The United Nations Independent Group of Scientists

Global Sustainable Development Report

2023

Update to Member States, HLPF 2022
Overarching key themes and messages

• At the half-way mark, we have not made sufficient progress towards achievement of the 2030 goals

• Unsustainable development has led to recent globally cascading crises and shocks and exacerbated their impact

• Making progress on the SDGs is an insurance/building resilient systems against new crises and shocks

• Acceleration toward SDG implementation is crucial
Overarching key themes and messages, cont.

• Transformations are inevitable—shaping them toward sustainability is both a science and an art

• Our report presents a framework that can serve as an overarching approach to guide action in a systematic manner

• Robust evidence should inform action for acceleration

• Levers used effectively in different phases of the transformation to sustainability requires tailoring to the local context
Overarching key themes and messages, cont.

• To make progress on the Agenda 2030, leaders must take bold decisions to accelerate transformations to sustainable development

• These decisions may involve risks and unpopularity, but they are needed to avoid much greater future risk

• This will ensure accountability to young and future generations
Building on GSDR 2019 and going farther
“The Future is Now: Science for Achieving Sustainable Development”

Pathways are context-specific configurations of levers to achieve transformation in each entry point.
Phases for an indicative transformation (six entry points)

Emergence

Acceleration

Stabilization

Dominant unsustainable pathway

Impediments

Tipping point

Levers

Emerging sustainable pathway

Destabilization

Breakdown

Phase out

Emergence

Acceleration

Stabilization
GSDR Timeline

2022

• IGS continues work on draft (July-Aug)
• Draft to peer review (Sept)
• Regional consultations (Sept-Dec)

2023

• Advanced draft shared with Member States for comments (Jan-Feb)
• Final unedited version circulated to Member States (March)
• Report launched at SDG Summit (Sept)
Thank you for your attention! Questions?