

**SDG ACTION WEEKEND:  
SIDE-EVENTS  
September 16-17, 2023  
Programme**

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## OVERVIEW OF SDG ACTION WEEKEND

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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 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, and local and regional governments. 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 center 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, 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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<b>Investing in Climate Change Education for a Greener Future - An Intergenerational Dialogue</b>	<b>16:15-17:45</b>	Conference Room 7	<a href="#">Page 12</a>
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<b>Unlocking Potential: The Power of Remote Work in Economically Empowering Vulnerable Youth</b>	11:45-13:15	Conference Room 12	<a href="#">Page 16</a>
<b>Tax Justice for Education: Transforming the Financial Architecture</b>	13:30-14:45	Conference Room 1	<a href="#">Page 17</a>
<b>Localizing the 2030 Agenda: transformative coalitions with local and regional governments</b>	13:30-15:00	Conference Room 2	<a href="#">Page 17</a>
<b>Sustainable DPI and DPI for Sustainability</b>	13:30-14:45	Conference Room 4	<a href="#">Page 17</a>
<b>Achieving Net Zero cooking for all by 2050: Proposed Global Roadmap for a just &amp; inclusive cooking energy transition</b>	13:30-15:00	Conference Room 5	<a href="#">Page 18</a>
<b>Geospatial Information: Accelerating Implementation of the SDGs</b>	13:30-15:00	Conference Room 6	<a href="#">Page 18</a>

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<b>Scaling up gender-lens financing: A catalytic tool for advancing all SDGs</b>	<b>13:30-15:00</b>	Conference Room 12	<a href="#">Page 19</a>
<b>Scaling blended finance to mobilize private SDG investments in LDCs and other vulnerable countries</b>	<b>15:15-16:45</b>	Conference Room 5	<a href="#">Page 19</a>
<b>Invisible No Longer: Data Solutions to LNOB Dilemmas</b>	<b>15:15-16:45</b>	Conference Room 7	<a href="#">Page 20</a>
<b>Challenges and progress of environmental philanthropy as a key player for the SDGs achievement</b>	<b>15:15-16:45</b>	Conference Room 11	<a href="#">Page 20</a>
<b>Building Bright Futures: Improving Learning &amp; Skilling Through the Learning Passport</b>	<b>15:15-16:45</b>	Conference Room 12	<a href="#">Page 20</a>

**HIGH-LEVEL SIDE-EVENTS  
PROGRAMME**

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# SIDE-EVENTS – 16 SEPTEMBER

## Catalyzing Sustainable Development: Enhancing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Investment to Drive SDGs Achievement (12:15-13:45; Conference Room 5)

- **Organizers:** Government of Sweden, UNDP, GIZ, Kenya National Federation of Jua Kali Associations
- **More information:** [www.sdgs.planning.go.ke](http://www.sdgs.planning.go.ke) , **Contact Email:** [fwangwe2000@gmail.com](mailto:fwangwe2000@gmail.com)

Exploring Innovative Strategies and Policies to enhance Investment Financing in MSMEs to accelerate SDGs Achievement.

## Multi-stakeholder platforms enhance system's level sustainability transformation for Agenda2030: cases from local to global (12:15-13:45; Conference Room 6)

- **Organizers:** Government of Finland, UN Global Compact Indonesia, UN Global Compact Finland, Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies
- **More information:** <https://kestavakehitys.fi/en/frontpage> , **Contact Email:** [taru.savolainen@gov.fi](mailto:taru.savolainen@gov.fi)

This side-event focuses on sharing experiences and lessons learned as well as discussing next steps on how active multi-stakeholder platforms can contribute to the sustainability transformation in societies.

## Manifesting new sustainability values: from aspirational envisioning to practical policy-making (12:15-13:45; Conference Room 7)

- **Organizers:** SDG Lab, Office of the Director General at UN Geneva
- **More information:** <http://bit.ly/3Z8qP8y> , **Contact Email:** [davide.fanciulli@un.org](mailto:davide.fanciulli@un.org)

Join the UN SDG Lab in rethinking our current socio-economic systems to truly reflect what younger generations value and translating such priorities into effective policymaking.

## Orchestrating Global Synergies for Climate Action and SDGs - Uniting Hands, Voices, and Visions (12:15-13:45; Conference Room 11)

- **Organizers:** UNFCCC, UN DESA
- **More information:** <https://sdgs.un.org/climate-sdgs-synergies> , **Contact Email:** [salame1@un.org](mailto:salame1@un.org)

Through a series of success stories, the event intends to inspire policymakers and stakeholders to adopt integrated strategies that amplify climate and SDG outcomes, informed by the newly launched First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergy.





# SIDE-EVENTS – 16 SEPTEMBER

## Unlocking the Next Generation of Changemakers (12:15-13:45; Conference Room 12)

- **Organizers:** The United Nations Foundation, Fiji Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Denmark Permanent Mission to the United Nations, International Labour Organization (ILO), UNICEF, World Organization of the Scout Movement, Save the Children, Global Partnership for Education, Plan International, Youth for Road Safety, Teach for All
- **More information:** <https://ourfutureagenda.org/changemakers/> , **Contact Email:** [thawkins@unfoundation.org](mailto:thawkins@unfoundation.org)

Unlocking the Next Generation of Changemakers is a high-level event designed to accelerate SDG delivery and lay the groundwork for the Summit of the Future through intergenerational collaboration.

## 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)

- **Organizers:** France, the Dominican Republic, UNFPA, UNHCR, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)
- **More information:** <https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/yps-side-event-2023> , **Contact Email:** [paul.fargues@un.org](mailto:paul.fargues@un.org)

This event will provide a space for an intergenerational exchange reflection aimed at gathering experiences, challenges, and lessons learned in supporting young people's contribution to peace through the advancement of the SDGs.

## Women-led Cities: Bringing Gender Responsive Actions, Solutions and Partnerships from the Local Level to Scale (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 2)

- **Organizers:** UN-Habitat, UNCDF, Ellaimpacta, The Gambia, Bangladesh, UCLG
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/3OZI3RU> , **Contact Email:** [contact@c4unwn.org](mailto:contact@c4unwn.org)

The Women-led Cities side-event will discuss how women leaders of businesses, cities and communities can join forces to drive positive local transformation through inclusive leadership, economic empowerment and reduced inequality.

## From the SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future: Building the UN We Need (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 4)

- **Organizers:** Coalition for the UN We Need, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations, UN Department of Global Communications, Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent, Together 2030, International Development Law Organization, Global Women Leaders: Voices for Change and Inclusion, SDGs Kenya Forum, Stimson Center, Baha'i International Community, Oxfam International, International Alliance of Women, Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- **More information:** <https://c4unwn.org/building-the-un-we-need/> , **Contact Email:** [contact@c4unwn.org](mailto:contact@c4unwn.org)

Panelists will discuss how the 2024 Summit of the Future may best accelerate the implementation of the outcomes agreed at the SDG Summit by promoting effective UN reform for a stronger, more accountable and inclusive multilateral system.



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## BBNJ Treaty - The Race for Ratification (14:15 – 15:45, Trusteeship Council Chamber)

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- **Organizers:** IUCN, Sierra Leone, European Union, Republic of Korea, Chile, Republic of Vanuatu, Birdlife International, Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA), High Seas Alliance, EarthEcho, Greenpeace
- **More information:** <https://highseasalliance.org/2023/09/04/bbnj-treaty-the-race-for-ratification/>, **Contact Email:** [Sarah@highseasalliance.org](mailto:Sarah@highseasalliance.org)

The race for ratification of the BBNJ Treaty is the perfect example of how, by working together around the world, we can accelerate action to deliver the SDGs.

## Regional Actions to Support SDG Localisation and Build Resilience (14:15-15:45; Conference Room 5)

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- **Organizers:** Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations, Ministry of Economy of Malaysia, Ministry of Local Government Development of Malaysia, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Local2030, United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) and URBANICE Malaysia
- **More information:** <https://www.ekonomi.gov.my/en/UNSDGactionweekend2023> , **Contact Email:** [UNSDGactionweekend2023@ekonomi.gov.my](mailto:UNSDGactionweekend2023@ekonomi.gov.my)

SDG localisation is based on multilevel governance and multistakeholder collaboration. Now, challenges have stretched beyond borders and need joint efforts from local, national and regional partnerships, with support of UN system.

## Youth and Adolescent Girls Driving the 2030 Agenda: Building Collective Power, Securing Sustainable Funding, and Demanding Accountability (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 6)

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- **Organizers:** Young Feminist Europe, Young Feminist Caucus, GEF Action Coalition on Feminist Movements and Leadership, Canada, Malawi, UN Women, Plan International, Adolescent Girl Investment Plan (AGIP), Alliance for Feminist Movements, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), CREA
- **More information:** <https://www.youngfeminist.eu/sdg-action-weekend-side-event/> , **Contact Email:** [fml.ac.leaders@gmail.com](mailto:fml.ac.leaders@gmail.com)

Looking at the impact of the GEF as an innovative, multi-stakeholder approach to multilateralism and the crucial role of young feminist leadership to accelerate the achievement of the SDG agenda.

## Together towards a disability-inclusive future: From the SDG Summit to beyond 2030 (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the UN, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the UN, UNICEF, UNPRPD, Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, International Disability Alliance, International Disability and Development Consortium, Women's Major Group, Major Group on Children and Youth
- **More information:** <http://bit.ly/3EIB7Zd> , **Contact Email:** [dsharma@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:dsharma@ida-secretariat.org)

This side-event aims to raise the urgency to not miss the chance to meaningfully include persons with disabilities, including from the lens of multiple intersecting forms of discrimination, as we approach 2030 and plan for beyond.



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## Collaboration as a strategy for accelerating action to achieve the SDGs (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 11)

- **Organizers:** Argentina- Consejo Nacional de Coordinación de Políticas Sociales; Oficina de la Coordinadora Residente en la Argentina, Pampa 2030. México - Secretariado Ejecutivo del Consejo Nacional de la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible, ELIGE Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C. Naciones Unidas - Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL). Organizaciones Internacionales - Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Bibliotecarios y Bibliotecas – IFLA; Red Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos.
- **More information:** <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/politicassociales> ,
- **Contact Email:** [msotomayor@politicassociales.gob.ar](mailto:msotomayor@politicassociales.gob.ar)

This side-event intends to contribute through the discussion and exchange of selected experiences of collaboration between different stakeholders to identify actions to impulse Agenda 2030 delivery at different levels.

## Accelerating Multilateralism with Transformations in Science Policy Practice Interfaces (14:15 – 15:45, Conference Room 12)

- **Organizers:** UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) , Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, Permanent Mission of Zealand to the UN, UNESCO and International Science Council (ISC)
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/3L7AiH8> , **Contact Email:** [Paul.Walsh@unsdsn.org](mailto:Paul.Walsh@unsdsn.org)

This side-event outlines the crucial role that multi-lateral Science-Policy-Practice Partnerships play in building global capacities to implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## One World, Shared Goals: Collaborative Actions for SDG Implementation (16:15 – 17:45, Conference Room 5)

- **Organizers:** Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York/Planning Institute of Jamaica/HH MSII SDG Challenge/UNESCO IESALC/UN MGCY/ Danish UN Youth Delegation / Future Perspectives/ German UN Youth Delegation/ Global Student Forum/Global Youth Biodiversity Network/One Million Teachers/UNESCO SDG4 Youth and Student Network/Save the Children/Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities/The Millennials Movement/World Food Forum/
- **More information:** <https://www.globalstudentforum.org/one-world-shared-goals/> ,
- **Contact Email:** [sideevent-sdgsummit@unmgcy.org](mailto:sideevent-sdgsummit@unmgcy.org)

Bringing partners from the education sector, private industry, government, children, youth, and student organizations. Together, they will explore the best practices for building effective partnerships to speed up the SDGs implementation.



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## Collaboration and Cross-sector Partnerships for Capacity Development and Youth Engagement on SDG14 (16:15 - 17:45, Conference Room 6)

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- **Organizers:** UN Permanent Representative from Kiribati, Permanent Mission of Palau to the UN, Peace Boat, UN OHRRLLS / SIDS Global Business forum, Pvblic Foundation, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Global Warming Mitigation Project, Investable Oceans, OCN.ai network, Blue Planet Alliance
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/47YKiwd> , **Contact Email:** [emilie@peaceboat-us.org](mailto:emilie@peaceboat-us.org)

This side-event will highlight initiatives which promote stakeholder inclusion, especially youth and SIDS, in the 2030 Agenda with a focus on partnership and collaboration across all sectors.

## Investing in Climate Change Education for a Greener Future - An Intergenerational Dialogue (16:15 – 17:45, Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** Permanent Mission of The State of Qatar to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations, Education Above All Foundation, Generation Unlimited (UNICEF), Silatech
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/47Uh1To> , **Contact Email:** [rotapartners@eaa.org.qa](mailto:rotapartners@eaa.org.qa)

This side-event will include an intergenerational dialogue between young people and key global players in climate change education with a view to contributing to recommendations for COP28.

## Towards the Realisation of SDGs: A multistakeholder, intersectional and intergenerational approach (16:15 – 17:45, Conference Room 12)

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- **Organizers:** Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Permanent Mission of Malaysia in New York, UNFPA, Women's Major Group and Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF)
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/45By9vz> , **Contact Email:** [shamala@arrow.org.my](mailto:shamala@arrow.org.my)

The side-event showcases the strength of multistakeholder, intersectional and intergenerational initiatives important for achieving gender equality and universal access to SRHR.

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## Accelerating SDG Progress through National Financing Strategies and INFFs (10:00 - 11:30; Conference Room 5)

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- **Organizers:** Nigeria, Indonesia, INFF Facility, UNDP, UNDESA, UNICEF, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- **More information:** <https://inff.org/event/accelerating-sdg-progress-through-national-financing-strategies-and-inffs> ,  
**Contact Email:** [chen-wen.cheng@undp.org](mailto:chen-wen.cheng@undp.org)

In this side-event, countries will share how they are using the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) approach to build a more sustainable financing architecture to accelerate SDG progress.

## Regaining lost ground in the LLDCs: The role of trade and digitalization (10:00 - 11:30; Conference Room 6)

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- **Organizers:** Botswana, Mongolia, Romania, ITC, GSMA, Mastercard
- **More information:** <https://www.un.org/ohrls/events/regaining-lost-ground-lllcs-role-trade-and-digitalization> ,  
**Contact Email:** [tepe@un.org](mailto:tepe@un.org)

This High-Level side-event aims to explore how improved access to finance, through digitalization and other means, can unlock the potential for trade and economic growth in LLDCs and help achieve the SDGs.

## Repositioning Primary Health Care (PHC) through Financing Primary Care Facilities at the Sub national level. (10:00 - 11:30; Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** Council of Governors - Kenya; Ministry of Health (MOH) Kenya; MOH Rwanda, WHO, UCLGA, United Regions Organization, National Treasury State Department for Economic Planning;
- **More information:** [www.cog.go.ke](http://www.cog.go.ke) , **Contact Email:** [info@cog.go.ke](mailto:info@cog.go.ke)

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## Shape a shared vision on South-South digital cooperation to achieve an inclusive and sustainable digital future (10:00 - 11:30; Conference Room 11)

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- **Organizers:** Digital Government Authority - Digital Cooperation Organization
- **More information:** <https://dga.gov.za/sdgactionweekend23> , **Contact Email:** [InterPartnerships@dga.gov.za](mailto:InterPartnerships@dga.gov.za)

This side-event is to discuss the development of effective tools for South-South digital cooperation and how digitalized governments, societies, and economies contribute to the attainment of the SDGs



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## 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)

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- **Organizers:** Save the Children, UNDP, Major Group for Children and Youth
- **More information:** <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2023/data-for-action> , **Contact Email:** [yl.chow@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:yl.chow@savethechildren.org.uk)

This side-event will spotlight how granular, integrated & multidimensional data can be used to make better decisions on policy interventions & programmes, & allow for more insightful reporting & accountability on progress towards the SDGs.

## Leveraging Human Mobility to Rescue the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda (11:45 - 13:15; Conference Room 5)

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- **Organizers:** Bangladesh, Portugal, UN-DESA, UCLG, MGCY
- **More information:** <https://migration4development.org/en/events/leveraging-human-mobility-rescue-sdgs-and-2030-agenda> , **Contact Email:** [dasilva@iom.int](mailto:dasilva@iom.int)

This side-event will present latest evidence and advocacy on the IOM flagship report, "Leveraging Human Mobility to Rescue the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda," bringing together Member States to support human-mobility sensitive acceleration actions.

## Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling for a Resilient Workforce (11:45 - 13:15; Conference Room 6)

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- **Organizers:** Government of Indonesia together with the Government of Lao PDR, the Government of Philippines, the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE), and the Asia South Pacific Association For Basic And Education (ASPBAE).
- **More information:** <https://sdg-actionweekend-2023.prakerja.go.id/>,  
**Contact Email:** [conference.prakerja@prakerja.go.id](mailto:conference.prakerja@prakerja.go.id)

Collaborating with strategic partners, the event focuses on global sustainable development through skilling initiatives, aiming to close skills gaps, promote inclusivity, and enhance workforce adaptability for resilient economies and SDG achievement.



# SIDE-EVENTS – 17 SEPTEMBER

## Accelerating SDGs through risk-informed investments in infrastructure (11:45 - 13:15; Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), Permanent Mission of India, Government of US, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
- **More information:** <https://cdri.world/sdg-summit> , **Contact Email:** [jessica.mosahari@cdri.world](mailto:jessica.mosahari@cdri.world)

The high-level panel discussion will be on risk and resilience metrics, role of data for comprehensive risk management and pathways to create conducive policy ecosystem to attract investments in infrastructure resilience, thus accelerating the SDGs.

## 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)

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- **Organizers:** Sponsors & co-host on behalf of the Global SDG Synthesis Coalition Steering Committee
- **More information:** <https://www.sdgsynthesiscoalition.org/events/sdg-summit> , **Contact Email:** [contact@sdgsynthesiscoalition.org](mailto:contact@sdgsynthesiscoalition.org)

This side-event will showcase key lessons and insights about what works to accelerate progress towards SDG 17 derived from the first synthesis of the Global SDG Synthesis Coalition about the Partnership Pillar.

## Unlocking Potential: The Power of Remote Work in Economically Empowering Vulnerable Youth (11:45 - 13:15; Conference Room 12)

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- **Organizers:** Silatech, Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations, International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNICEF Generation Unlimited and BRAC
- **More information:** <https://silatech.org/unga/> , **Contact Email:** [prusare@silatech.org](mailto:prusare@silatech.org)

Conflict, pandemics, and climate change have disrupted the global economy, leading to widespread job losses, and a significant economic downturn. As a result, remote work has emerged as a potential solution for empowering youth economically.





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## Tax Justice for Education: Transforming the Financial Architecture (13:30 - 14:45; Conference Room 1)

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- **Organizers:** Government of the Republic of Malawi, Government of the Republic of Argentina, Economic Commission for Latin-America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Special Adviser to the UN's Secretary General for Transforming Education, Education & Academia Stakeholder Group, Global Campaign for Education (GCE).
- **More information:** <https://bit.ly/3Z7aMrn> , **Contact Email:** [vernor@campaignforeducation.org](mailto:vernor@campaignforeducation.org)

Understanding education financing and the impact of tax reform into the progress of SDG4.

## Localizing the 2030 Agenda: transformative coalitions with local and regional governments (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 2)

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- **Organizers:** Local Authorities Major Group and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Group of Friends of UN-Habitat, Sustainable Urbanization and the New Urban Agenda co-chaired by Poland and Zimbabwe, Italy, UN-Habitat, United Nations Population Fund, Children and Youth Major Group and the Huairou Commission
- **More information:** <https://uclg.org/resources/sdg-action-weekend-side-event/> ,  
**Contact Email:** [policy@uclg.org](mailto:policy@uclg.org)

During this side-event, the local and regional government constituency will present contributions to the High Impact Initiative on SDG Localization on multilevel governance and multi-stakeholder action.

## Sustainable DPI and DPI for Sustainability (13:30 - 14:45; Conference Room 4)

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- **Organizers:** Kenya, Germany, CODES and Future Earth
- **More information:** <https://www.unep.org/events/unep-event/sustainable-dpi-and-dpi-sustainability> ,  
**Contact Email:** [clara.wegenast@un.org](mailto:clara.wegenast@un.org)

This side-event will focus on promoting sustainable design in DPI development, while maximizing its potential for scalable, digital solutions focused on addressing the triple planetary crisis/environmental challenges.



# SIDE-EVENTS – 17 SEPTEMBER

## Opportunities & challenges for implementing a Global Roadmap for a just and inclusive cooking energy transition (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 5)

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- **Organizers:** World Health Organization, World Bank
- **More information:** <https://www.un.org/en/energynow-sdg7-action-forum-2023> , **Contact Email:** [aqh\\_who@who.int](mailto:aqh_who@who.int)

This event will discuss potential solutions to tackle the lack of clean, sustainable household energy for cooking around the globe and the aim of protecting people’s health and our planet while achieving net zero cooking for all by 2050.

## Geospatial Information: Accelerating Implementation of the SDGs (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 6)

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- **Organizers:** DESA, Belgium, South Africa, PUBLIC Foundation, China, Germany, Norway, Mexico, Fiji
- **More information:** <https://ggim.un.org> , **Contact Email:** [schweinfest@un.org](mailto:schweinfest@un.org) and [scott12@un.org](mailto:scott12@un.org)

Geospatial information now underpins everything we do. All countries and all sectors need geospatial information to address national priorities, for national development and for decision-making. Its full integration with other data of relevance to our lives is key to providing better information and shared understanding, which in turn enables us to better achieve local, national, and global goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, COVID-19 recovery, and our climate agenda. However, while the links and the digital divide between the global development agendas and the application of timely and reliable geospatial information and enabling technologies have been identified and documented by UN-GGIM, transitioning and ‘accelerating’ these key capabilities to ‘implementation reality’ for many countries is complex and remains ongoing. For further information please visit the side event website here: [https://ggim.un.org/SDG\\_Action\\_Weekend](https://ggim.un.org/SDG_Action_Weekend)

## Building an impactful climate finance marketplace (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** Egypt, UN Regional Commissions, Climate Champions Team and GFANZ Africa
- **More information:** <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/events/> , **Contact Email:** [monaelbahtimy@climatechampions.team](mailto:monaelbahtimy@climatechampions.team)

The “Compendium of Climate-Related Initiatives: Opportunities for climate finance and investments on the SDGs” is the outcome of collaboration involving the five UN Regional Commissions, the Egyptian COP27 Presidency, and the High-Level Champions.



# SIDE-EVENTS – 17 SEPTEMBER

## Financing Localization or Localizing Finance? (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 11)

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- **Organizers:** Ministry of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt, UNDP, ESCWA, Local 2030 Coalition
- **More information:** <https://mped.gov.eg/Conferences/SDGSummit2023/index.html> ,  
**Contact Email:** [ahmed.raafat@mped.gov.eg](mailto:ahmed.raafat@mped.gov.eg)

The side-event delves into the interdependence between localization and finance for development in order to share valuable experience that could be instrumental in accelerating the path toward the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

## Scaling up gender-lens financing: A catalytic tool for advancing all SDGs (13:30 - 15:00; Conference Room 12)

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- **Organizers:** ESCAP, National Bank of Cambodia, Asian Development Bank, FinDev Canada, SDG Impact Japan, Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN), Criterion Institute
- **More information:** <https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/scaling-gender-lens-financing-sdg-action-weekend-2023> , **Contact Email:** [lisa.braun@un.org](mailto:lisa.braun@un.org)

High-level panel discussions among key public and private sector stakeholders on advancing Gender-Lens Investment in critical sectors such as education, food systems, energy and climate change.

## Scaling blended finance to mobilize private SDG investments in LDCs and other vulnerable countries (15:15 - 16:45; Conference Room 5)

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- **Organizers:** UNCDF, UN-OHRLLS, UN-DESA, Nepal, FinDev Canada, Global Investors for Sustainable Development, International Organization of Employers, Convergence
- **More information:** <https://www.uncdf.org/sdginvestments> , **Contact Email:** [casper.sonesson@uncdf.org](mailto:casper.sonesson@uncdf.org)

This side-event will explore challenges and solutions to scale up the use of blended finance to accelerate SDG investments, with a special focus on LDCs and other vulnerable countries.



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## Invisible No Longer: Data Solutions to LNOB Dilemmas (15:15 - 16:45; Conference Room 7)

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- **Organizers:** The Government of Brazil, the Government of Norway, the United Nations Population Fund- UNFPA, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights- OHCHR, Minority Rights Group International,, Instituto Afrodescendiente para el Estudio, la Investigación y el Desarrollo, European Roma Grassroot Organisation- ERGO.
- **More information:** <https://minorityrights.org/invisible-no-longer/> ,  
**Contact Email:** [rasanchez@unfpa.org](mailto:rasanchez@unfpa.org)

The side-event aims to foster inclusive data collection and disaggregation by groups at risk of being left behind. It will profile good practices in making the invisible visible through disaggregated national data for supporting equitable progress.

## Challenges and progresses of environmental philanthropy as a key player for the SDGs achievement (15:15 - 16:45; Conference Room 11)

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- **Organizers:** VELUX FOUNDATION, Philanthropy Cortés Solari, IUCN
- **More information:** <https://www.filantropiacortessolari.cl/en/> ,  
**Contact Email:** [cbm@veluxfoundations.dk](mailto:cbm@veluxfoundations.dk) , [pmorales@filantropiacortessolari.cl](mailto:pmorales@filantropiacortessolari.cl)

Challenges and progresses of environmental philanthropy as a key player for the SDGs achievement.

## Building Bright Futures: Improving Learning & Skilling Through the Learning Passport (15:15 - 16:45; Conference Room 12)

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- **Organizers:** UNICEF, Microsoft, Representatives from Ministries in Nigeria and Poland, Private Sector Rep
- **More information:** <https://www.learningpassport.org/2023-sdg-action-weekend/> ,  
**Contact Email:** [learningpassport@unicef.org](mailto:learningpassport@unicef.org)

Join UNICEF, Microsoft & Representatives from Ministries in Poland & Nigeria, to learn how they are leveraging emerging technology, strategic partnerships & high-quality content to improve learning and skilling for millions of learners.

# **ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION**



# PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

The SDG Action Weekend (16 – 17 September) will be open to all Member States, interested stakeholders and representatives of organizations 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 (SETs) issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters during the SDG Action Weekend.

All those 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 the 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).

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

The registration deadline is **8 September 2023**. **There will be no on-site registration and late registrations cannot be accepted.** Please check [here](#) for the link to the registration form and the registration guidelines.

All registered participants will receive communication from the Secretariat on how to pick up their Special Events Tickets closer to event.