

SDG ACTION WEEKEND

16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

Logistics Note

As of 12 September 2023

This Logistics Note contains the following information to help you prepare for your participation in the [SDG Action Weekend](#):

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Background: About the SDG Action Weekend

The 2023 SDG Summit will take place on 18-19 September 2023 in New York. It will mark the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals with high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to 2030. Convened by the President of the General Assembly, the Summit will mark the half-way point to the deadline set for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will respond to the impact of multiple and interlocking crises facing the world and is expected to reignite a sense of hope, optimism, and enthusiasm for the 2030 Agenda.

To generate additional opportunities for the engagement of all actors, the United Nations is convening an [SDG Action Weekend](#) on **16-17 September 2023** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.





On Saturday, 16 September, the SDG Mobilization Day will create an opportunity for stakeholders from all sectors to convene and mobilize towards an ambitious SDG Summit and UN General Assembly High-Level Week. The SDG Acceleration Day on 17 September will be centered around the [UN High-Impact Initiatives](#). More than 40 high-level side events will also be held throughout the weekend.

Schedule

Please visit the [SDG Action Weekend website](#) for the full programme.

Participation

The SDG Action Weekend will be open to representatives of all Member States, the UN system and organizations and stakeholders whose work is relevant to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

All in-person participants **MUST** have either **a valid UN grounds pass** or **a Special Events Ticket** issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters during the SDG Action Weekend.

If you have a valid UN Grounds Pass:

Anyone with a valid UN Grounds Pass, including members of official government delegations, UN Entities, IGOs, media and Civil Society Representatives, will be able to access UNHQ premises on 16-17 September without the need for additional registration. Please note that, **as an exception, CSO badges ("N") and retiree badges ("R") will be valid** during the two days of the SDG Action Weekend (16 -17 September 2023).

UN staff from other duty stations will be able to access the UNHQ using their UN laissez-passer.

If you DO NOT have a valid UN Grounds Pass:

All interested participants **without a valid UN grounds pass** will require a Special Events Ticket issued by the UN to enter the UNHQ. This includes those who are **NOT** members of the official delegations of Member States/GA-accredited IGOs/specialized agencies to GA78.

Pre-registration for Special Event Tickets is now closed. Please note that there will be no on-site registration.

Accessing the United Nations Headquarters for the SDG Action Weekend (16 – 17 September 2023)

If you do not have a UN grounds pass AND your registration request for a Special Event Ticket has been approved, please **bring a government-issued photo ID (must be from a UN Member State)** to **collect your Special Events Ticket** at the following location/time:



- Friday, 15 September, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Strongly recommended – including for session/side-event organizers and/or if you want to attend the opening sessions in the morning of Saturday).
- Saturday, 16 September, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 17 September, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where: **UN Visitors Center, 801 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (West side of 1st Avenue between 45th and 46th Streets)**

Please note: Special Events Tickets (SET) can only be picked up during the above time window. The Secretariat will not be able to facilitate any latecomers/late requests. Participants are responsible for securing their SETs – replacement of lost or damaged SETs will not be possible.

Representatives of the official delegations of Member States and Observers (D badge or O badge), UN staff ("S"- badges and those with a UN laissez-passer) will be able to use the entrances on 43rd or 46th street.

All other participants including SET holders will need to proceed through the UN security screening at the UN visitor's entrance on 46th Street.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at least one hour prior to the sessions they would like to attend to allow for sufficient time for the security screening. Please note that participants will not be able to check in or bring any suitcases or bags larger than 14" (35 cm) x 13" (33cm) high x 4" (10 Cm).

Given the high volume of expected participants, please be prepared for long lines when picking up your SETs and waiting in the line for security. We ask everyone to please be patient and courteous to our staff.

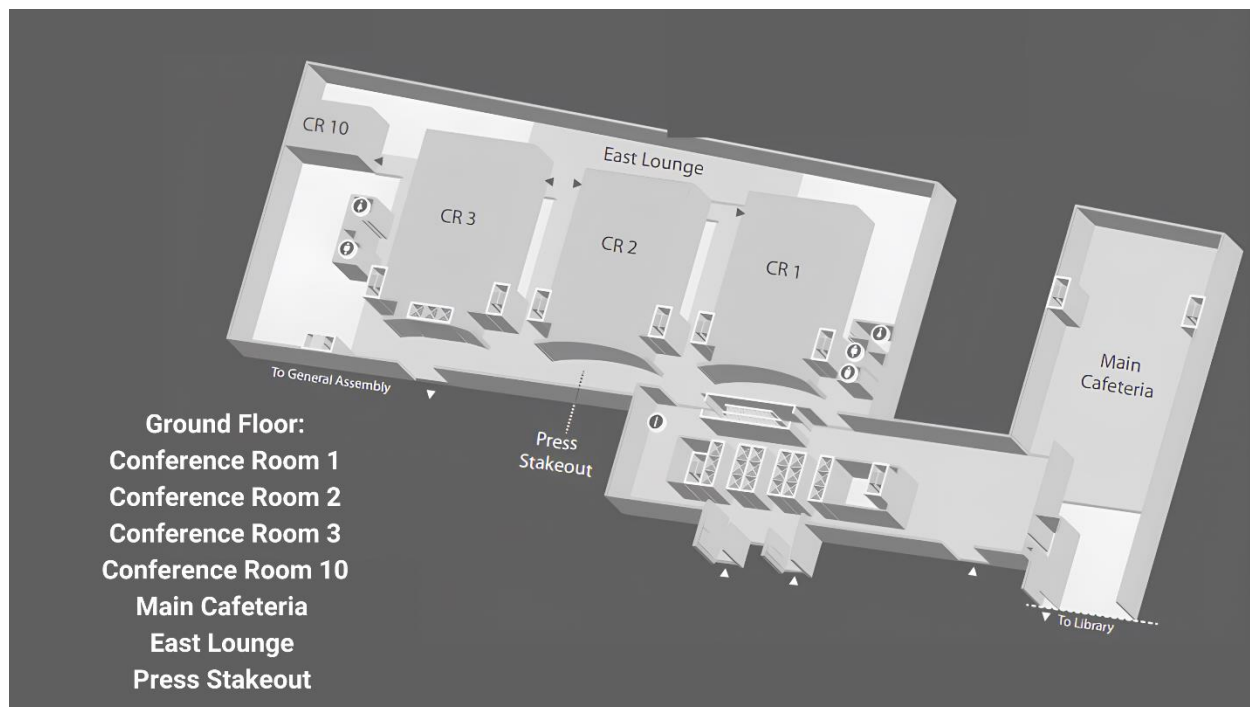
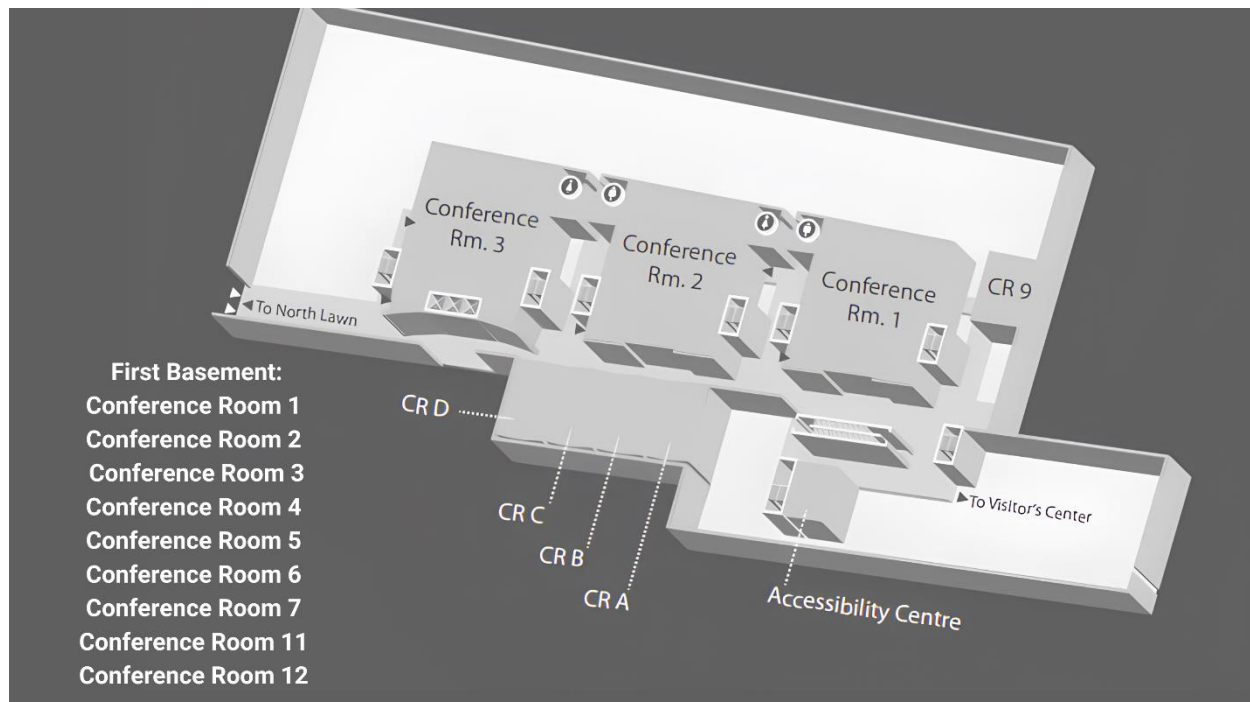
Please also note that once a conference room has reached capacity, UN Security will no longer be able to let participants enter. If that is the case, please peruse the [programme](#) on the SDG Action Weekend website to identify alternative sessions to attend as needed. All mobilization segments on the Saturday and all High Impact Initiative sessions on the Sunday as well as a number of side-events will be broadcast on [UN Web TV](#).

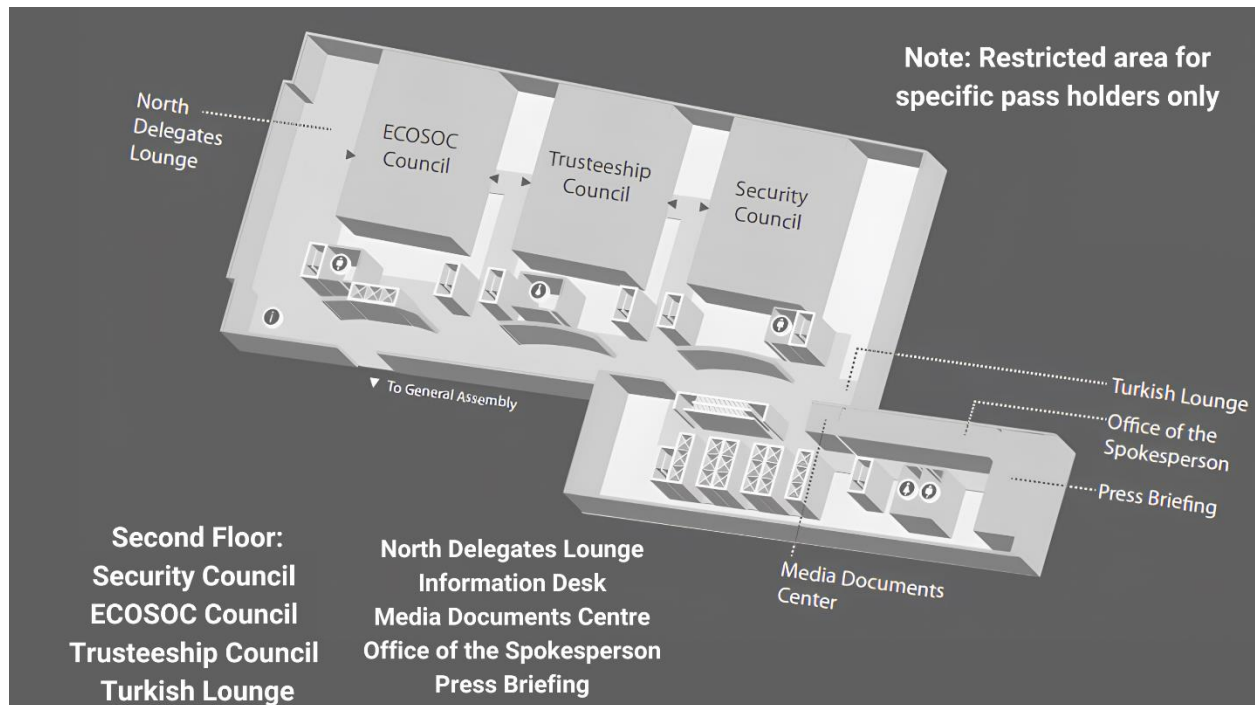
Please note, that registration for the SDG Action Weekend events does not imply registration for the SDG Summit (18-19 September) itself or any other event scheduled at the United Nations Headquarters during the UN General Assembly High-Level week.



Getting Around UNHQ

Session locations





Please note: The second floor of the Conference Building is a restricted area for specific pass holders only. All participants, except those holding a "D" badge, should access the ECOSOC Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber through the third floor.



Where to Eat

Participants can purchase food and beverages at the UN Cafes inside the UNHQ.

Visitors Café

General Assembly – 1st Basement South

Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vienna Café

General Assembly – 1st Basements South

Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Café de la Paix

Secretariat – 1st Basement

Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Alternatively, you may choose to dine at one of the many restaurants located in close proximity to the UN. Should you decide to leave the UN premises, your name-specific special event ticket will enable you to re-enter, but you will need to go through security screening again.

ATM

The United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) has cash machines (ATMs) inside the United Nations Headquarters.

Medical Services

Participants are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements, including life, health and other forms deemed appropriate. Make sure that you are covered by your health insurance provider during your stay. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay.

Accessibility

The United Nations Headquarters is accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility. The ECOSOC Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber are accessible for wheelchair users from the 2nd floor.

Other relevant information at UNHQ

- **Please bring your own water bottle!** Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle and to enjoy the fresh water from the fountains inside the UNHQ.
- No food, drinks or backpacks and bags larger than 14" (35 cm) x 13" (33cm) high x 4" (10 Cm) will be allowed through UN Security. Please note that there are no storage facilities at the UNHQ.
- Cameras and other media equipment are NOT allowed through UN Security unless prior arrangements for approval have been made through session organizers.
- Demonstrations and items such as flags, banners, signs, posters and flyers are prohibited on UN premises.
- Please be mindful that, by attending the SDG Action Weekend you will be entering an area where photography, as well as audio and video recording, may occur. By joining the



event, participants consent to appearing in images and recordings and to the release, publication, exhibition and reproduction of such images and recordings.

- The United Nations Headquarters is a workplace for delegates and staff. Participants are reminded to behave appropriately, to keep noise levels down and to dress in a way that respects the professional working environment of the United Nations.
- United Nations Security reserves the right to deny entry or remove from the premises anyone not behaving or dressed appropriately.
- Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone.
- Please note that the SDG Action Weekend will be paperless. All relevant documentation can be accessed at the SDG Action Weekend webpage:
<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/SDGSummit2023/SDG-Action-Weekend>.

Planning your Travel

Registered participants are personally responsible for arranging their travel to and from New York City and for obtaining the necessary entry visa(s) for travel to and from the meeting venue. Please ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in a timely fashion to obtain a US visa, as appropriate. Information regarding US visas can be found on this website:
<http://usembassy.state.gov/>.

The three main airports in NYC are:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport
- Newark International Airport
- LaGuardia Airport (for flights within the US and from Canada and the Caribbean)

The two major train stations in NYC are:

- Penn Station (Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, Long Island Railroad)
- Grand Central (Metro North, Long Island Railroad)

Getting Around NYC

- [Subway](#): Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station: walk east to 1st Avenue.
- [Buses](#): Coming from lower Manhattan, bus [M15](#) will stop on 1st Avenue in front of the United Nations. From uptown, bus [M15](#) will run on 2nd Avenue and stop on 46th and 42nd Streets. Buses [M42](#) and [M104](#) stop on 42nd Street and 1st Avenue in both directions.
- [Taxis](#): New York City taxis are available from any destination.