



FIRST WEEK (8-12 JULY 2024)

8 JULY

**SDGS IN PRACTICE:
OPENING SEGMENT**
(11AM-1PM, CR11)

9 JULY

**SCIENCE DAY:
DRIVING SCIENCE-
BASED ACTION ON
THE SDGS**
(10AM-1PM, CR3)

10 JULY

**LOCAL2030
COALITION
SPECIAL EVENT**
(10AM-1PM, CR3)

11 JULY

**2024 LOCAL AND
REGIONAL
GOVERNMENTS
FORUM**
(10AM-1PM, CR5)

**SPECIAL EVENT
ON
TRANSFORMING
EDUCATION**
(10AM-1PM, ECO)



MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (15-17 JULY 2024)

15 JULY

**THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND
NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2024:
SPECIAL EVENT ON FINANCING TO
END HUNGER, FOOD INSECURITY AND
MALNUTRITION IN ALL ITS FORMS**
(11AM-1PM, CR2)

**GLOBAL POLICY DIALOGUE
WITH THE HIGH-LEVEL ADVISORY
BOARD ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS**
(1:15PM-2:30PM, CR11)

**KEEPING THE SDG
PROMISE:
PATHWAYS TO
ACCELERATION**
(3PM-6PM, ECO)

**2024 HIGHER
EDUCATION
SUSTAINABILITY
INITIATIVE (HESI)
GLOBAL FORUM**
(3PM-6PM, CR1)

16 JULY

2024 SDG GLOBAL BUSINESS FORUM
(8AM-10AM, VIRTUAL)

**BRIDGING THE
AMBITION GAP FOR
THE FUTURE WE WANT
THROUGH CLIMATE
AND SDGS SYNERGY**
(10AM-1PM, CR5)

**SDG 6 AND
WATER
ACTION
AGENDA
SPECIAL
EVENT**
(10AM-1PM &
3PM-5PM,
CR11)

**PARLIAMENTARY
FORUM AT THE HLPF**
(10AM-1PM, CR2)

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ABOUT HLPF SPECIAL EVENTS

In collaboration with key partners, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) curates a set of high-profile special events for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), galvanizing broad ownership and engagement on the SDGs from key sectors, such as higher education institutions, private sector, local authorities, parliamentarians, among others. Most of these events are recurring every year under different themes. The 2024 events will be held either fully in-person at the UNHQ in New York or virtually.

2024

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
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8 JULY 2024

SDGs in Practice Opening Segment: the crucial role of training and learning for advancing the 2030 Agenda

(8 July, 11am-1pm | Organized by UNITAR & UN DESA)

CR 11

The SDGs in Practice is a series of capacity-building and knowledge-learning sessions aimed at implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Organized annually by UNITAR and UN DESA in collaboration with various UN entities and stakeholders, these sessions provide practical insights, networking opportunities, and innovative solutions for SDG implementation. Catering to a global audience through virtual and select in-person formats, the 2024 sessions will cover topics like the Future of Education & Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Jobs, Social Protection, Data Collection and Analysis for SDG Monitoring, and Partnership Building and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement. The SDGs in Practice will be held from 8 to 17 July 2024, as a special event to the 2024 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development.

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9 JULY 2024

Science Day: Driving Science-based Action on the SDGs

(9 July, 10am-1pm | Organized by SEI, UNDP, SDSN, ISC and UN DESA)

CR 3

Science Day offers a space for decision-makers, scientists, academics, and stakeholders to delve into the intricate systems, strategies and synergies needed to drive SDG acceleration towards 2030. It is dedicated to fostering meaningful dialogue and collaborations around scientific discoveries, methodologies, and tools supporting policy action in an integrated and evidenced-based manner. Insights and perspectives are intended to inform the 2024 Summit of the Future.

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10 JULY 2024

Local2030 Coalition Special Event

(10 July, 10am-1pm | Organized by Local2030 Coalition)

CR 3

The Local2030 Special event aims to present the first signs of change achieved by the High Impact Initiative (HII) on SDG Localization. The focus is to show efforts that have a multiplier and catalytic effect of promoting transformative actions and solutions at the local level. The ultimate goal is to showcase how the HII is acting as a mechanism to foster multilevel governance structures, bridge various sectors to address multiple territorial scales, help to build coherence across policies and actions, strengthen multistakeholder capacities and enhance their collaboration and leverage resources to finance a pipeline of local-level initiatives and broad avenues for inclusive participation.

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11 JULY 2024

2024 Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF)

(11 July 2024, 10am-1pm | Organized by UN DESA, Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), UN-Habitat, UNDP, Local2030 Coalition)

CR 3

The 2024 Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF) will showcase effective localization policies and high impact coalitions led by the local and regional government constituency, in relation to the SDGs under review at the 2024 HLPF, with a particular focus on the SDG Rescue Plan and the links of the 2030 Agenda with the Summit of the Future. The LRGF will aim at featuring innovative advancements in local reporting and monitoring initiatives such as the VLRs and VSRs in connection to VNRs, as well as to foster multilevel governance and partnerships among different spheres of government, the international community, and other stakeholders towards closing the gap on SDG implementation.

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Special Event on Transforming Education

(11 July 2024, 10am-1pm)

ECOSOC
CHAMBER

A Special Event on Transforming Education is being convened by the Secretary General at UN Headquarters on 11 July 2024, in collaboration with the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council. The event will highlight progress made since the Transforming Education Summit, 2022, and spur greater action between now and 2030. It will place a strong focus on investing in education and on skills development for the future, as we look ahead to the Summit of the Future in September 2024, as well as other major high-level meetings in 2025.

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15 JULY 2024

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2024: Special Event on Financing to End Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in All its Forms

(15 July, 11am-1pm | Organized by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP, WHO)

CR 2

In the lead up to the official launch of the UN's The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report on 24 July in Brazil, FAO and its co-publishing partners will present key messages from the report during a Special Event focused on the SOFI 2024 theme, "Financing to End Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in All its Forms." The theme and associated analysis in the 2024 edition of SOFI involve a close look at current levels and gaps in financing for food security and nutrition, providing envelope-pushing recommendations regarding innovative financing options to help address the major drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition, and support agrifood system transformation – all of which are critical to achieving SDG Targets 2.1 and 2.2. The discussion at the HLPF Special Event sets the scene for the launch of the full SOFI 2024 report in Rio de Janeiro on 24 July, where new UN data and statistics regarding global hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition in all its forms will be released.

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Delivering the Future We Want: A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue with the High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs

CR 11

(15 July, 1:15pm-2:30pm | Organized by UN DESA)

This special edition of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue Series will feature members of the [UN High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs \(HLAB\)](#) and leaders of the UN regional and economic commissions in an interactive discussion about how to address global challenges and accelerate SDG implementation amid multisystemic crises. The event will be in-person and online.

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Keeping the SDG Promise: Pathways to Acceleration

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(15 July, 3pm-6pm | Organized by EOSG & Joint SDG Fund)

The Special Event will provide an update on progress being achieved through the "High Impact Initiatives" (HIIs), championed by the United Nations development system and others at the 2023 SDG Summit. It will also explore the importance of mobilizing investments for critical SDG transitions and showcase countries and programmes that are already making progress in that direction, drawing on the work of the Joint SDG Fund.

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Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Global Forum 2024: The Future of Higher Education for Sustainable Development

CR 1

(15 July, 3pm-6pm | Organized by UN DESA, UNESCO, UNEP, UNGC PRME, UNU, UN-Habitat, UNCTAD, UNITAR, UNOP, UN Academic Impact)

Join us at the 2024 HESI Global Forum on 15 July 2024, under the theme "The Future of Higher Education for Sustainable Development." Hosted by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), this special event of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will feature a multi-stakeholder discussion on the intersection of education, innovation, and sustainability, emphasizing the impact of AI and other technologies. The forum will also showcase inspiring initiatives from the UN system and HESI action groups, highlighting higher education's role in advancing implementation of the SDGs

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16 JULY 2024

2024 SDG Global Business Forum: Co-creating Business Impact to Drive Transformation

VIRTUAL

(16 July, 8am-10am | Organized by UNGC, UN DESA, IOE, WBCSD)

The SDG Global Business Forum provides a platform to showcase business impact in driving sustainability transformation in their local communities and around the world. The 2024 Forum will gather business leaders, innovators, problem solvers from Governments, the private sector, and civil society to co-create business-driven solutions for the SDGs, with a special emphasis on the SDGs under review in 2024, namely Goal 1 (No poverty), Goal 2 (Zero hunger), Goal 13 (Climate action), Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the goals). It will also serve as a key moment ahead of the Summit of the Future, gathering business inputs towards a better future.

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Bridging the Ambition Gap for the Future We Want through Climate and SDG Synergy

CR 5

(16 July, 10am-1pm | Organized by UN-Energy & UN DESA)

The special event will launch the 2024 Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergy, it will offer actionable solutions and policy recommendations to guide policymakers and stakeholders towards achieving climate goals and the SDGs in synergy. The pursuit of

SDGs and the Paris Agreement falls short, demanding urgent action on transformative pathways that tackle multiple crises at once. By providing actionable solutions, the report aims to inform the upcoming 2024 critical milestones, including the UN Summit of the Future, COP29. The report as well as this event will also inform the deliberations at the 5th Global Climate-SDG Synergy Conference, to be hosted by the Government of Brazil and co-convened by UNDESA and UNFCCC in Rio de Janeiro from September 5-6th. Ultimately, the event will serve as a platform to initiate new potential collaborations for synergistic action.

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SDG 6 and Water Action Agenda Special Event 2024

CR 11

(16 July, 10am-1pm & 3pm-5pm | Organized by UN-Water & UN DESA)

The fourth annual SDG 6 Special Event during HLPF provides opportunities for discourse on global water and sanitation topics and features the launch of the UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation. It will also feature discussions of country-level actions toward implementing the new UN strategy and launch SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework Country Acceleration Case Studies from Cambodia, Czechia, and Jordan. It facilitates a space to engage in the global water discourse with updates from international water events, a Member States roundtable about the upcoming 2026 UN Water Conference, as well as updates on the Water Action Agenda commitments made during and following the UN 2023 Water Conference. In light of the HLPF's in-depth review of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17, the SDG 6 and Water Action Agenda Special Event further focuses on approaches to mainstream water in the context of no poverty, zero hunger, climate action, peace, and partnerships.

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2024 Parliamentary Forum

CR 2

(16 July, 10am-1pm | Organized by IPU)

Designed to engage parliamentarians in assessing progress towards the SDGs at the global level, the Parliamentary Forum at HLPF provides a major opportunity for parliamentary oversight of government action as well as for an exchange of best legislative practices on sustainable development from parliaments around the world.

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