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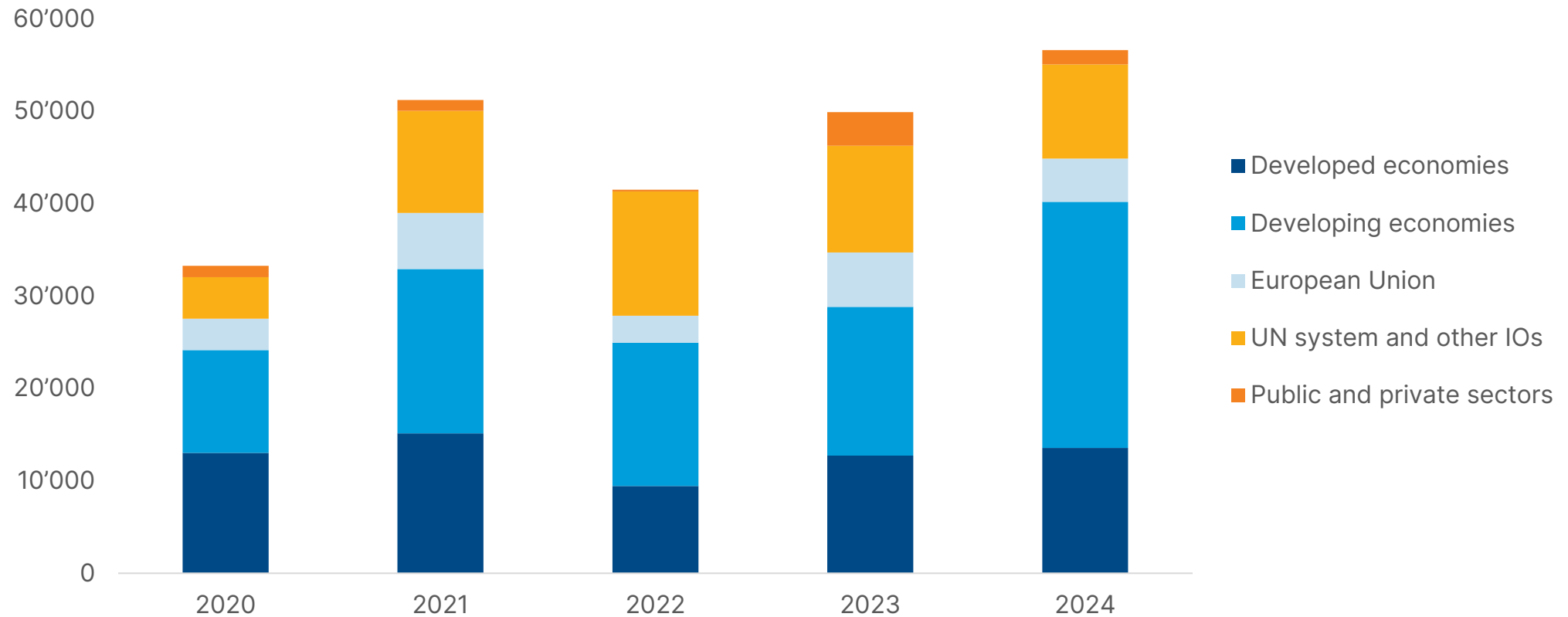
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2. **Expenditures & allocation of resources**
3. **Structure & functioning**
4. **Way forward**



Trust Fund Resources

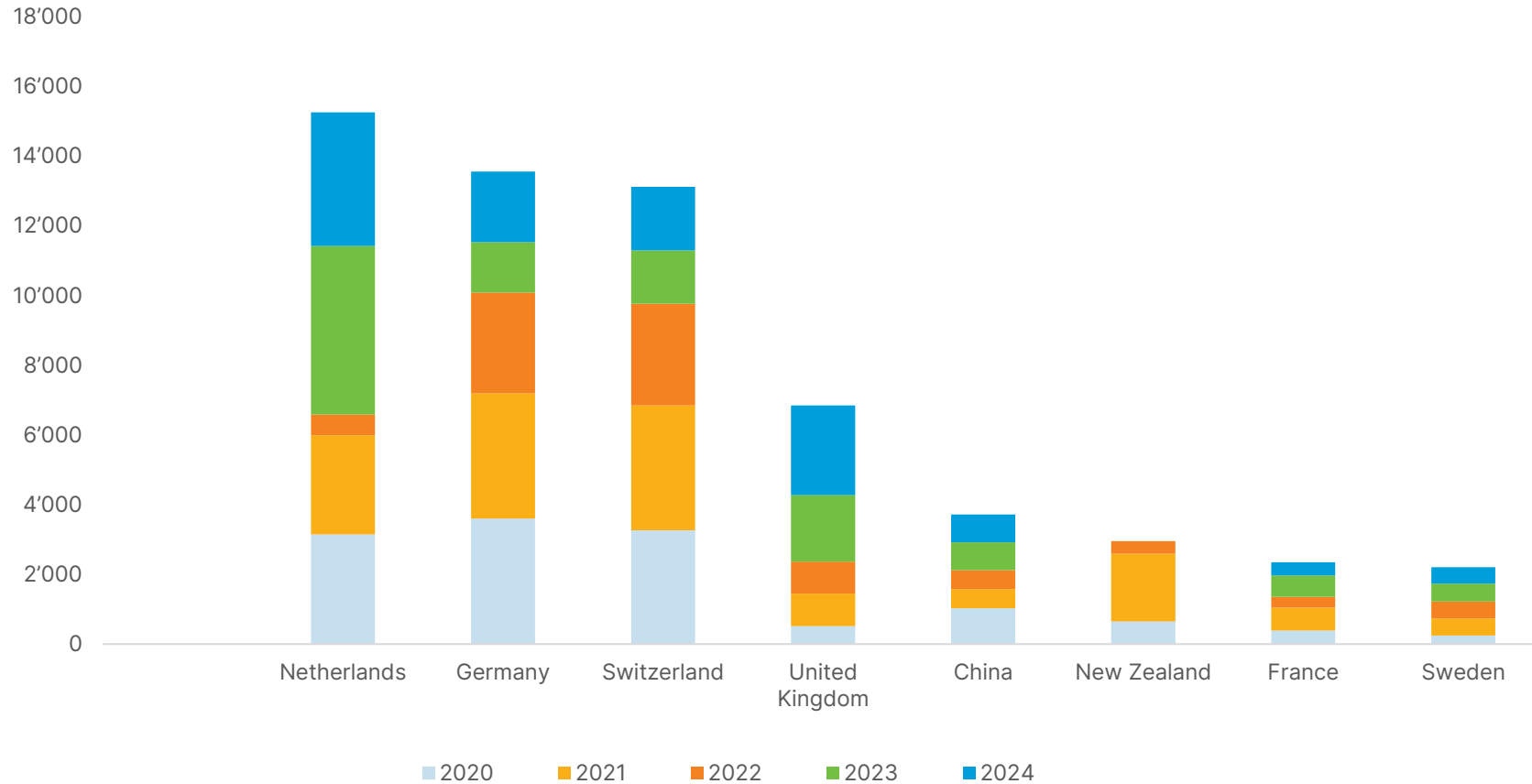
Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources
(Thousands of dollars)





Major contributors

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

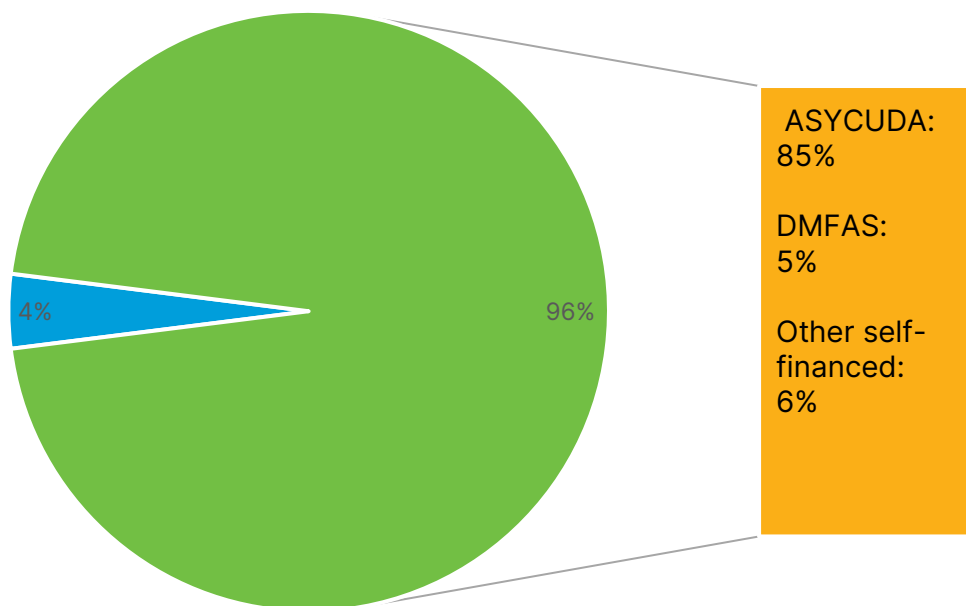




Funding from developing economies

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

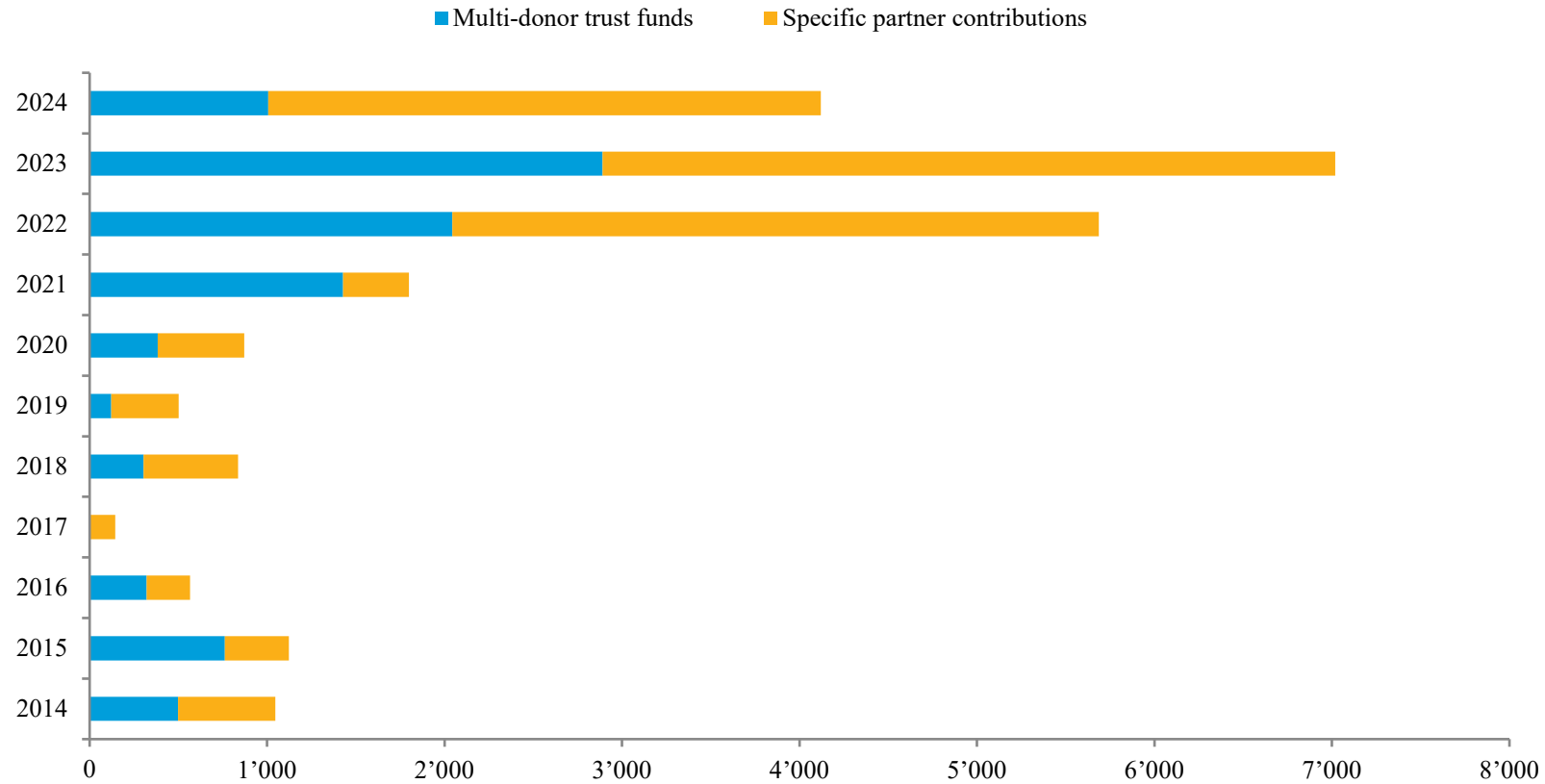
■ Non Self-financing ■ Self-financing





“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	-	-
Total	9	5	8	9	9

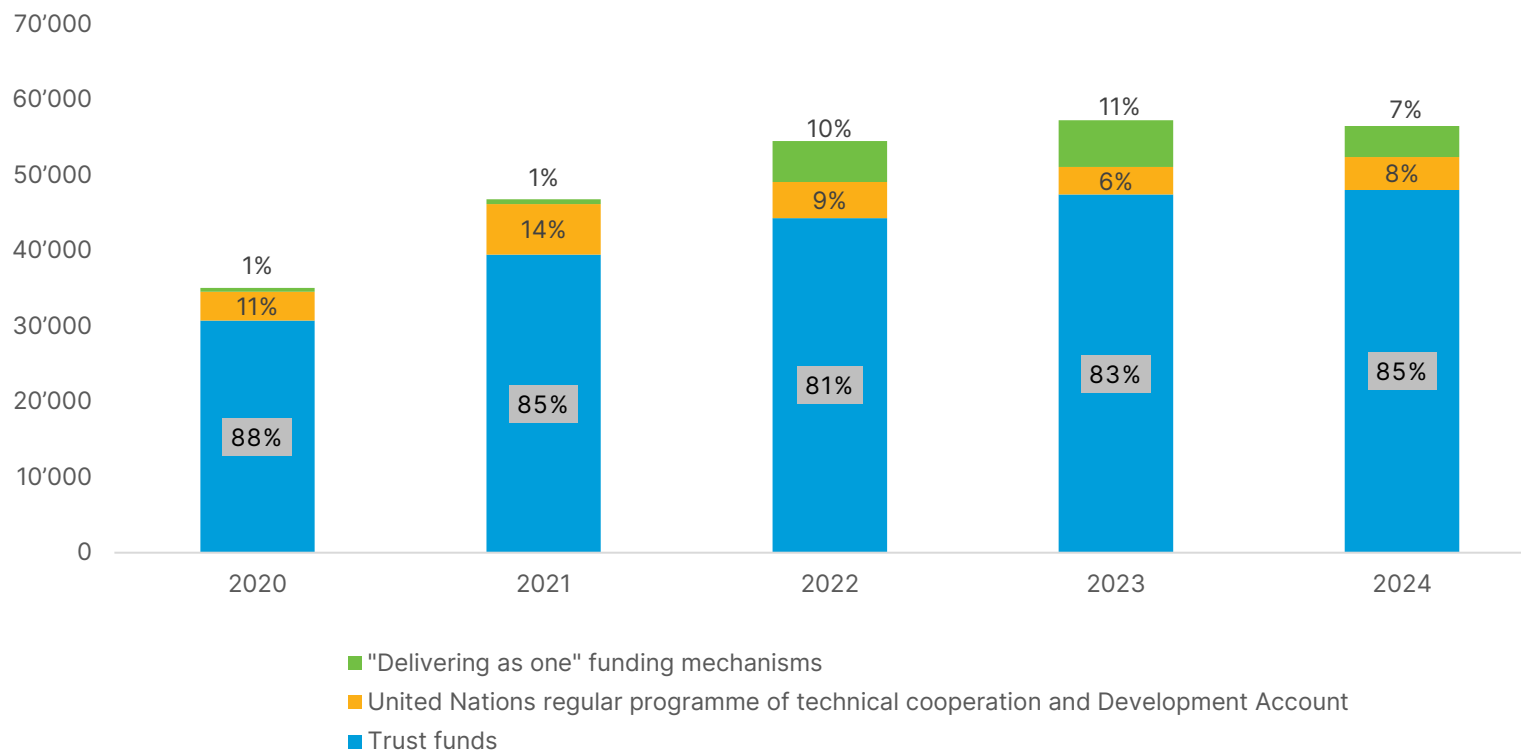
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TC expenditures by funding source

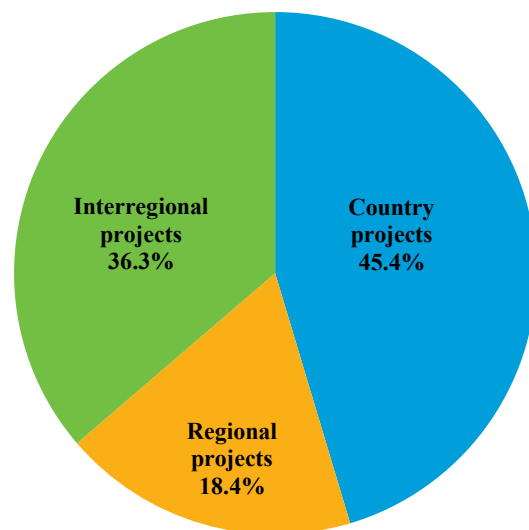
Technical cooperation expenditures, by funding source
(Thousands of dollars)



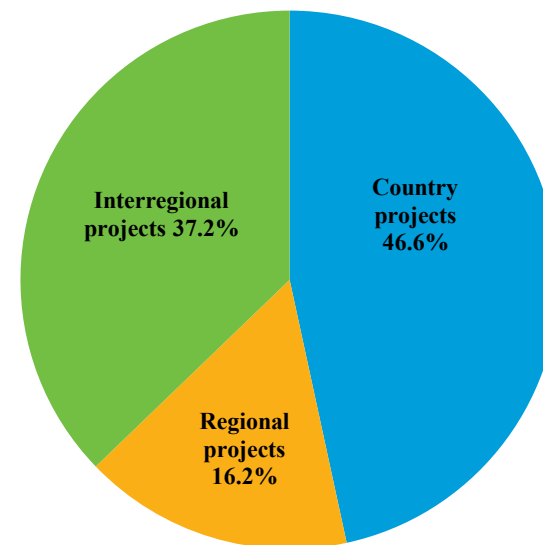


TC expenditures by type of project

Share of yearly technical cooperation expenditures, by type of project



2023

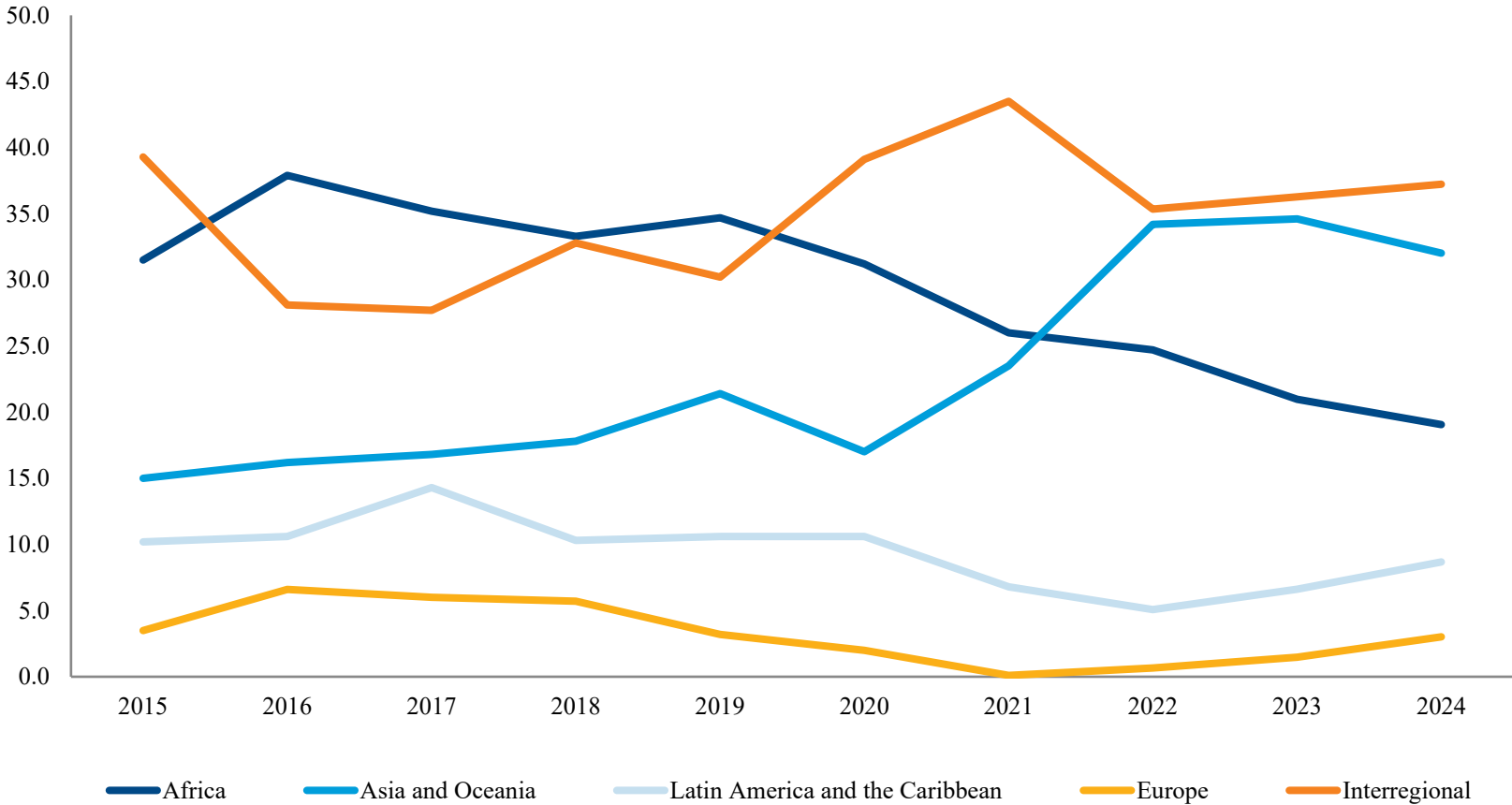


2024



TC expenditures by region

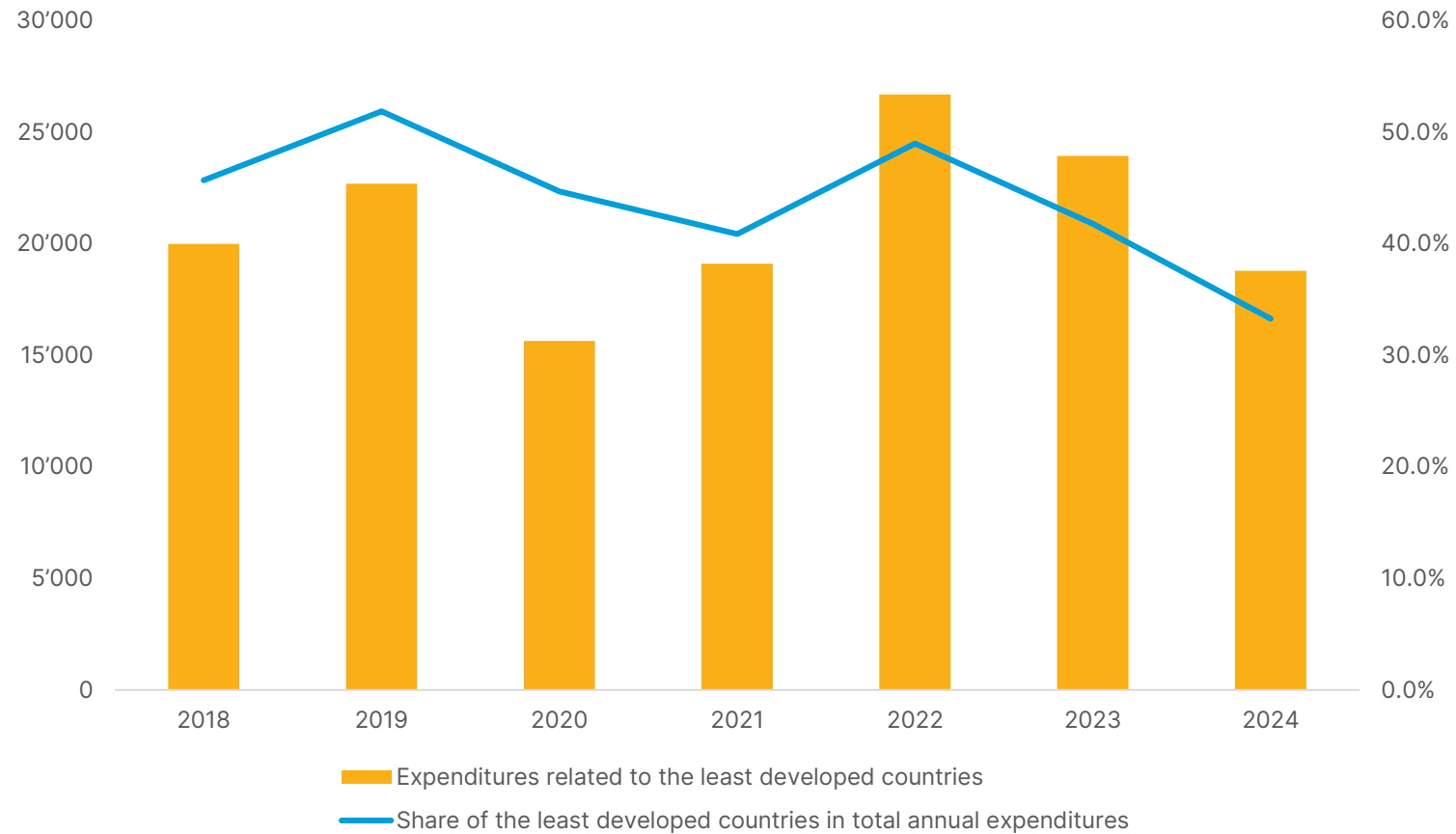
Share of yearly technical cooperation expenditures, by region
(percentage)





TC expenditures for LDCs

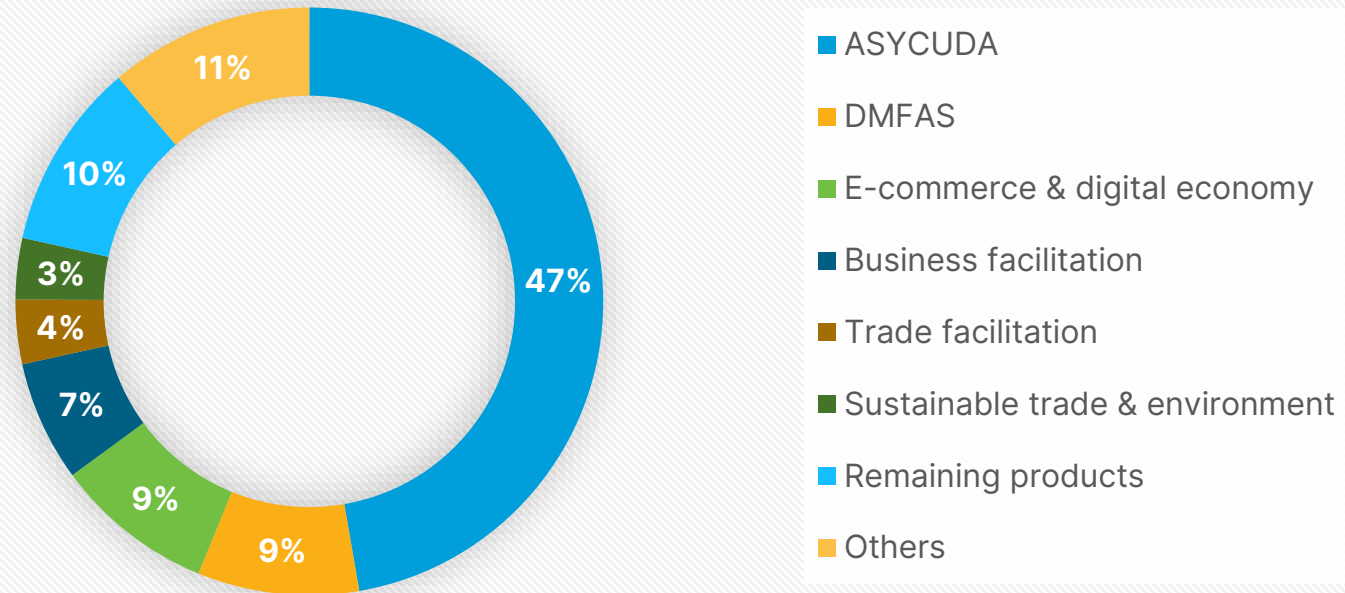
Technical cooperation expenditures in support of LDCs
(Thousands of dollars)





TC expenditures by product

Share of technical cooperation expenditures in 2024, by product





TC expenditures by SDG

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



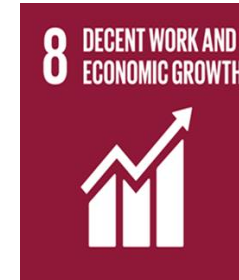
32%



21%



17%

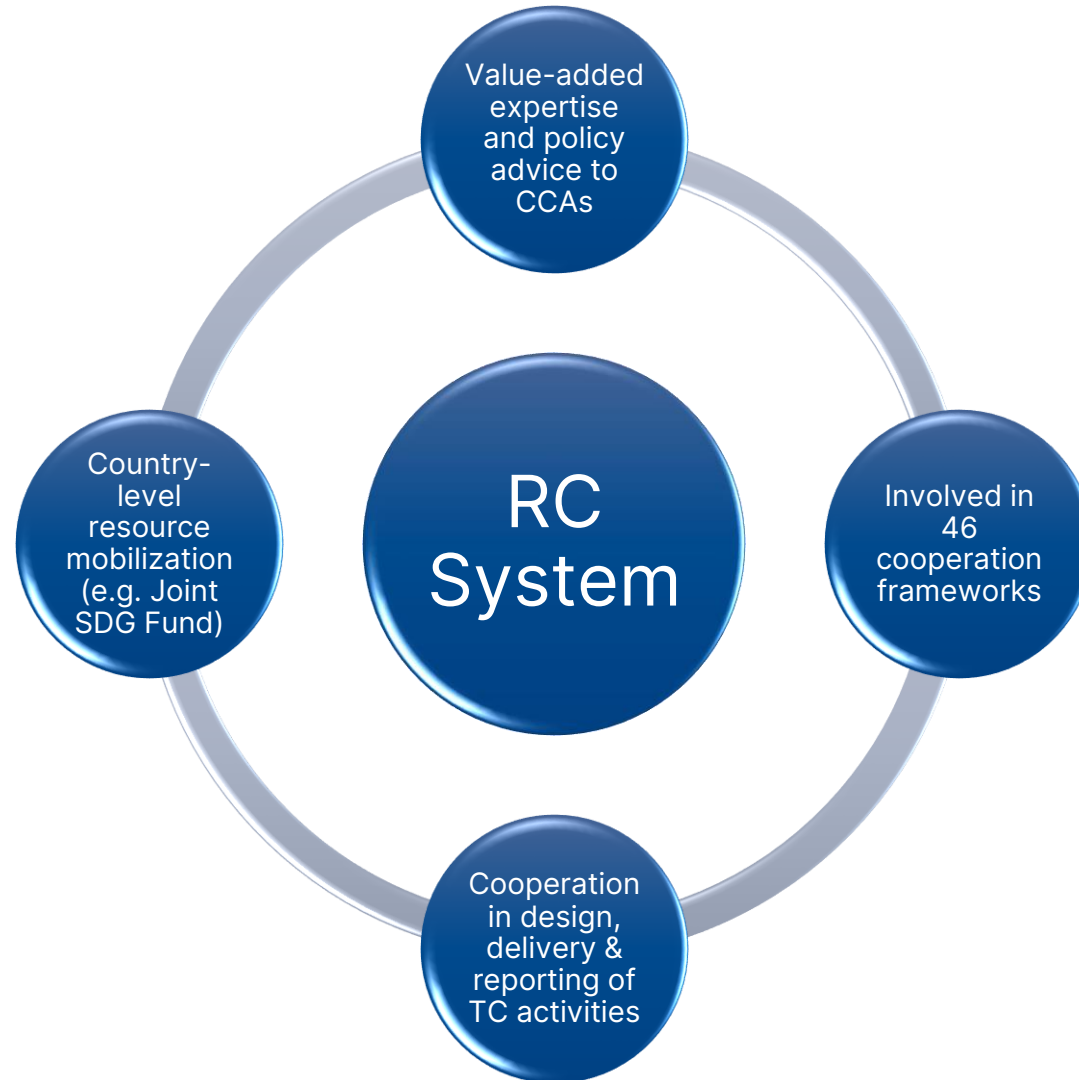


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➤ Engaging in the reform of UN development system



➤ 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

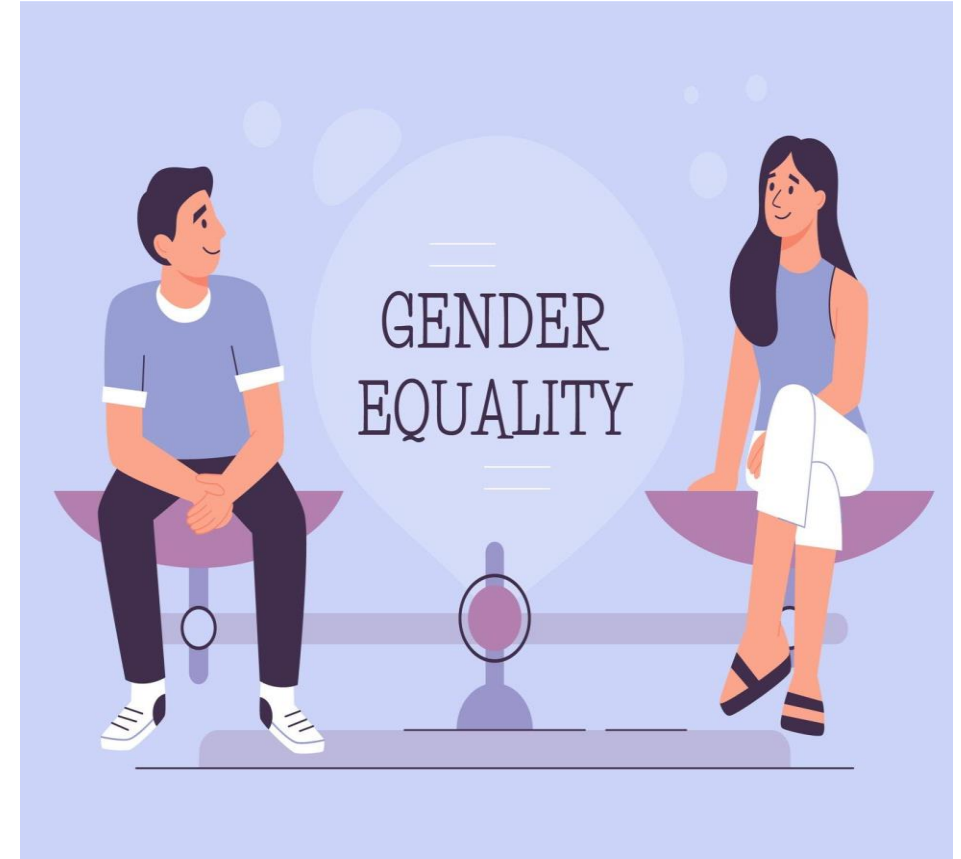
Application of Gender Equality Marker (GEM)

► 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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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

