

Fifth Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet

Concept Note

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5-6 September 2024

“We must solve the climate emergency and sustainable development challenges together, or we will not solve them at all.”

*UNDESA-UNFCCC Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergies,
Synergies Solutions for a World in Crisis, Tackling Climate and SDG Action Together, 2023*

The conference is co-convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. The Fifth Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will take place on 5-6 September 2024 at the Museum of Tomorrow (Museu do Amanhã) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

CONTEXT

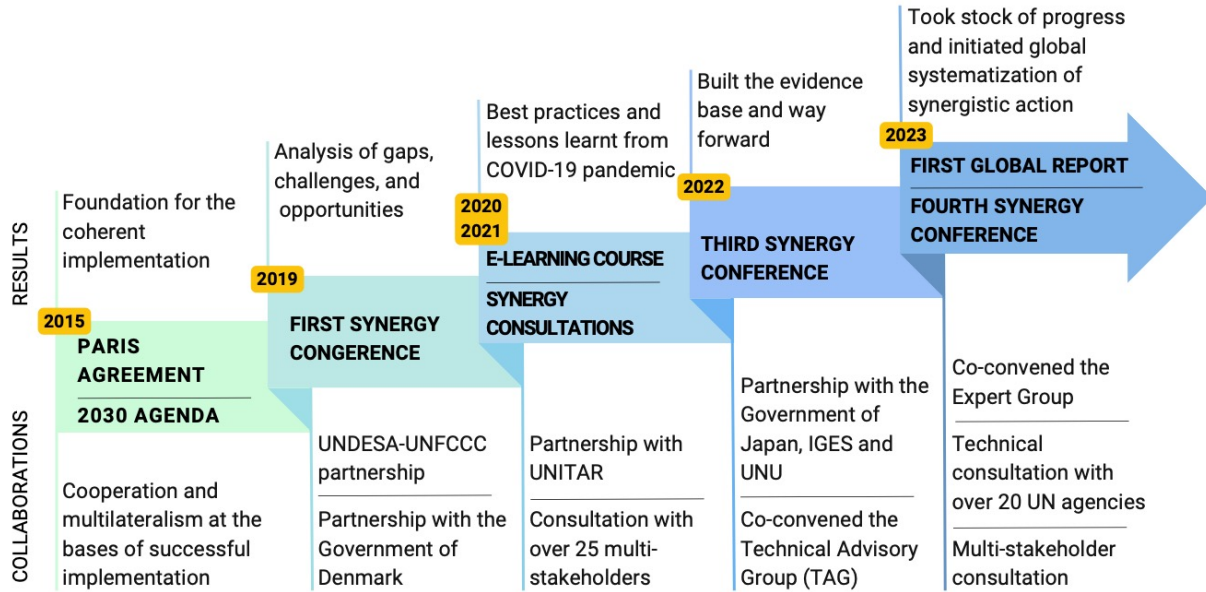
The [Global Sustainable Development Report 2023](#) and the recent [Sixth Assessment Report](#) of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have warned urgently that the world community stands to fall further behind and may not achieve its 2030 Sustainable Development and Paris Agreement Goals unless we change course dramatically. Profound economic, social, and environmental transitions are needed to overcome the interconnected crisis of poverty and hunger, biodiversity loss and climate change amongst others.

The Secretary-General has repeatedly called upon countries to step up action. In a recent address on his [2023 priorities](#), he also stressed that “*Climate action is the 21st century’s greatest opportunity to drive forward all the Sustainable Development Goals.*” He noted that with integrated planning, coherent policies, and economic stimulus investments, the achievement of the SDGs can be advanced. Trade-offs can be avoided, social disparities reduced, and the global climate can be protected at the same time.

In response to Secretary-General’s call for integrated action and to help strengthen joint up implementation of climate action and the SDGs, UNDESA and UNFCCC in collaboration with other partners have been convening annual global dialogues to elevate the importance of this critical issue and to offer a dedicated platform for discussion. In addition, to deepen the evidence-base and as a follow up to key recommendations emerging from these global dialogues, in May 2023, an [Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergies](#) was announced with the intention of developing the first global report on this topic in 2023 that would form the basis for future editions. The report entitled “[Synergy Solutions for a World in Crisis: Tackling Climate and SDG Action Together](#)”, was launched in September 2023 and pointed to continuing knowledge barriers, political and institutional barriers, and economic and financial barriers.

Against this backdrop, and with the assistance and support of like-minded institutions, UN organizations, and a growing number of host and partner countries, UNDESA and UNFCCC will continue their efforts to raise awareness and strengthen synergies, including through global climate and SDG synergy conferences, which have grown in size and impact over the years.

RECENT MILESTONES SINCE THE FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE AND SDG SYNERGIES



FIFTH GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF CLIMATE AND SDG SYNERGY

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will co-convene the **Fifth Global Conference on Climate and SDG Synergies** on 5-6 September 2024 to support and increase the momentum for collaborative global climate and development action. The Conference will be hosted by the Government of Brazil at the Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro.

This conference is part of the capacity development efforts of the co-conveners, aiming to support member states and practitioners in their policy and action plans through the sharing of knowledge and best practices. Organizing the conference with Brazil will support the alignment of climate and SDG actions with intergovernmental processes, given Brazil's upcoming hosting of COP30 and its role in the G20 process demonstrating its commitment to global cooperation.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The Fifth Global Conference will convene world leaders and experts to discuss climate and SDG synergies, aiming to broaden global policy dialogue. It will showcase empirical evidence and case studies on climate action and SDG co-benefits, highlighting progress and pathways for just and equitable transitions. The conference will also facilitate new partnerships and networks to enhance integrated decision-making.

Additionally, it will promote wider public participation, with a focus on inclusivity of all relevant social groups, particularly from the Latin American and Caribbean region, and will offer capacity-building opportunities to further enhance understanding and action on these critical issues.

The Fifth Global Conference on Climate and SD Synergies will deliver:

- A concise **Conference Summary**, with a set of key recommendations for enhancing synergistic implementation of the SDGs and climate action at the political level as well as practical levels.
- A detailed **Conference Report** and other documentation for use as educational and reference materials (with possibility of translations into Portuguese language).

PORGAMME OVERVIEW

(Draft as of 21 June 2024)

The Conference is a multi-stakeholder event, with representatives from a variety of stakeholders including youth, civil society, private sector, and member states. Full programme with list of speakers will be developed and made available on the conference website in due course.

DAY 1, THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 10:30	Conference Opening and High-level Segment		Plenary (Auditorium)
10:30 – 11:45	Scene-setting conversation: Global state of progress on Climate and SDG Synergy: presentation followed by a dialogue		Plenary (Auditorium)
	<i>Coffee break</i>		
12:00 – 12:30	Fireside chat		Plenary (Auditorium)
	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 – 15:15	Getting everyone onboard: Promoting sustainable development, eradicating poverty, promoting gender equality, and ensuring just transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient societies.		Plenary (Auditorium)
	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:30 – 16:45	Parallel Thematic Sessions 1		
	Session 1.1: Policy framework	Session 1.2: Bioeconomy	
	Breakout room 1	Breakout room 2	
16:45 – 17:00	Reporting back and Day 1 Closing		Plenary (Auditorium)

DAY 2, FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 09:30	Scene-setting conversation	Plenary (Auditorium)
09:30 – 10:45	Parallel Thematic Sessions 2	
	Session 2.1: Sustainable Patterns of consumption and production	Session 2.2: Finance
	Breakout room 1	Breakout room 2
	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:15	Parallel Thematic Sessions 3	
	Session 3.1: Knowledge, technology and data	Session 3.2: Cities
	Breakout room 1	Breakout room 2
12:15 – 13:00	Reporting back and Conference Closing	Plenary (Auditorium)