



SDG Action Weekend 16-17 September 2023 Overview

The [SDG Summit](#), to be held on 18-19 September 2023, must secure the breakthroughs and momentum needed to change course and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The SDG Action Weekend (16–17 September 2023) will generate additional opportunities for stakeholders, UN entities and Member States to convene inside the United Nations Headquarters and to set out specific commitments and contributions to drive SDG transformation between now and 2030. The SDG Action Weekend will consist of a “SDG Mobilization Day” (16 September) and a “SDG Acceleration Day” (17 September).

This paper provides a short overview of the initial plans for the SDG Action Weekend. Further details will be posted at the [SDG Summit webpage](#) in the coming weeks.

SDG Mobilization Day – Saturday, 16 September 2023

Civil society, the private sector, youth, scientists, local and regional governments and other stakeholders all have a key role in the implementation of the SDGs. Their participation, contributions and catalytic mobilization will be essential to the success of the SDG Summit and its follow-up.

The SDG Mobilization Day will create an opportunity for stakeholders from all sectors to convene inside the United Nations Headquarters and mobilize towards an ambitious SDG Summit and UN General Assembly High-Level Week.

The SDG Mobilization Day will be held on **16 September, Saturday, from 10:00 – 17:30**. It will consist of:

- High-Level Opening and Closing segments.
- **Mobilization sessions** held in parallel, facilitated by UN entities in close collaboration with relevant networks/stakeholder groups.
- **Side-Events** – A limited number of side-events will be identified through an open call (please, see below)

Draft Proposed Agenda:

Time	Focus				
10:00 – 11:00	High-Level Opening				
11:15 – 13:00 Mobilization Segment	Civil Society	Youth	Local and Regional Governments	Private Sector	Women
13: 15 – 14:45	Side-Events				

15:00 – 17:00 Mobilization Segment	Major Groups and Other Stakeholders	Youth	Local and Regional Governments	Private Sector	Women
17:00 – 17:30	Closing				

Mobilization session:

A limited number of mobilization session will be held in parallel, featuring the contribution, commitments and inputs from specific stakeholders towards an accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

As set out below, UN-lead entities will work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders in tailoring specific programmes for each session.

Mobilization Segment	Short Description	Lead Facilitators
Civil Society Mobilization	This dialogue will provide a space for an open exchange between civil society stakeholders (incl. grassroots organizations) and key representatives to share learnings from the first half of the SDG cycle, share views on progress and provide suggestions for ways forward on implementation	UN SDG Action Campaign and the UN Foundation.
Youth	The dialogue will strengthen meaningful youth engagement in policymaking and decision-making processes and spotlight young people's contributions to SDG implementation. It will also mobilize young people to act on the #UnitedToAct campaign.	Office of the SG's Envoy on Youth working in collaboration with key partners
Local and Regional Governments Forum	This event will showcase how local and regional governments are localizing all 17 SDGs and feature high-impact initiatives led by local and regional governments. It will aim at establishing synergies and accelerate localization commitments on the 2030 Agenda and share experiences, challenges and solutions from local and regional governments. Voluntary actionable and scalable commitments by local and regional governments will be announced during the event.	UN DESA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, Local2030 Coalition, Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments.
Women's movements	Under development	TBD
Private sector and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Under development	TBD
Major Groups and Other Stakeholders	Under development	Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism

Expected Outcomes:

While specific outcomes are expected from each of the mobilization sessions, a conscious effort will be undertaken to ensure the overarching outcomes and messages inform the formal proceedings of the SDG Summit on 18 and 19 September.

SDG Acceleration Day – Sunday, 17 September 2023

The **SDG Acceleration Day** will be held on **Sunday, 17 September 2023 from 09:00 – 17:00 (precise times TBC)**. It will serve to profile actions, investments and support to accelerate implementation at the country level between now and 2030.

The SDG Acceleration Day will build on the twelve high impact initiatives that the UN development system is mobilizing around in advance of the SDG Summit. The initiatives correspond with six major SDG transitions; five critical means of implementation and the transversal priority of gender equality and are elaborated upon in greater detail on the [SDG Summit website](#).

Expected participants include Heads of State, Ministers, UN Principals and representatives from the private sector, civil society and other actors. The SDG Acceleration Day will include the following key components:

- High-Level Opening and Closing Segments
- **Dedicated sessions on each of the High Impact Initiatives Sessions**
- **Parallel sessions on SDG Digital (convened by ITU and UNDP), development in crisis settings and gender equality.**
- **Side-Events:** Identified through an open call (please, see below)

Expected Outcomes:

SDG Acceleration Day will profile a set of illustrative examples of countries or contexts where significant progress is being made as well coalitions of governments and stakeholders who commit to specific and tangible actions to scale initiatives according to national priorities in the coming weeks.

SIDE-EVENTS

A limited number of side-events will be organized by Member States, UN Entities and stakeholders during the SDG Summit Weekend. Proposals will be identified through an open call. Details will be posted to the [SDG Summit website](#).

PARTICIPATION

The SDG Weekend is expected to be open to all interested stakeholders. A dedicated registration process will be set up in the coming weeks. Information will be shared through the [SDG Summit webpage](#).