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Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues,

SDSN monitors annual progress on the SDGs goals and targets Some key findings from her 2024 Sustainable Development Report include:

On average, only 16 percent of the SDG targets are on track to be met globally by 2030, with the remaining 84 percent showing limited progress or a reversal of progress.

Reforming the global financial architecture is more urgent than ever. Low to lower-middle-income countries urgently need to gain access to affordable long-term capital.

Global challenges require global cooperation. We have a new Index of support to UN-based multilateralism by nation on various dimensions. Nations can do better to revitalize their commitment to multilateralism for the sake of global peace and sustainable development.

At the HLP 2024 we launched Pact-for-the-Future-Open-Science-letter with Creative Commons, Global Expert Network on Copyright User Rights, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Wikimedia Foundation.

UN Instruments such as the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Educational Resources (OER) , the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and the UN Code of Conduct on Information Integrity demonstrate how the public sector can run and own digital infrastructure and assets. We call on the UN's Member States to reinstate in the Pact for the Future a clear call to advance UNESCOs Open Science and Open Education Resources (OER) in line with her recommendations to underline the importance of protecting and promoting inclusive and open international research collaboration and people to people exchange. This is the best foundation to effectively contribute to the UN Secretary General's Road Map for Digital Cooperation, and contribute to the Global Digital Compact under the need for Global Public digital goods.

In addition, at HLPF 2024 we launched our UNESCO, SDSN and IFLA position paper on Creating a Global Knowledge Commons for Mission 4.7 Curating, sharing and repurposing knowledge across nations can be a key enabler of pathways to Global Peace and Sustainable Development.

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