



# JCoR Brief Guide to the SDG Summit

Marking the mid-point of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

## 17 Sustainable Development Goals



**18-19**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
2023

**IN-PERSON  
& ONLINE**

United Nations  
Headquarters  
in New York &  
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THE SUMMIT PROVIDES  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

**Strengthen  
commitment**

to the 2030 Agenda and the  
SDGs

**Share progress**

good practices and challenges

**Accelerate action**

and implementation



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# SCHEDULE

For additional details regarding the agenda, please see the official [SDG Summit Programme](#).

## Monday, 18 September

9:00-9:25 AM

Opening and welcome remarks,  
Adoption of the Political Declaration

9:25-10:00 AM

Film on Stakeholder Mobilization Day  
Moderated panel

10:00-10:30 AM

Actions & Commitments delivered by  
Member States

10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Leaders' Dialogues

- 10:30am-12:00pm: "Scaling up actions on key transitions to accelerate SDG progress"
- 12:00-1:30pm: "Building Resilience and leaving no one behind"
- 3:00-4:30pm: "Game-changers: Applying science, technology, innovation and data for transformative action"
- 4:30-6:00pm: "Strengthening integrated policies and public institutions for achieving the SDGs"

## Tuesday, 19 September

3:00-6:00 PM

Leaders' Dialogues (continued)

- 3:00-4:00pm: "Unity and Solidarity: Strengthening the multilateral system for enhanced support, cooperation, follow-up and review"
- 4:30-6:00pm: "Mobilizing finance and investments and the means of implementation for SDG achievement"

6:15-7:00 PM

Report back from Leaders' Dialogues,  
Closing remarks



The global community has reached the **half-way point** in regard to the deadline set for achieving the 2030 Agenda and its 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). Amidst conflicts, the climate crisis, and the ramifications of the pandemic, we are falling behind on our ambitions to end extreme poverty and inequality, protect the planet, and ensure all people enjoy prosperity and peace.

The [SDG Summit](#), convened by the President of the General Assembly, is expected to generate renewed enthusiasm for the 2030 Agenda and **catalyze action** to accelerate progress on the SDGs.

From **18-19 September**, Heads of State, government representatives, civil society actors, and other stakeholders will gather in New York to assess progress (or lack thereof) on the SDGs, commit to urgent action, and ensure no one is left behind.

The outcome of the Summit will be a negotiated [political declaration](#). This document will provide guidance on advancing sustainable development efforts and accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

**Watch the SDG Summit live or on demand at [UN WebTV](#) (streamed in multiple languages).**

Preceding the Summit, the UN will convene an [SDG Action Weekend](#) on **September 16-17**, which will be open to stakeholders from all sectors. The first day of the [programme](#) will focus on creating convening and mobilisation opportunities, and the second day will emphasise the transformation of ambition into action. (See the following page for additional details)

*The SDG Summit in September must be a moment of unity to provide a renewed impetus and accelerated actions for reaching the SDGs.*

- António Guterres, UN Secretary-General



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# SDG Action Weekend

In the lead up to the SDG Summit, the United Nations is convening an [SDG Action Weekend](#). In contrast to the Summit, which focuses on engaging heads of state and government to make bold commitments to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, **the Action Weekend provides an opportunity for all stakeholders** (e.g., civil society, academia, intergovernmental organizations, the private sector) **to participate in dialogue** with the Member States, identify actionable strategies to advance implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and develop key messaging to inform the proceedings of the Summit. Civil society, youth, academics, local governments, and other stakeholders play a fundamental role in the implementation of the SDGs. Therefore, their contributions and participation are essential to the success of the SDG Summit and the realization of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

*All in-person participants MUST have either a valid UN grounds pass or a Special Events Ticket issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters during the SDG Action Weekend. Please note that CSO badges (“N”) will be valid during the two days of the SDG Action Weekend (additional registration will be required for CSO badges for the SDG Summit).*

*If you are unable to attend in-person, it is likely the main events of the SDG Action Weekend will be streamed live on [UN WebTV](#).*

## PROGRAMME

The SDG Action Weekend will consist of the SDG Mobilization Day (16 September) and the SDG Acceleration Day on (17 September) at UN Headquarters in New York.

**Mobilization Day** provides opportunities for participants to convene, organize and prepare overarching messages to inform the formal proceedings of the SDG Summit. In addition, each session of this day will generate specific outcomes.

**Acceleration Day** highlights actions to accelerate SDG implementation. It centers on twelve [High-Impact Initiatives](#), which the UN seeks to rally all stakeholders behind. These initiatives aim to demonstrate the possibilities of transformative progress on the SDGs, despite global challenges, to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030.

Click on the following link to access the [draft programme](#) for the SDG Action Weekend and the [full programme of side-events](#).

## RECOMMENDED EVENT:

### Rethinking Multilateralism: Responding to Interconnected Crises from the Lens of the ‘People’ SDGs, Partners, and Civil Society

14 SEPTEMBER 2023, 10:00AM (NEW YORK TIME)

At the midpoint of the SDGs, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Development and the distribution of resources is starkly uneven, the COVID-19 pandemic and effects of the climate crisis have uprooted and disrupted whole communities. Political will, trust in public institutions, and the very spirit of collaboration that led to the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals has reached new lows. A recommitment to the SDGs and their targets is needed now more than ever. UNANIMA International is hosting this event in parallel to the SDG Summit and aims to have attendees rethink conceptions from a variety of perspectives. Click on the following links to view the [flyer](#), [concept note](#), and [register your participation](#).

