



A RALLYING CRY FOR LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

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On 18-19 September 2023, world leaders will gather at the [SDG Summit](#) in New York for the mid-point review of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and the implementation of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Summit is expected to adopt a political declaration that will provide a road map for putting the world back on track to achieve the SDGs by their 2030 deadline. The Summit will be informed by the [2023 Global Sustainable Development Report](#) prepared by an independent group of scientists and the [2023 Special Edition of the SDG Progress Report](#) by the Secretary-General. More information about the 2023 SDG Summit is available on the website at: hlpf.un.org/sdg-summit.


Advance unedited version of the 2023 Special Edition of the SDG Progress Report released

An advance unedited version of the [2023 Special Edition of the SDG Progress Report](#) was released on 25 April to inform the preparations for the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development in July and the SDG Summit in September. In his briefing to UN Member States on 25 April, the Secretary-General [highlighted](#) that insufficient progress is being made towards achieving the SDGs. In their responses, delegations appreciated the report and shared his assessment of the urgency of the situation.

UN DESA held a press briefing on 26 April on the main recommendations and findings of the Report. The finalized Report will become available and presented in conjunction with the HLPF in July.

The political process in the lead-up to the SDG Summit 2023

The Co-Facilitators for the political declaration of the SDG Summit will convene informal consultations on 16 May to hear views on the zero draft. The zero draft is expected to be released about 10 days before the informal consultations, and it will be posted on the [SDG Summit webpage](#).



Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) have been invited to submit written inputs on the [elements paper](#) by the Co-Facilitators of the political declaration of the SDG Summit. The following MGoS have submitted their inputs: [MGoS](#), [Business and Industry Major Group](#), [Farmer's Major Group](#), [Indigenous Peoples](#), [NGO Major Group](#), [Scientific and Technological Community Major Group](#), [Women's Major Group](#), [Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism](#), [LGBTI Stakeholder Group](#), [Persons with Disabilities](#), [Sendai Group](#), [Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent](#), [Together 2030](#), [Volunteers](#), [Major Group for Children and Youth](#).

ECOSOC Youth Forum

Held on 25-27 April, the [ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023](#) addressed this year's theme of the ECOSOC and July HLPF on "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels". It also reviewed progress in the areas of clean water and sanitation (SDG 6), affordable and clean energy (SDG 7), industry, innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), and partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17). On the last day of the Forum, young people had an opportunity to share their recommendations and innovative ideas in preparation for the SDG Summit. They discussed how to achieve the SDGs with and for youth, strengthening trust in multilateralism, and presented their insights and recommendations in the lead-up to SDG Summit. These insights and recommendations resulted from a global consultation held in March-April 2023, which attracted over 600 participants from more than 100 countries. The ECOSOC Youth Forum, convened by the President of ECOSOC, was co-organized by UN DESA and the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (OSGEY), in collaboration with the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD), the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) and the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO).

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The preparatory process for the [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#) (HLPF), held under the auspices of ECOSOC on 10-19 July 2023, is underway. Around 70 inputs from the ECOSOC Functional Commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums have been submitted to the HLPF. The advance unedited version of the [synthesis of inputs](#) and the [discussion papers](#) on the theme of the HLPF submitted by MGoS are available. [Registration](#) for the MGoS and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC to the HLPF is open until 25 June 2023. [Application of side events](#) and [application of exhibitions](#) are open until 31 May 2023. For more information, please see the HLPF website at: hlpf.un.org/2023.

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development readying the regions for the 2023 HLPF and the SDG Summit

As the main mechanisms for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level, the Regional Sustainable Development Forums serve as important preparatory events towards the July HLPF and the SDG Summit. Since the last



issue of this newsletter, the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development for the [Asia and Pacific](#) and [UNECE](#) regions were convened in Bangkok on 27-30 March, and Geneva on 29-30 March respectively. Concluding the series of the 2023 Regional Sustainable Development Forums, the [Forum of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean](#) took place in Santiago, Chile, on 26-28 April. The Forum provided a space for peer learning through a set of interactive sessions, in which the Forum's member countries could identify good practices and later present their recommendations at the HLPF. The reports of the Regional Forums are available [here](#).

Fraudulent email warning

The Secretariat of the SDG Summit has been made aware of fraudulent emails that are being circulating regarding the SDG Summit, including preparatory events. Please consult the [SDG Summit website](#) for accurate details about the Summit and its preparations.

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