



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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### Overview – For the Press 14 – 23 July 2025

## Countdown to 2030: Turning sustainable development commitments into action and impact

Ongoing conflicts, poverty, hunger, inequality and growing impacts of the climate crisis require global solutions. From 14 to 23 July, countries will come together with business leaders, civil society representatives, policymakers, and international organizations at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development at UN Headquarters in New York to assess progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and turn commitment into action.

Under the theme, “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for leaving no one behind,” the HLPF will review in depth Goals 3 (good health and well-being), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth), 14 (life below water) and 17 (partnerships for the goals).

The HLPF will also feature the launch of the 2025 Secretary-General’s Sustainable Development Goals progress report, providing the latest data on how the world is advancing in the efforts to achieve the Goals. While progress has been uneven and limited on several goals, notable achievements across regions and countries demonstrate that change is possible. The world is on track or making moderate progress on 35 per cent of the 139 Sustainable Development Goal targets with trend data available. From fewer mothers and children dying to more young people finishing school, the past decade has seen major gains in global health and education. Access to safe drinking water, sanitation, hygiene, electricity, and clean cooking fuels has steadily improved, with electricity access rising from 87% to 92%.

Across countries and regions, success stories prove that progress is possible. Marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), this year’s HLPF will see thirty-seven countries sharing their experiences. They will present successes, challenges, lessons learned, and actions they have taken to advance the SDGs.

Among the countries represented are: Angola, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia (Republic of the), Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Micronesia





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(Federated States of), Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, and Thailand.

The HLPF will also feature a series of [special events](#) and close to 190 side events ([on-site](#), [off-site and virtual](#)) bringing together governments, international organizations, the private sector and other key stakeholders engaged in the SDGs implementation.

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

Get the latest event updates on the HLPF website [here](#) and follow live via [UN Web TV](#).

