



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Youth engagement for systemic transformation at the SDG-Summit: Implementing the Global Sustainable Development Report call to action

14th of July, 13:15 – 14:30

Location: UNHQ, Conference Room A

This year's High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development takes place amidst a challenging global context of a slow recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts and the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. Guided by its theme "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels", the Forum is a key moment for igniting accelerated action towards the 2030 Agenda at its halfway point.

The 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report will be launched at the SDG Summit in September. Prepared by an Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) appointed by the Secretary-General, the 2023 GSDR focuses on accelerating transformation through key entry points, and fully leveraging the interlinkages between the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets for transformative change. As part of the preparatory process, regional consultations were held to seek inputs from all relevant stakeholders, including youth representatives who are crucial actors for collective action on the SDGs.

This side event brings together youth representatives, members of the Independent Group of Scientists writing the Global Sustainable Development Report, policymakers, and members of civil society, academia, and the private sector to strengthen the voice of youth in preparation of the SDG Summit. The multi-stakeholder event will be an opportunity to **highlight and discuss key priorities and opportunities by and for youth regarding the recommendations of the 2023 GSDR**. The event aims to serve as a platform for youth to share their unique perspectives on actions needed to achieve the SDGs by 2030. The side event will be hosted by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The side event will enable an exchange and a constructive debate on the following questions:

1. From a youth perspective, what are the most important recommendations of the GSDR to advance 2030 Agenda implementation at national, regional, and global levels? How can young people play an active part in the implementation of these recommendations?
2. How are youth helping to strengthen the science-policy interface reflected in the 2023 GSDR and how can they help ensure the impact of the report?
3. Based on the evidence in the report, why should Member States actively include youth in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and how can meaningful participation be achieved?



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Moderation: Ms. Franka Bernreiter, German UN Youth Delegate

SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME

13:15 – 13:25	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk, Deputy Director General, Global Health, Resilience, Equality of Opportunity, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)• Ms. Astra Bonini, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
13:25 – 13:35	<p>Key messages of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Norichika Kanie, Professor at the Graduate School of Media Governance, Keio University, Japan, Member of the Independent Group of Scientists writing the Global Sustainable Development Report
13:35 – 14:05	<p>Panel Discussion: Exploring priorities and opportunities by and for youth regarding the recommendations of the 2023 GSDR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marilyn Holguín Clover, Youth Delegate of The Millennials Movement• Ms. Barbara Del Castello, Co-coordinator for the Science Policy Interface at the Major Group on Children and Youth (UNMGCY)• Ms. Ronelle King, Executive Director Life in Leggings – Caribbean Alliance Against Gender-based Violence, Representative of UN Youth Envoy Cohort• Mr. Ian Banda, President of Youth in Action for Disability Inclusion (YADIZ), Zambia
14:05 – 14:25	<p>Q&A</p>
14:25 – 14:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Verónica Tomei, Head of Division United Nations, 2030 Agenda, Developing Countries and Emerging Economies, Environmental Aspects of International Climate and Energy Policy and Commissioner for Sustainable Development, BMUV