



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2023 Meeting Easy Read Information and Agenda



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## Background to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



There are 17 things that countries are working on to make the world better by the year 2030.



For example, making sure that no one is poor and giving everyone a good education.



This work is called the Sustainable Development Goals. Or SDGs for short.



The High-Level Political Forum is organised by the United Nations and is one of the ways that countries talk to each other about what they are doing towards the goals.

## What's happening this year?



"Sustainable" means doing things in a way that doesn't harm the Earth or make things hard for people in the future to live well.



"Development" means making things better in a community or society by improving people's lives. It includes making progress in important areas like education, healthcare, roads, and the economy. Development is like building a stronger and happier place to live by improving the things that matter most to people.

## Background to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



If you want to know more about the Sustainable Development Goals, you can:



Look at this Easy Read - <https://www.medbox.org/document/agenda-2030-sustainable-development-goals-easy-read#GO>



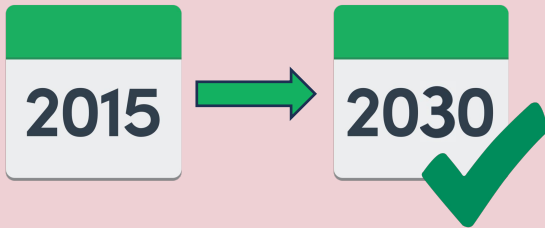
Watch this video - <https://www.un.org/en/sustainable-development-goals>

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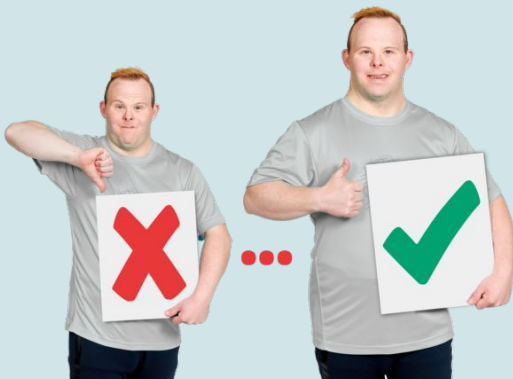


The High-Level Political Forum 2023 is a meeting which will look at work that countries are doing together to make the world better for everyone by the year 2030.

## What's happening this year?



When the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were created in 2015, the plan was for them to be achieved by 2030.

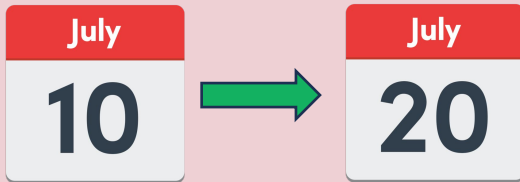


We are halfway towards 2030, so this meeting will look at the progress made towards reaching these goals.



It will also look at how countries are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## About the meeting



The meeting will take place over 2 weeks. It starts on Monday 10th July and ends on Thursday 20th July.



It is being held at the New York UN Headquarters.

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There are two rooms being used.

Conference Room 4 and  
The General Assembly Hall.



This document tells you what is happening each day and which room each part of the meeting is taking place in.





# Week 1 – Agenda

Monday, 10 July to Friday, 14 July



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## Day 1 - Monday, 10 July - Morning

### 10am to 11am – General Assembly Hall

Opening

The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development begins. It is part of the United Nations. The President of ECOSOC will speak.

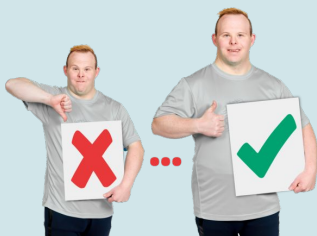


ECOSOC, short for the United Nations Economic and Social Council, is an important organization that works to improve the lives of people around the world. It's like a big group of countries that come together to talk about and find solutions to issues around the world.

### 11am – 1pm - General Assembly Hall

Overcoming the crises, driving transformation for the SDGs, and leaving no one behind.

What progress has been made toward the Sustainable Development Goals?



Is the work countries are doing about their crisis helping to get closer towards the goals?

What can we do to make the Sustainable Development Goals happen?

What have we learned?



## Day 1 - Monday, 10 July - Afternoon

### 3pm – 4:30pm – Conference Room 4

Financing our crisis response and investing in the Sustainable Development Goals.



In this meeting we will talk about making sure that everyone has money to make the world better for everyone by 2030.

### 4:30 – 6pm - Conference Room 4

Science, technology and innovation: Triggering transformation and sustaining a science driven recovery

This meeting will discuss, how science and technology can help with the Sustainable Development Goals.



Science and technology are about things like:

- Finding out how things in the world work
- New ideas
- Computers, phones and the internet

## Day 2 – Tuesday, 11 July - Morning

### 10am – 1pm - Conference Room 4

Sustainable Development Goals in Focus - 6 – Clean water and Sanitation



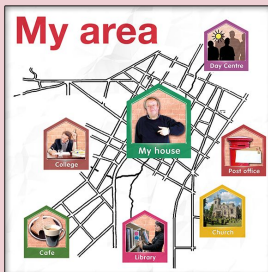
In this meeting we will talk about, how we can make sure everyone has access to clean water and sanitation.

\* Sanitation means having clean and healthy conditions, including access to toilets and proper waste management, to keep ourselves and our communities safe and free from diseases.

## Day 2 – Tuesday, 11 July - Afternoon

### 3pm to 4:15pm - Conference Room 4

Transformation from the ground up: Acting at local level



In this meeting we will talk about:

What local governments and organizations are doing to work towards the Sustainable Development Goals?

How can they be supported?

### 4:15pm to 6pm - Conference Room 4

Small Island Developing States From recovery to resilience in the face of multiple shocks



In this meeting we will talk about:

How can we help Small Island States to deal with crisis?

We will hear about what they have been doing and what has been working and what needs to change.

## Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 July – Morning

### 10am – 1pm - Conference Room 4

Sustainable Development Goals in Focus - 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy



How are the crises impacting access to affordable and clean energy?

How can we speed up the transition to cleaner energy sources?

How can we work together to make change happen?

## Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 July – Afternoon

### 3pm to 6pm - Conference Room 4

Sustainable Development Goals in Focus - 9 – Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



How can we improve industries by trying new things?

What can we do better to build sustainable infrastructure, like roads and buildings.

How can we help our societies recover from challenges, become stronger, and make progress towards achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals.



## Day 4 - Thursday, 13 July – Morning

### 10am to 10:10am - Conference Room 4

Introduction of the report on the 10-Year Framework of Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns



This meeting will look at a report on how we are reducing the amount of things we use around the world.

### 10:10am – 1pm - Conference Room 4

Sustainable Development Goals in Focus - 11 – Sustainable cities and communities



What can we learn from the things cities have done during crisis?

How can we make sure that no one is left behind during pandemic recovery?

What is being done to manage the growth of cities, protect rural areas, and reduce pollution?

## Day 4 - Thursday, 13 July – Afternoon

### 3pm to 4:15pm - Conference Room 4

Overcoming middle-income countries' challenges in advancing the 2030 Agenda



In this meeting we will talk about:

How are middle income countries working towards the Sustainable Development goals?

What is stopping them making progress?

What needs to happen so they can work past challenges?

### 4:15pm to 6pm - Conference Room 4

African countries, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries: Turning the tide, regaining lost ground and embarking on the road to the Sustainable Development Goals



In this meeting we will talk about:

The poorest countries in the world. Many of these are in Africa.

How can we change the way we share resources in the world?

How can we make things better?



## Day 5 - Friday, 14 July – Morning

### 9am to 11am - Conference Room 4

Perspectives from major groups and other stakeholders at the mid-point of the SDGs: Towards inclusive transformation

In this meeting we will talk about:

How do non-governmental groups and organizations experience the effects of COVID-19 and other crises?

Are they able to take part and create change?

What are their priority areas to make change?



### 11am to 1pm - Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews

In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Comoros, Liechtenstein, Zambia.



## Day 5 - Friday, 14 July – Afternoon

### 3pm to 6pm - Conference Room 4

#### Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Barbados, Rwanda, Vietnam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia and The Syrian Arab Republic.

### End of week 1



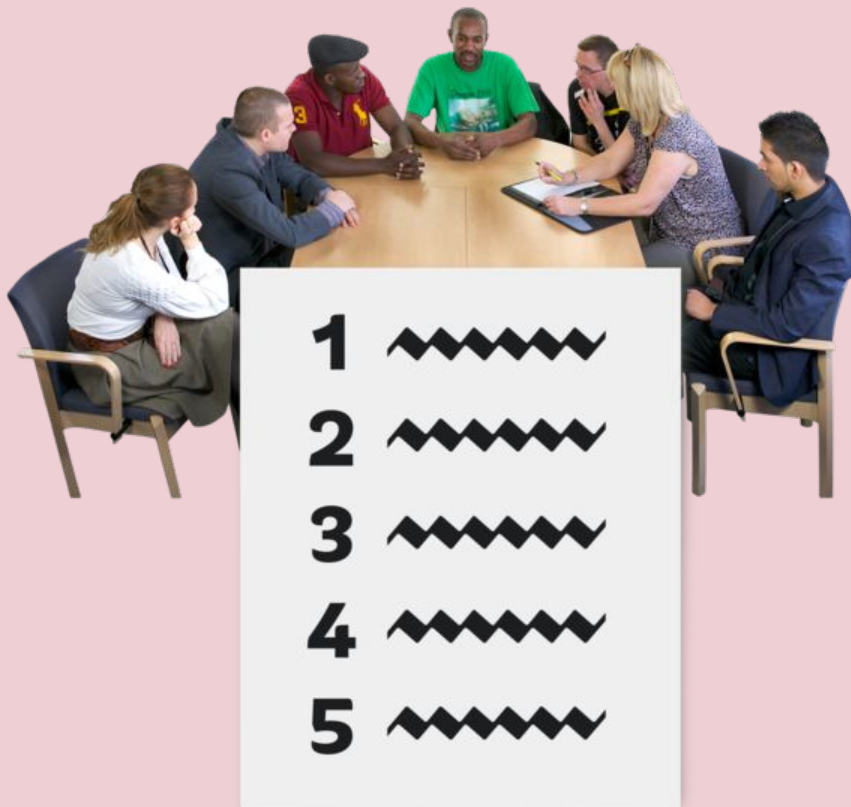
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It starts again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

# Week 2 – Agenda

Monday, 17 July to Thursday, 20 July



## Day 6 - Monday, 17 July - Morning

### 9am to 10:15am – General Assembly Hall

#### Ministerial Opening

Some leaders from the United Nations and some young people will start this part of the meeting.



People speaking include The President of ECOSOC, The Secretary-General, The President of the General Assembly and Youth representatives

### 10:15am to 10:45am - General Assembly Hall

#### Fireside Chat featuring GSDR scientists

A conversation with scientists who have worked on the Global Sustainable Development Report.



This report helps review what progress has been made towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

### 10:45am to 1pm - General Assembly Hall

#### Building momentum towards the SDG Summit



In this meeting leaders of countries will talk about the 2030 Agenda.

## Day 6 - Monday, 17 July - Afternoon



There are two meetings happening at the same time.

### 3pm to 6pm – Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana, Romania, Central African Republic, Chile, Uzbekistan

### 3pm – 6pm – General Assembly Hall

Building momentum towards the SDG Summit



In this meeting, leaders of countries will talk about the 2030 Agenda.

## Day 7 - Tuesday, 18 July- Morning

### 9am to 9:15am – Conference Room 4

Messages from the UN Environment Assembly



The UN Environmental Assembly will open this part of the meeting.

### 9:15am to 10:45am - Conference Room 4

Messages from the Regions



How are organisations working together at the regional level to help countries overcome crises and continue work towards the Sustainable Development Goals?

### 10:45 – 1pm - Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Saint Kitts and Nevis, Bahrain, Belgium, Croatia, United Republic of Tanzania

## Day 7 - Tuesday, 18 July- Afternoon



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### 3pm to 6pm – Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Brunei Darussalam, Iceland, Timor-Leste, France, Lithuania and Singapore.

### 3pm – 6pm – General Assembly Hall

Building momentum towards the SDG Summit



Leaders of countries will talk about the 2030 Agenda.



## Day 8 - Wednesday, 19 July - Morning

### 9am to 1pm – Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Canada, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Maldives, Ireland, Mongolia, Tajikistan:

and the European Union.

## Day 8 - Wednesday, 19 July - Afternoon

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There are two meetings happening at the same time.

### 3pm to 5:30pm – Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews



In this meeting, we will talk about some reports from countries. about their work on the Sustainable Development Goals so far.

The countries are Kuwait, Slovakia, Turkmenistan, Fiji, Portugal.

### 3pm – 5:30pm – General Assembly Hall

Building momentum towards the SDG Summit



Leaders of countries will talk about the 2030 Agenda.

### 5:30 – 6pm – Conference Room 4

Conclusion of the High-Level Political Forum



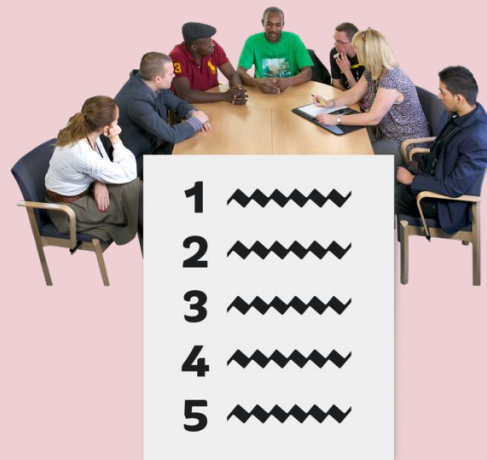
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The closing of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2023. A short discussion about some of the things that were talked about.



# ECOSOC High-level Segment Agenda

Thursday, 20 July



This section of the meeting will take place in different rooms. It will talk about what is next.

## Day 9 - Thursday, 20 July - Morning



There are two meetings happening at the same time.

### 10 to 10:30 AM - ECOSOC Chamber

Introduction of the Secretary-General's reports on the theme of HLPF and ECOSOC and on "long-term trends and scenarios: impacts on the realization of the SDGs"



Looking at a report about the Committee on Development Policy

### 10:30 AM to 1 PM - ECOSOC Chamber

Strengthening UN system institutions for resilient sustainable development



What lessons were learned from the Covid-19 pandemic

How can the United Nations better support the Sustainable Development Goals?

### 3pm – 5:30pm – General Assembly Hall

Building momentum towards the SDG Summit

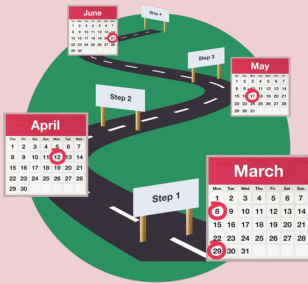


Leaders of countries will finish talks about the 2030 Agenda.

## Day 9 - Thursday, 20 July - Afternoon

### 3 to 5:30 PM - ECOSOC Chamber

Overcoming "short-termism" to secure a better future



- How can we make sure we think about the future when making decisions, so that we can make the world better for everyone in the long run?
- What can we do to recover from COVID-19 and achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda, while keeping in mind the long-term effects and what we want for the future?

### 5:30 to 6 PM - ECOSOC Chamber

Conclusion of the High-Level Segment



Closing The ECOSOC High-level Segment.

This is the end of the conference.