



Overview

What and when

The 2023 SDG Summit will convene on 18-19 September 2023 during the United Nations General Assembly High-Level week. World leaders will gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to reaffirm their collective commitment to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and its 17 [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

Why?

The 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs represent a global promise to secure the rights and well-being of everyone on a healthy, thriving planet. However, halfway to our 2030 deadline, the Goals are in jeopardy. Progress has stalled or even reversed amidst the climate crisis, the economic downturn, conflicts and the lingering impact of COVID-19. More specifically, the number of people living in extreme poverty is **higher than it was four years ago**. Hunger has also increased and is now **back at 2005 levels**, and gender equality is **some 300 years away**. With current trends, only 30 percent of all countries will achieve SDG 1 on poverty by 2030.

The Summit is a defining moment to urgently put the world back on track to achieving the SDGs.

Chaired by the President of the General Assembly, the Summit will be an opportunity to review progress and gaps in achieving the SDGs. It will negotiate an agreed [political declaration](#) and provide high-level political guidance on transformative, accelerated actions to reach the Goals by their 2030 endpoint.

Who's taking part?

Heads of State and Government will attend the Summit. Political and thought leaders from governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, women and youth and other actors will also take part.

Background

In 2015, United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals require action by all countries, developed and developing, to end poverty and achieve a spectrum of social, economic, environmental and climate goals.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is part of a set of mutually reinforcing international agreements that also include the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

This will be the second SDG Summit since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015. It will build on other major events in 2023, including international conferences on the least developed countries, water, disaster risk reduction and food systems. It will also be a step towards the Summit of the Future to be convened at the United Nations in 2024.