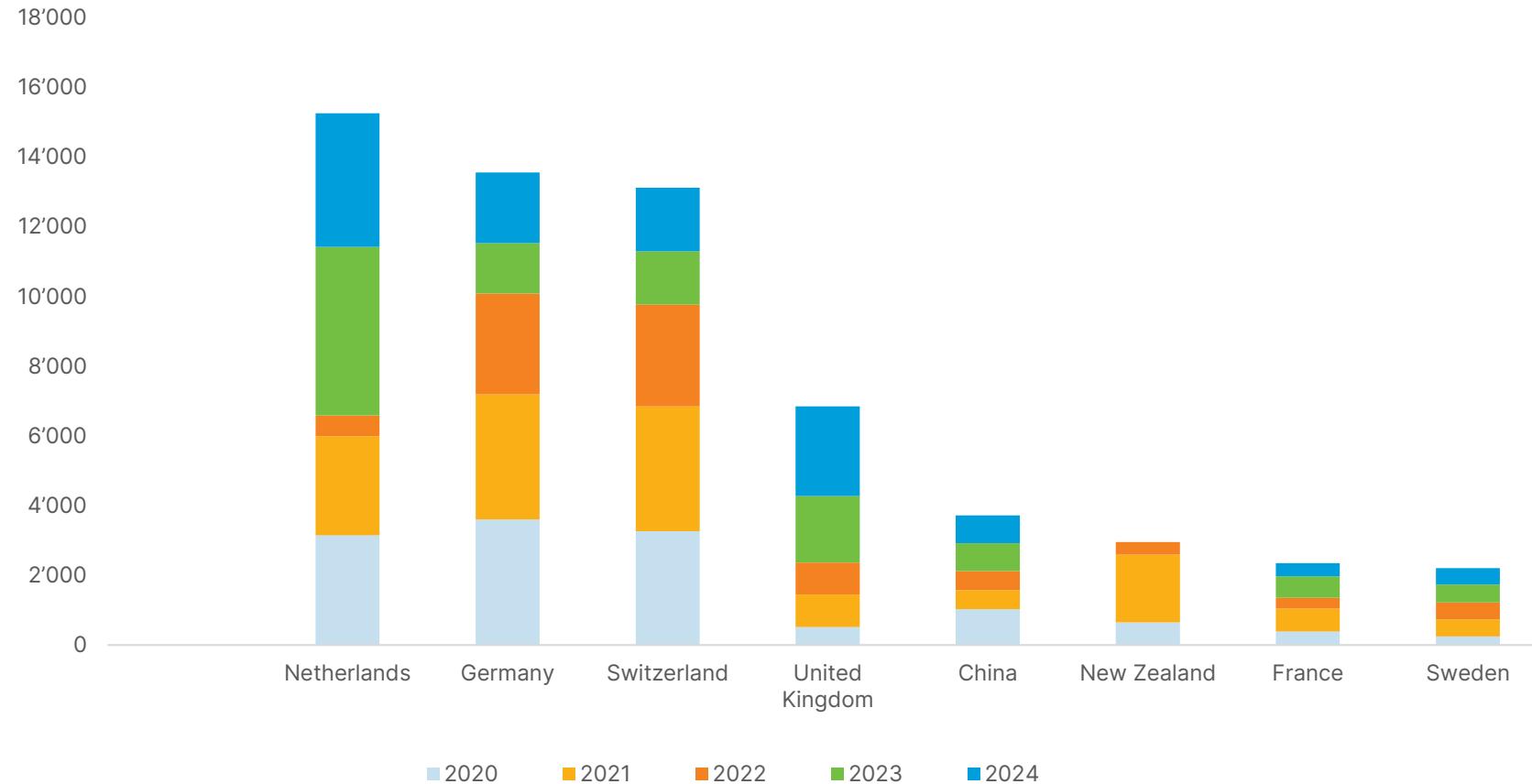
Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources  
(*Thousands of dollars*)





# Major contributors

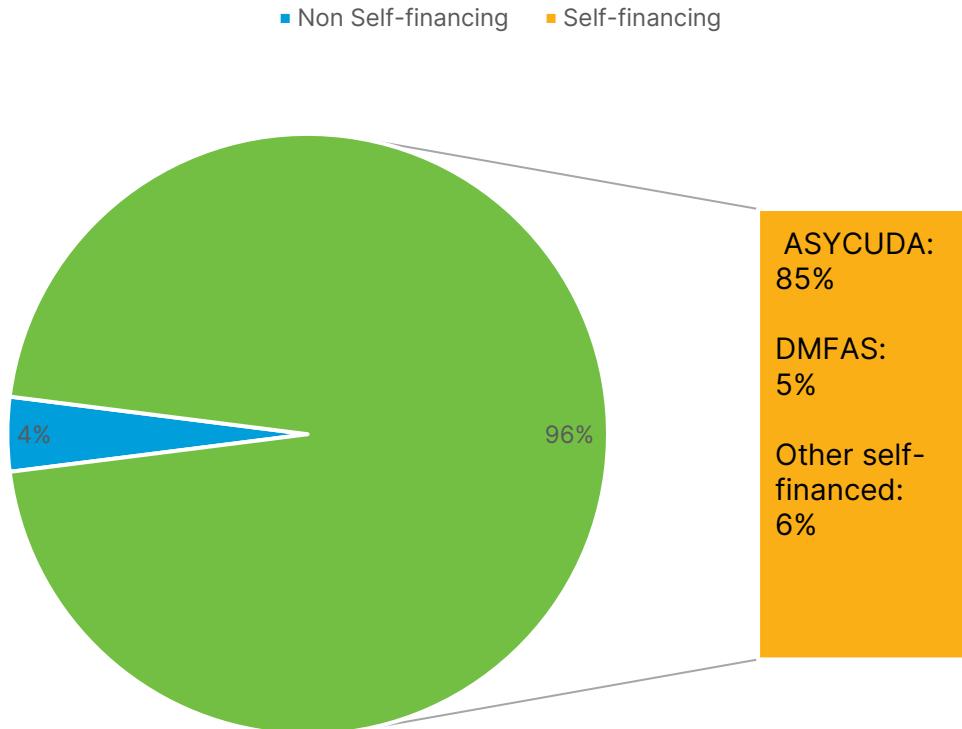
Accumulated contributions by major developed and developing economies  
(*Thousands of dollars*)





# Funding from developing economies

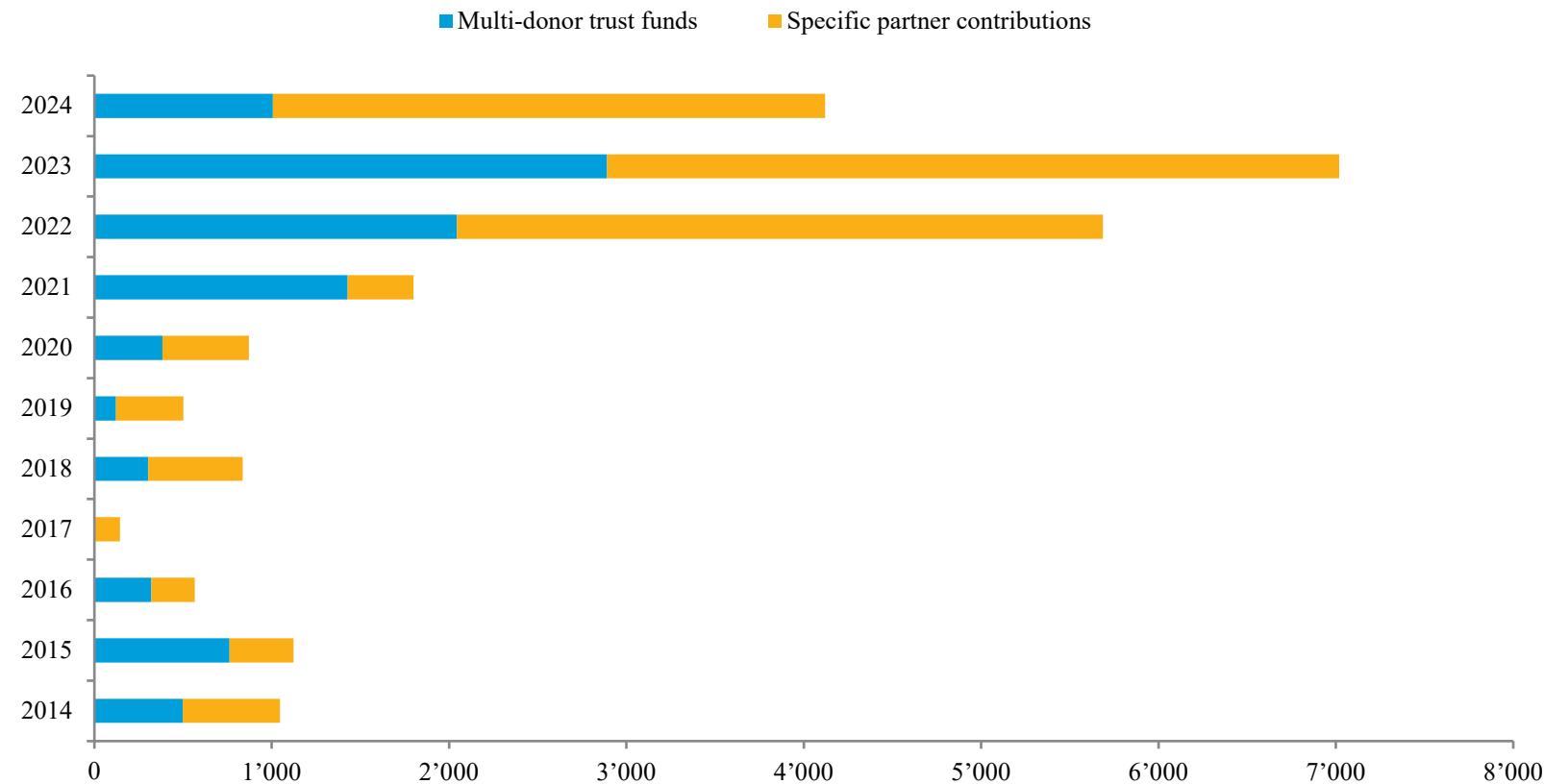
**Self-financing vs. Non self-financing, 2024**  
*(Share of developing economy funding)*





# “Delivering as one” funding mechanisms

UNCTAD's access to “Delivering as one” funding mechanisms  
(Thousands of dollars)





# RPTC & Development Account

In 2024, the expenditures under the regular programme of technical cooperation (RPTC) and the Development Account (DA) rose to US\$4.4 million.

## ► **RPTC (US\$2.02 million)**

- P166 courses
- E-commerce strategies
- Rules of origin for LDC group at WTO
- Support to climate negotiators from G77 and China

## ► **DA (US\$2.34 million)**

- Accelerated delivery in 2024 (+42%)
- T18: 4 UNCTAD projects endorsed for funding by DA Steering Committee (15% of funding envelope of T18); start implementation in 2026.



# Financing of JPOs

Contributing country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Germany	2	1	2	2	3
France	-	-	-	1	2
China	3	1	1	2	1
Italy	3	1	2	1	1
Japan	-	-	-	2	1
UK	-	-	1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	2	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

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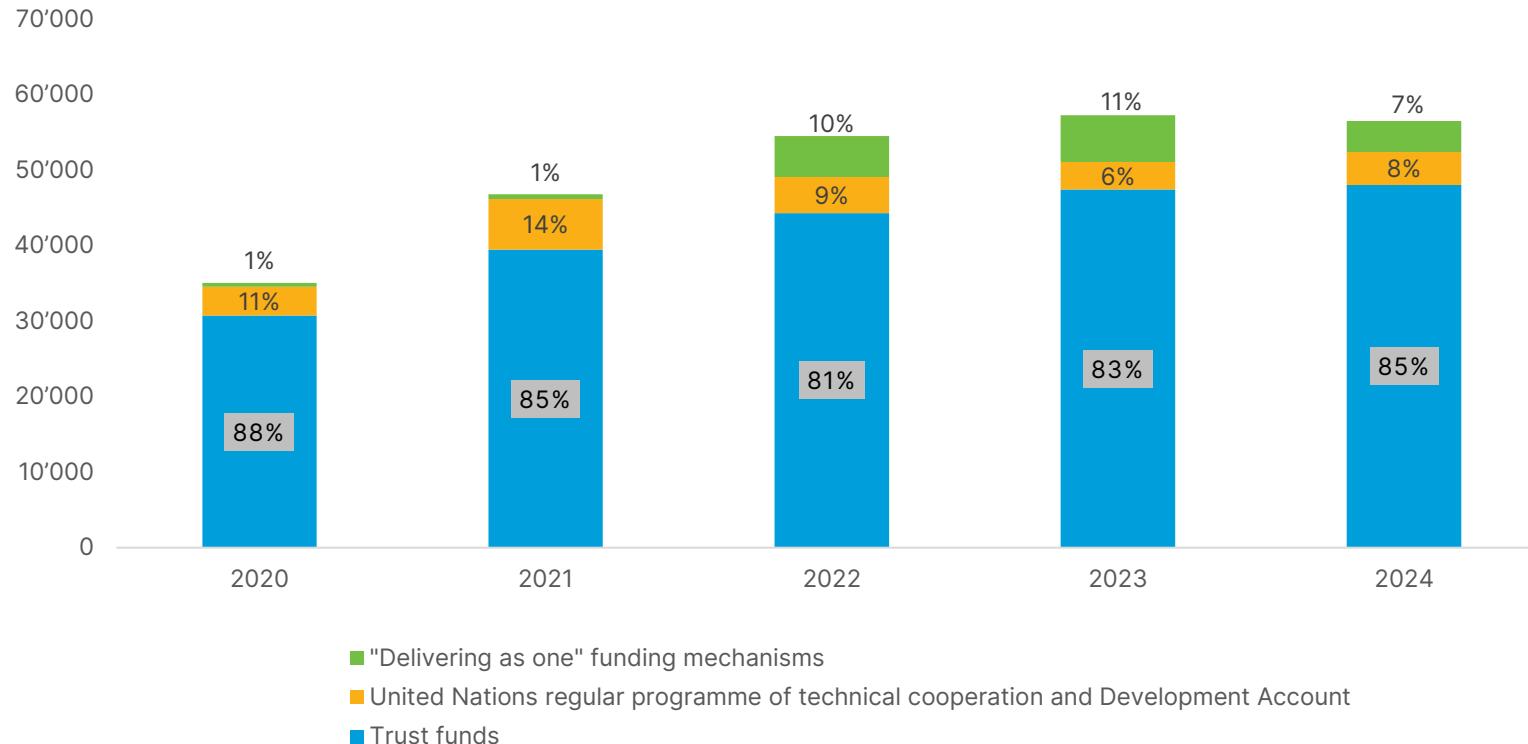
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# TC expenditures by funding source

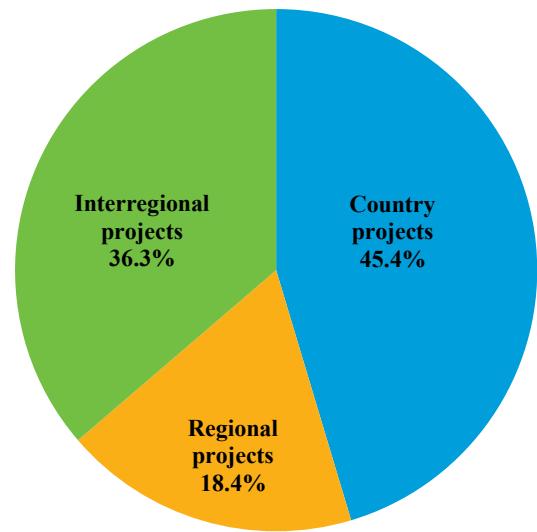
Technical cooperation expenditures, by funding source  
(Thousands of dollars)



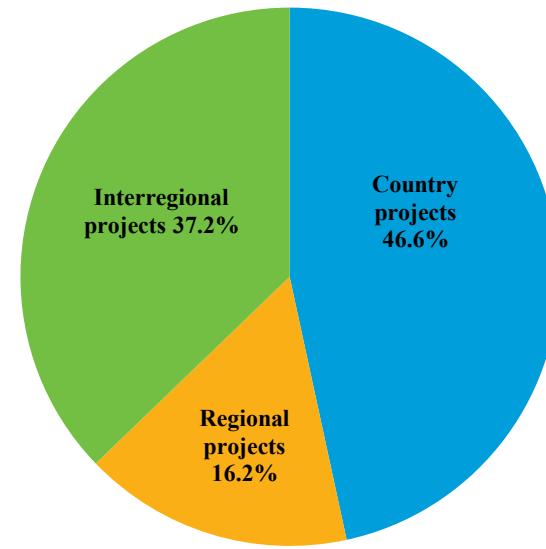


# TC expenditures by type of project

Share of yearly technical cooperation expenditures, by type of project



2023

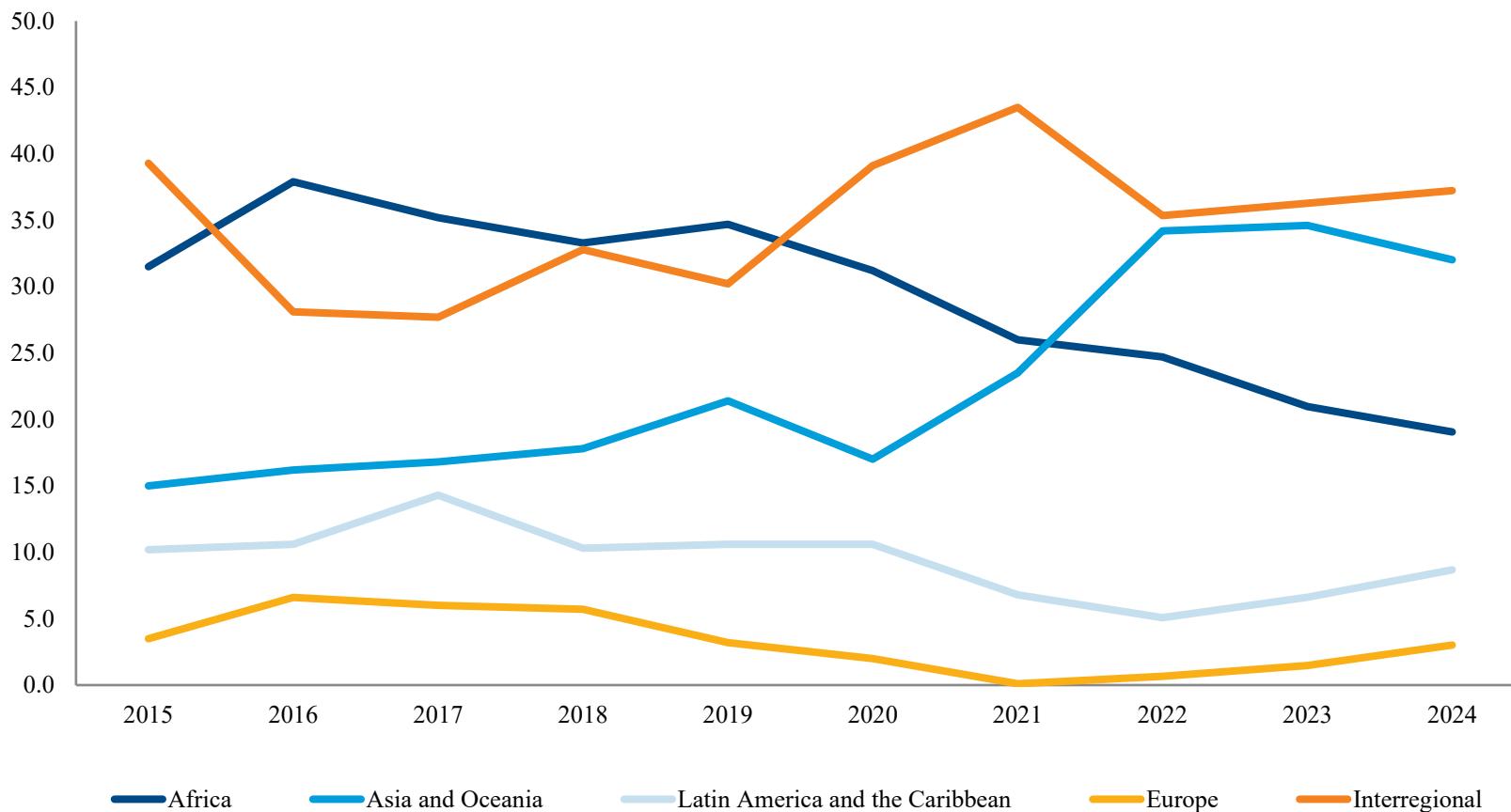


2024



# TC expenditures by region

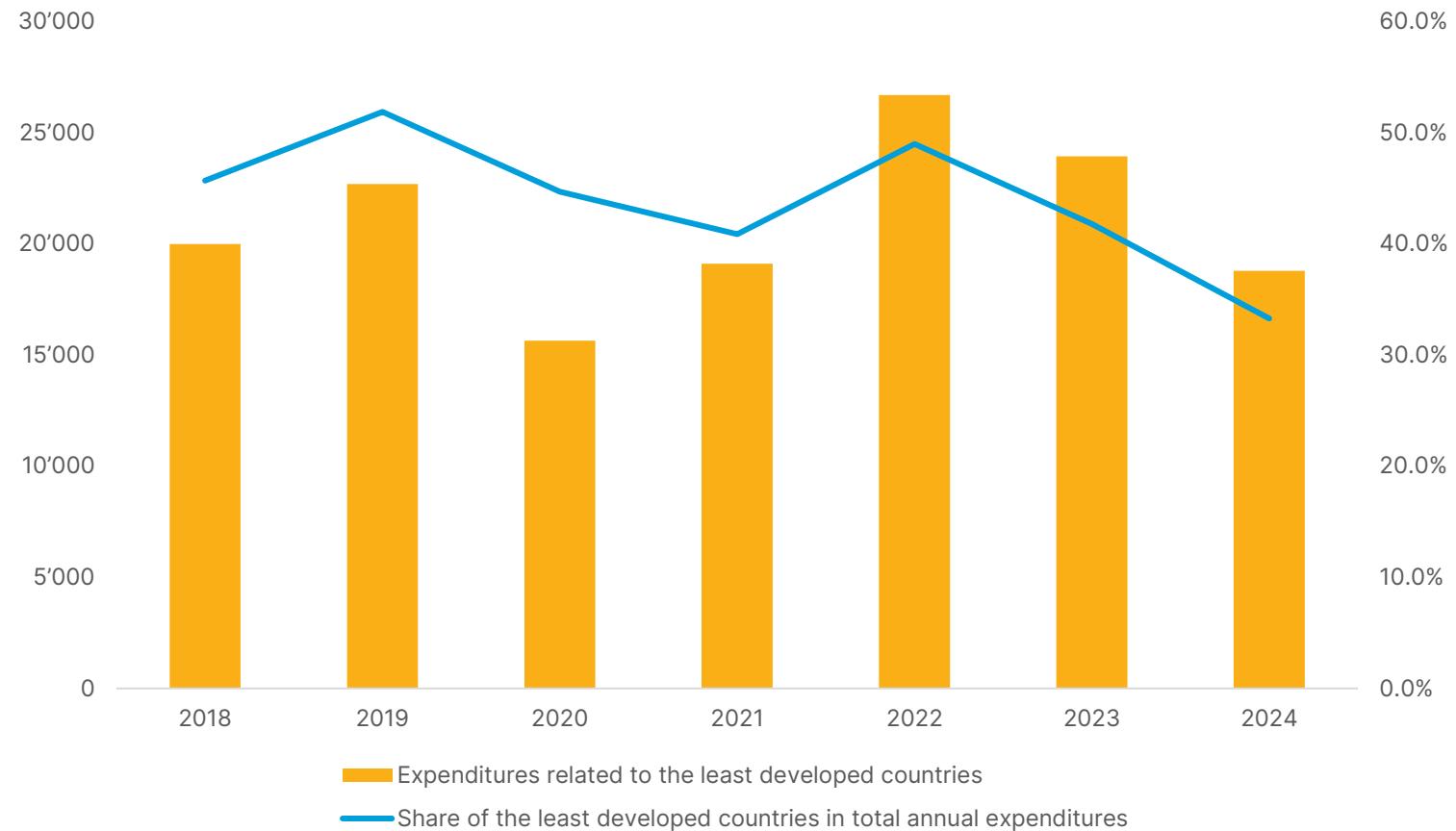
Share of yearly technical cooperation expenditures, by region  
(percentage)





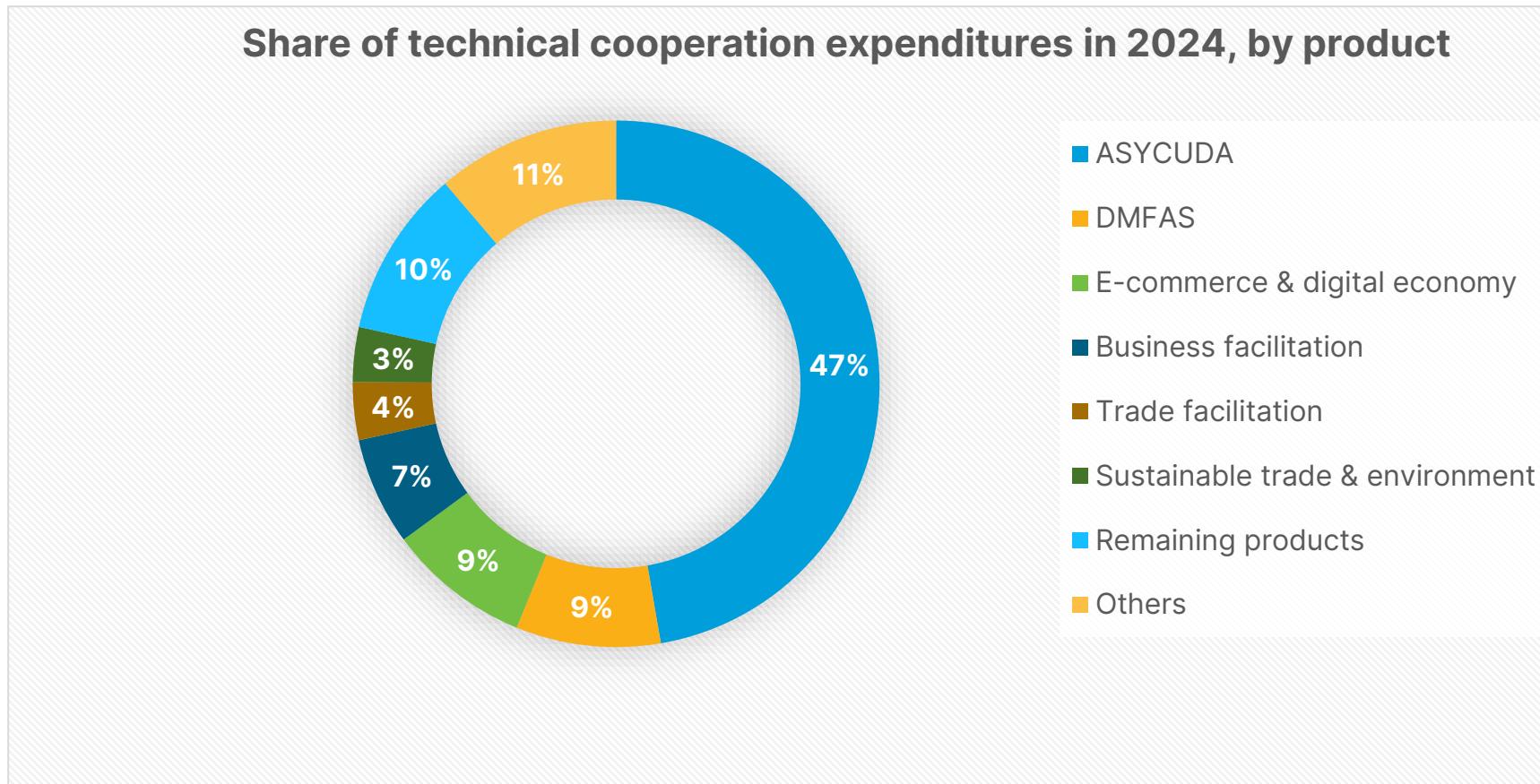
# TC expenditures for LDCs

Technical cooperation expenditures in support of LDCs  
(Thousands of dollars)





# TC expenditures by product





# TC expenditures by SDG

In 2024, UNCTAD technical cooperation contributed to 15 SDGs, especially to the following four Goals:



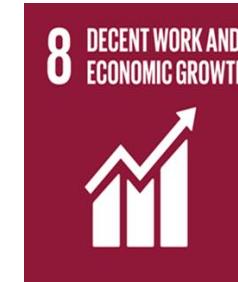
**17** PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**15** LIFE  
ON LAND



**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH

32%

21%

17%

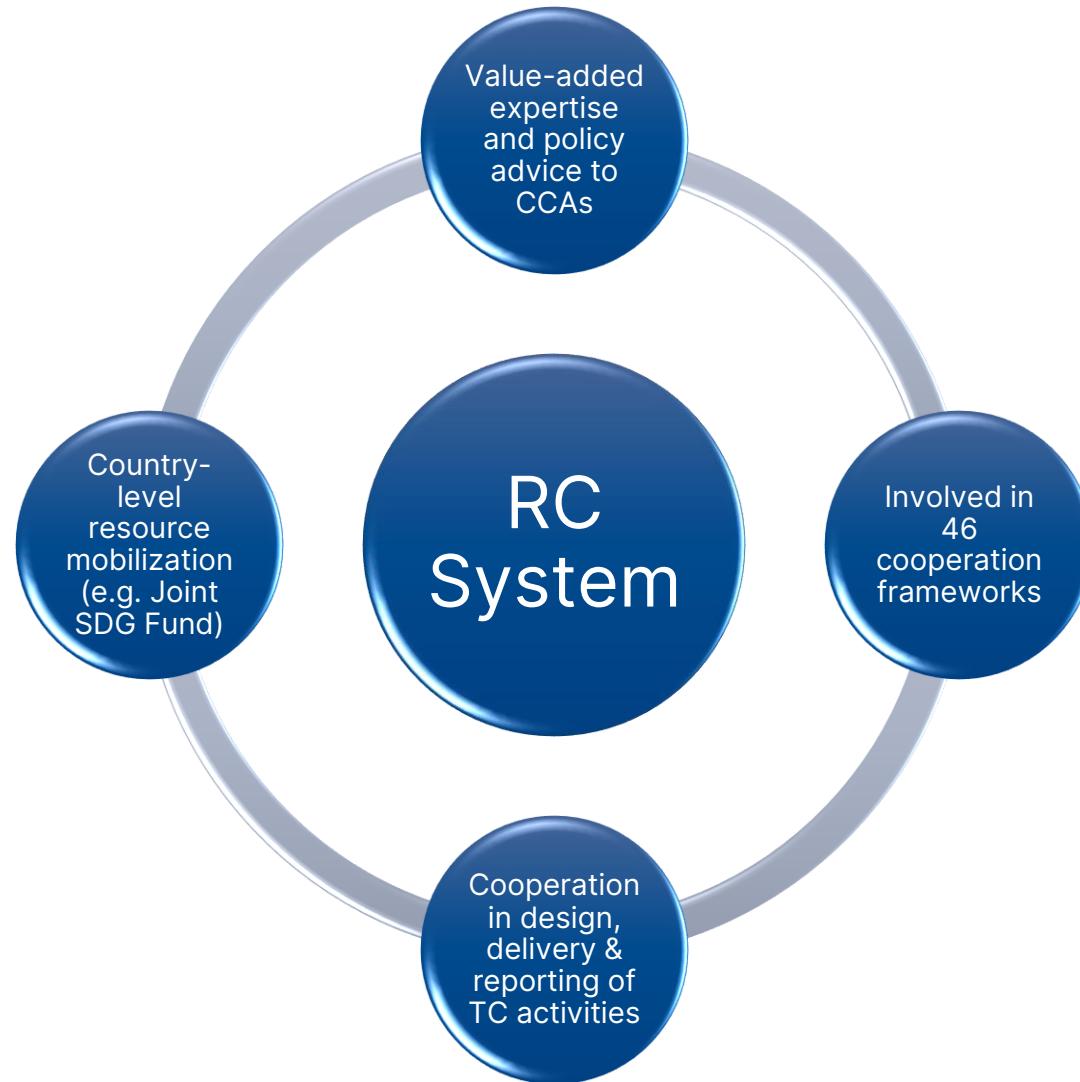
10%

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# ➤ Engaging in the reform of UN development system



# ➤ Technical cooperation requests



<https://unctad.org/projects/formal-requests-for-technical-cooperation>

## TC requests

- ▶ In 2024, 64 formal TC requests from 40 countries & 8 international and regional organizations.
- ▶ 3 products with the highest number of requests
  - Competition and consumer protection policies and frameworks (11)
  - ECDE (8) & NTM (8)
- ▶ 2020–2024, 200 requests requiring funds.

## Addressing requests

- ▶ Sought less-earmarked multi-year contributions, such as programmatic funding with multi-year horizons to DMFAS & ECDE.
- ▶ Explored new funding sources, including funding from the private sector

# ➤ Strengthening RBM

## Overarching results framework:

An online reporting tool for member States, providing access to the framework for 2022 & 2023, including performance indicators, with baseline data established in 2021.

### Example of DTL/ECDE

- ▶ Developed an e-trade reform tracker
- ▶ Prepared a road map & training materials to support deployment of the tool
- ▶ Drafted a model licence agreement to guide adoption of the tool

### Example of DIAE/Investment policy hub

- ▶ Investment Policy Monitor: AI tools tested to automate & scale up the monitoring, collection and classification of policy measures.
- ▶ Investment Laws Navigator: Added a new section on FDI screening laws to enable cross-country comparisons of key legal features.

# ➤ Integrating gender equality in TC

## Application of Gender Equality Marker (GEM)

### ▶ Actions in 2024:

- Adapted 4-point GEM scale to UNCTAD TC
- Decided to introduce an in-house quality assurance system
- Discussed UNCTAD approach with UN WOMEN

### ▶ Actions in 2025:

- In July 2025, started to apply adapted GEM and the quality assurance system to all new TC projects.



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# ➤ Way forward



## Delivery

- ▶ Provide unwavering support on trade & development to developing countries in line with Geneva Consensus, in particular
- Prioritize vulnerable groups of countries in TC
- Deliver operational activities in an agile and innovative way (e.g. digital tools)
- Continue engagement with RC system

## Funding

- ▶ Diversify the funding base & explore innovative funding mechanisms
- ▶ Call on sustainable & predictable funding (e.g. programme-based multi-year contributions)
- ▶ Call on contributions to Trust fund for the LDCs & Trust fund for SIDS

# Thank you

