High-level Political Forum 2024

Overview

Governments from both developed and developing countries will meet in New York at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development on 8-17 July 2024 to review progress made in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the best guideposts for overcoming current global challenges and building a better world. This High-Level Political Forum will be the first one since the adoption of the Political Declaration at the SDG Summit in 2023.

The eight-day Forum, convened under the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), takes place as development progress is severely derailed by rising geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown, increasing inequalities and a worsening environmental crisis. By 2030, it is estimated that 590 million people may still live in extreme poverty if current trends persist. 2.4 billion people experienced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2022 while 2023 was the warmest year on record. And the United Nations announced that the number of forcibly displaced people rose to an unprecedented level, nearly 120 million in May 2024.

With the world caught in a storm of crises, the need for global solidarity and action to prevent the most severe disruptions from conflicts and climate change to poverty and hunger has become ever more urgent. To this end, governments will join civil society, the private sector, thought leaders and other partners at the Forum to highlight the progress that has been made, share challenges and lessons learned and turbocharge global efforts to achieve the SDGs.

The Forum will also review in depth Goal 1: End Poverty in all its forms everywhere; SDG 2: Zero Hunger; SDG 13: Climate Action; SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions; and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

At the same time, during the Ministerial Segment on 15 to 17 July, 37 countries will present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), the plans they are undertaking to achieve the SDGS.

The 37 countries are: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belize, Brazil, Chad, Colombia, Congo (Republic of the), Costa Rica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Libya, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Palau, Peru, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.
The Forum will feature over 140 side events and exhibitions, including 13 high-profile special events that will focus on key areas ranging from the state of food security to SDG acceleration and education.

It will also set the stage for the Summit of the Future on 22 to 23 September, a pivotal moment to revitalize the multilateral system and get the world back on track to achieving the SDGs.

The Forum will culminate in the adoption of a ministerial declaration.