

Inputs to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2024

Inputs from functional commissions of ECOSOC, other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the 2024 HLPF

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Impacts of multiple crises on the implementation of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 from the vantage point of your intergovernmental body.

WIPO's work for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development responds to the evolving needs and priorities of its Member States and stakeholders and contributes to addressing global challenges including those associated with the SDGs under review. By contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, WIPO's work focuses on promoting IP as a highly valuable asset spurring technology, innovation and creativity for economic, social, and environmental progress. STI solutions are needed to accelerate progress towards all SDGs. In this context, the following considerations are particularly highlighted:

- In 2023, Member States increased the development expenditure component of WIPO's 2024/2025 budget comparing with the previous biennium. By stepping up its efforts to create a balanced and effective global IP system, WIPO will assist Member States and stakeholders to use the IP system to stimulate the innovation, competitiveness and creativity much need to achieve the SDGs, including those under review.
- Regarding environment related challenges, Member States approved the evolution of strategic initiatives in the climate change space among which the expansion of the WIPO GREEN multi-stakeholder platform of green technologies as well as the development and dissemination of resources for technology and innovation support, including for access to knowledge and expert networking.

Three key areas where sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions for achieving the SDGs are being effectively delivered, especially related to the cluster of SDGs under review in 2024, bearing in mind the three dimensions of sustainable development and the interlinkages across the Goals and targets.

- Facilitating access to green technologies in support of environment related actions such as climate change and water action agendas through the WIPO GREEN Database of Innovative Technologies and Needs which continues to provide a free, solution oriented, global innovation catalogue that connects sustainable solutions to needs related to environmental or climate change problems. Many solutions exist already.
- Access to specialized IP and innovation related education.
- Promoting women participation in the IP system and in entrepreneurship.

Three examples of specific actions, policies and measures that are most urgently needed to effectively deliver sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to eradicate poverty and reinforce the 2030 Agenda, building on interlinkages and transformative pathways for achieving the SDGs.

- Mapping of existing transformative technology and innovation solutions to accelerate access and facilitate acquisition for SDGs, and leverage the WIPO Green database of environment friendly technological solutions for SDG/targets that are heavily reliant on green tech.
- Supporting innovation ecosystems underpinned by appropriate IP regulatory environment that works as an important incentive for technology transfer discussions/negotiations.
- Building a more inclusive innovation and IP ecosystem by inter alia, empowering women, youth as well as local and indigenous communities to engage in finding solutions in support of the SDGs, as well as facilitate their participation in related policy making processes.

Follow-up actions and measures being undertaken by your intergovernmental body or forum to support implementation of the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit.

WIPO relevant governing body is closely following the state of implementation of WIPO's activities in support of the 2030 Agenda and related commitments. The next such review will take place in May 2024 during the intergovernmental committee on development and IP which will consider and discuss WIPO's related deliverables and program of work.

Recommendations and key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration of the 2024 HLPF.

Recognition of the role of IP in spurring R&D for the development of new technological and Innovative solutions in support of the SDGs.

Supporting the development/strengthening of enabling technology and innovation ecosystems at the national level including through the use of the Global Innovation Index as a policy and benchmarking tool as recognized in the UNGA resolution on STI for sustainable development adopted during its 78th session.

Exploring funding mechanisms to support the transfer of green technologies and strengthening the absorption capacity of technology seekers in developing and least developed countries.

Promoting the participation of women, youth and indigenous communities in technology and innovation solutions.