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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 roadmap 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](#).

Briefing on the 2023 SDG Summit


DESA and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General will organize a briefing to delegations on the 2023 SDG Summit and its preparations on Monday, 10 July 2023, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1 at UNHQ in New York.

SDG Summit programme

The programme of the SDG Summit is under development. The President of the General Assembly shared a preliminary [draft](#) with Member States, who provided initial feedback and posed further questions at the General Committee meeting on 14 June.

Negotiations on the SDG Summit political declaration

On 21 and 22 June, the Co-Facilitators of the political declaration for the SDG Summit convened informal consultations on [the revised zero draft](#). On 21 June, the President of the General Assembly spoke at the beginning of the consultation and emphasized the importance of their work during the final phase. Member States then proceeded with a full reading of the revised zero draft. Delegations were generally satisfied with the text, but suggested several specific edits and amendments to the existing paragraphs. Different positions were expressed with respect to a number of issues, such as proposed language on gender and financing and means of implementation, including technology transfer. The Co-Facilitators shared with



delegations a second revised zero draft on 29 June. As negotiations enter their final phase, delegations met for informal-informals (closed) consultations on 5 and 7 July.

Informal stakeholder dialogue – inputs to the zero draft political declaration

On 7 June, UN DESA, in partnership with the SDG Action Campaign, hosted a [virtual informal stakeholder dialogue](#) as an opportunity for representatives of civil society, major groups and other stakeholders to provide inputs to the 2023 [SDG Summit zero draft political declaration](#). The dialogue featured welcoming remarks from Neil Pierre, Acting Director of the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, and Marina Ponti, Director of the UN SDG Action Campaign, as well as from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process, H.E. Mr. Fergal Mythen of Ireland and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif-Al Thani of Qatar. 14 stakeholders, selected through an open call which generated more than 150 applications, participated as panelists. The dialogue also included an interactive survey on Slido which generated 168 inputs on participants' expectations for the SDG Summit political declaration. A 'visual scribe', who presented key elements of the discussion, also attended the event.


Over 1,600 people from 140 countries registered for the event and 878 participated in the Zoom webinar. The event was livestreamed on Facebook and reached around 2,700 people by 11 a.m. on 7 June. Participants were also able to provide written inputs through a dedicated form which received more than 45 submissions. The final summary, visuals of the discussions and recording of the webinar are available here: bit.ly/SDGSummitZeroDraft.

Written inputs from major groups and other stakeholders

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [67/290](#), major groups and other stakeholders (MGoS), having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the General Assembly, were invited to submit written inputs to the intergovernmental negotiations on the zero draft political declaration. MGoS submitted 15 inputs on the [elements paper](#), 13 inputs on the [zero draft political declaration](#) and 8 inputs on the [revised zero draft political declaration](#), which was made available online on 8 June. UN DESA compiled all the inputs received and published them on the [SDG Summit website](#).

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The preparations for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), held under the auspices of ECOSOC on 10-19 July 2023, are at the final stage. The official updated [programme](#), provisional agenda and information note for participants are available on the [HLPF website](#). More than 130 high-level speakers are expected to participate in the thematic panels. About 2,700 representatives of MGoS and NGOs accredited to ECOSOC, including a large number of youth participants, have registered for the HLPF. The President of ECOSOC has sought to boost the role of youth by ensuring speaking roles in all sessions.



38 countries and the European Union will present their voluntary national reviews (VNRs) on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The [report of the Secretary-General](#) on the theme of the HLPF 2023, the [special edition of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Towards a Rescue Plan for People and Planet”](#) and other documents are available on the [documentation page](#) of the HLPF website.

In addition to hosting more than 200 [side events](#), 17 [VNR labs](#), and 21 [exhibits](#) onsite, featuring Member States, the UN system and civil society, 12 high-level special events will be organized during the HLPF to foster broad ownership and engagement across key sectors of society on the 2030 Agenda.

The President of ECOSOC briefed Member States and stakeholders on the HLPF and the High-level Segment of ECOSOC on 27 June ([webcast](#)). She encouraged ministers from all relevant fields of the SDGs to actively participate in HLPF and share experiences and policy recommendations on transformative actions to advance the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs for consideration at the SDG Summit. She underscored that the HLPF will accelerate a multisectoral effort to reverse negative trends and shift towards rapid SDG progress, contributing to the momentum ahead of the Summit.

The outcome of the HLPF and, as well as that of [the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#) will be a summary by the President of ECOSOC.

Read the latest HLPF article “This is how we can turbocharge the global goals” in [UN DESA Voice](#).

Fraudulent email warning

The Secretariat of the SDG Summit has been made aware of fraudulent emails that are being circulated 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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