



16 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

SDG ACTION WEEKEND DRAFT PROGRAMME- AT-A-GLANCE

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OVERVIEW OF SDG ACTION WEEKEND

The SDG Summit on 18-19 September will mark the mid point of the SDGs. It must secure the breakthroughs and momentum needed to change course and achieve the SDGs by 2030. To maximize the Summit's impact, the United Nations Secretary-General is convening an SDG Action Weekend, which will generate opportunities for stakeholders, UN entities, and Member States to convene inside the United Nations Headquarters and set out specific commitments and contributions to drive SDG transformation between now and 2030.

The SDG Action Weekend will help ramp-up momentum towards a successful SDG Summit and facilitate the contribution of all relevant actors to the SDG Summit. The weekend will generate opportunities for the engagement of Member States, relevant Intergovernmental Organizations, and other stakeholders in the lead up to the SDG Summit.

The SDG Action Weekend will consist of the SDG Mobilization Day on Saturday, 16 September, and the SDG Acceleration Day on Sunday, 17 September at UNHQ in New York.

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.

SDG Mobilization Day will create convening and mobilization opportunities for stakeholders across civil society, the private sector, youth, women, scientists, local and regional governments, major groups and other stakeholders. The participation, contributions, and catalytic mobilization of these stakeholders will be essential to a successful SDG Summit and the long-term implementation of the SDGs.

While each session of SDG Mobilization Day will generate specific outcomes, a conscious effort will be made to ensure the overarching messages and outcomes from the day inform the formal proceedings of the SDG Summit.

SDG Acceleration Day will profile actions, investments, and support to accelerate implementation between now and 2030. It will centre around twelve High Impact Initiatives that the UN development system is mobilizing around in advance of the SDG Summit. In addition, the day will feature dedicated sessions on SDG Digital and Generation Equality, as well as a Special Session on Development in Complex Settings.

The SDG Acceleration Day will demonstrate that transformative progress is both possible and already happening in some of the most crucial drivers of SDG progress. Expected speakers and participants at SDG Acceleration day include Heads of State, Ministers, UN Principals, and representatives from the private sector, civil society, major groups and other stakeholders. These coalitions will commit to specific and tangible actions to scale initiatives according to national priorities.

The SDG Action Weekend will also feature a limited number of **high-level side-events** organized by UN Member States, UN entities, relevant International Organizations and stakeholder networks working in partnership. Side-events were identified through an open call and will be held on both days.

Please check the [SDG Action Weekend](#) website for more information on the event and on [side-events](#).

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SDG MOBILIZATION DAY, SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER - OVERVIEW

SDG Mobilization Day (16 September 2023) will create convening and mobilization opportunities for stakeholders across civil society, the private sector, youth, women, scientists, and local and regional governments.

It also includes a select number of high-level side-events identified through an open call that concluded in August. These are jointly organized by coalitions of Member States, UN agencies and other international organizations, and global stakeholder networks. Please find the detailed programme per day below.

The SDG Mobilization Day will be held on Saturday, 16 September, from 9:00 – 18:00 at UN Headquarters.

Session	Time	Room	Details
Opening plenary: Mobilization	11:00 – 11:45	General Assembly	
<i>Core Sessions</i>			
Youth: "Torchbearers For The SDGs: Meaningful Youth Engagement & the 2030 Agenda"	09:00 – 10:30 12:00 – 13:30	ECOSOC Chamber	Link
Women and Girls: "Towards a Rights-centred Gender-Transformative Economy, Including a New International Financial Architecture"	12:00 – 14:00	Conference Room 2	Link
Major Groups & Other Stakeholders: "Breaking Down the Barriers to Leave No One Behind"	12:00 – 14:00	Conference Room 4	Link
Science & Academia: "Catalyzing Transformative Change: Science, Academia and the Journey to 2030"	12:00 – 14:00	Trusteeship Council Chamber	Link
Local & Regional Governments Forum: "Action and Leadership from the Ground Up: Towards the Rescue Plan for People and the Planet"	12:00 – 14:00 16:00 – 18:00	Conference Room 1	Link
Civil Society: "Enhancing Advocacy, Financing and Accountability: Key Messages from Civil Society to the SDG Summit and Beyond"	14:00 – 16:00	ECOSOC Chamber	Link
Private Sector: "Bridging the Financing Gap: Unleashing the Potential of SMEs"	16:00 – 18:00	Trusteeship Council Chamber	Link
<i>Side-Events</i>			
Side-Event: "Catalyzing Sustainable Development: Enhancing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Investment to Drive SDGs Achievement"	12:15 – 13:45	Conference Room 5	
Side-Event: "Multi-stakeholder Platforms Enhance System's Level Sustainability Transformation for Agenda2030: Cases From Local to Global"	12:15 – 13:45	Conference Room 6	
Side-Event: "Manifesting New Sustainability Values: From Aspirational Envisioning to Practical Policy-making"	12:15 – 13:45	Conference Room 7	
Side-Event: "Orchestrating Global Synergies for Climate Action and SDGs: Uniting Hands, Voices, and Visions"	12:15 – 13:45	Conference Room 11	

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Session	Time	Room
Side-Event: "Unlocking the Next Generation of Changemakers"	12:15 – 13:45	Conference Room 12
Side-Event: "Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda at the Local Level"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 1
Side-Event: "Women-led Cities: Bringing Gender Responsive Actions, Solutions and Partnerships from the Local Level to Scale"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 2
Side-Event: "From the SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future: Building the UN We Need"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 4
Side-Event: "BBNJ Treaty: The Race for Ratification"	14:15 – 15:45	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Side-Event: "Regional Actions to Support SDG Localisation and Build Resilience"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Youth and Adolescent Girls Driving the 2030 Agenda: Building Collective Power, Securing Sustainable Funding, and Demanding Accountability"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 6
Side-Event: "Together towards a disability-inclusive future: From the SDG Summit to beyond 2030"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "Collaboration as a strategy for accelerating action to achieve the SDGs"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 11
Side-Event: "Accelerating Multilateralism with Transformations in Science Policy Practice Interfaces"	14:15 – 15:45	Conference Room 12
Side-Event: "One World, Shared Goals: Collaborative Actions for SDG Implementation"	16:15 – 17:45	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Collaboration and Cross-sector Partnerships for Capacity Development and Youth Engagement on SDG14"	16:15 – 17:45	Conference Room 6
Side-Event: "Investing in Climate Change Education for a Greener Future: An Intergenerational Dialogue"	16:15 – 17:45	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "Towards the Realisation of SDGs: A Multistakeholder, Intersectional and Intergenerational Approach"	16:15 – 17:45	Conference Room 12

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SDG ACCELERATION DAY, SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - OVERVIEW

The SDG Acceleration Day (17 September 2023) will propel stakeholders from ambition to action by highlighting how the High Impact Initiatives, multigenerational campaigns such as Generation Equality, and cross-SDG impact catalysers such as SDG Digital can accelerate collective achievement.

It also includes a select number of high-level side-events identified through an open call that concluded in August. These are jointly organized by coalitions of Member States, UN agencies and other international organizations, and global stakeholder networks. Please find the detailed programme per day below.

The SDG Acceleration Day will be held on Sunday, 17 September, from **9:00 – 18:00 at UN Headquarters**.

Session	Time	Room	Details
Opening Plenary: Acceleration	09:00 – 09:45	ECOSOC Chamber	
<i>High Impact Initiatives</i>			
Energy Compacts: Scaling up ambition to deliver on SDG7	10:00 – 11:30	Conference Room 1	Link
Food Systems Transformation: Transforming food systems for a sustainable world without hunger	10:00 – 11:30	Conference Room 2	Link
FutureGov: Building public sector capabilities for the future	10:00 – 11:30	Conference Room 3	Link
Transforming Education: Learning to build a better future for all	10:00 – 11:30	Conference Room 4	Link
Transforming4Trade: Paradigm shift to boost economic development	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 1	Link
Local2030 Coalition: Pushing key transitions and achieving the SDGs by 2030	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 2	Link
Power of Data: Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 3	Link
Nature Driving Economic Transformation: Leveraging the Power of Biodiversity and Nature to Drive Equitable Economic Progress.	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 4	Link
Global Accelerator: The Global Accelerator on jobs and social protection for just transitions	15:00 – 16:30	Conference Room 1	Link
Spotlight Initiative: To eliminate violence against women and girls	15:00 – 16:30	Trusteeship Council Chamber	Link
Digital Public Infrastructure: Scaling inclusive and open digital ecosystems for the SDGs	15:00 – 16:30	ECOSOC Chamber	Link
The SDG Stimulus: Scaling up long-term affordable financing for the SDGs	15:00 – 16:30	Conference Room 4	Link
<i>Special Sessions</i>			
Advancing Sustainable Development In Complex Settings	13:30 – 14:45	Conference Room 3	Link
SDG Digital	10:00 – 16:30	ECOSOC Chamber	Link
Generation Equality	10:00 – 14:45	Trusteeship Council Chamber	Link
SDG Action Weekend Closing Plenary	16:45 – 17:30	ECOSOC Chamber	

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<i>Side-Events</i>		
Side-Event: Accelerating SDG Progress through National Financing Strategies and INFFs	10:00 - 11:30	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Regaining Lost Ground in the LLDCs: The Role of Trade and Digitalization"	10:00 - 11:30	Conference Room 6
Side-Event: "Repositioning Primary Health Care (PHC) Through Financing Primary Care Facilities at the Sub-national Level"	10:00 - 11:30	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "Shape a Shared Vision on South-South Digital Cooperation to Achieve an Inclusive and Sustainable Digital Future"	10:00 - 11:30	Conference Room 11
Side-Event: "Data for Action: Exploring the Potential for Integrated and Granular Data in Improving SDG Implementation in the Era of Polycrisis"	10:00 - 11:30	Conference Room 12
Side-Event: "Leveraging Human Mobility to Rescue the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda"	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling for a Resilient Workforce"	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 6
Side-Event: "Accelerating SDGs Through Risk-informed Investments in Infrastructure"	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "What works to accelerate progress towards SDG17 'Partnership for the Goals'? Presenting Lessons from the Global SDG Synthesis Coalition"	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 11
Side-Event: "Unlocking Potential: The Power of Remote Work in Economically Empowering Vulnerable Youth"	11:45 – 13:15	Conference Room 12
Side-Event: "Tax Justice for Education: Transforming the Financial Architecture"	13:30 – 14:45	Conference Room 1
Side-Event: "Localizing the 2030 Agenda: Transformative Coalitions with Local and Regional Governments"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 2
Side-Event: "Sustainable DPI and DPI for Sustainability"	13:30 – 14:45	Conference Room 4
Side-Event: "Achieving Net Zero Cooking For All by 2050: Proposed Global Roadmap for a Just & Inclusive Cooking Energy Transition"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Geospatial Information: Accelerating Implementation of the SDGs"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 6

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Side-Event: "Building an Impactful Climate Finance Marketplace"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "Financing Localization or Localizing Finance?"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 11
Side-Event: "Scaling Up Gender-lens Financing: A Catalytic Tool for Advancing All SDGs"	13:30 – 15:00	Conference Room 12
Side-Event: "Scaling Blended Finance to Mobilize Private SDG Investments in LDCs and Other Vulnerable Countries"	15:15 – 16:45	Conference Room 5
Side-Event: "Invisible No Longer: Data Solutions to LNOB Dilemmas"	15:15 – 16:45	Conference Room 7
Side-Event: "Challenges and Progresses of Environmental Philanthropy as a Key Player for the SDG Achievement"	15:15 – 16:45	Conference Room 11
Side-Event: "Building Bright Futures: Improving Learning & Skilling Through the Learning Passport"	15:15 – 16:45	Conference Room 12

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