



KEEPING THE SDG PROMISE: PATHWAYS FOR ACCELERATION

Convened by the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group in partnership with the Government of Spain

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OVERVIEW

At the 2023 SDG Summit, Member States committed to advancing bold, ambitious and transformative action to accelerate achievement of the SDGs between now and 2030. In pursuing this objective, they encouraged all relevant actors to better address interlinkages, synergies and trade-offs across the SDGs.

To highlight the ongoing response of the UN development system and Member States to this call for acceleration, the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Spain, will convene an HLPF Special Event entitled *Keeping the SDG Promise: Pathways for Acceleration*, on Monday, 15 July 2024, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber.

BACKGROUND

The SDG Summit in September 2023 addressed the stark reality that halfway to our 2030 deadline, the world was only on track to meet 15% of SDG targets. In response, in the SDG Summit Political Declaration, Member States reaffirmed the centrality of the 2030 Agenda - the world's overarching roadmap for achieving sustainable development - and overcoming the multiple crises the world faces. Leaders committed to working together to accelerate progress towards the goals between now and 2030.

To support this push for SDG acceleration, the UN development system joined forces with member states and other partners around twelve HIIIs that serve as examples of the integrated, multi-stakeholder action needed to accelerate progress at scale in the years ahead. The HIIIs are centred around six key transitions, which build on the findings of Global Sustainable Development Report, other SDG scholarship and UN-system experience on the ground and serve as critical investment pathways for accelerating progress across the goals. These are (1) food systems; (2) energy access and affordability; (3) digital connectivity; (4) education and skills; (5) jobs and social protection; and (6) climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. The HIIIs also include initiatives toward achieving gender equality and the means required for SDG implementation (finance, technology, localization, high quality data, and capacity strengthening).

At the country level, UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams are increasingly moving to support member states on their national transitions and acceleration pathways, by serving as engine rooms on the development of public sector capacities; shifts in policy and regulatory frameworks, design of bankable project pipelines and convening for the mobilization of finance. The Joint SDG Fund also plays a vital role as the key instrument for RCs and UN Country Teams (UNCTs) to jointly deliver 'enabling actions' for SDGs acceleration. Looking ahead, the Fund's overarching strategy prioritises support to the work of UNCTs on the transitions, bringing to bear its successful track record in supporting integrated policymaking, Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), and innovative financing mechanisms.

With only six years to go to 2030, the Special Event will examine the role of SDG transitions in SDG acceleration, profile concrete examples of progress and highlight the crucial connection between the development of updated NDCs and SDG acceleration. As we look ahead to the Summit of the Future and Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, it will also highlight the importance of reform of the international architecture and access to the necessary means to acceleration.

EVENT DETAILS

Overview

The event will consist of an opening segment, an interactive discussion, a segment for statements and contributions from member states and others, and a closing segment.

Participation

This will be an open, inclusive event. All member states and participants attending the HLPF are invited to attend.

There will be no speakers list for this event. Member States are encouraged to post questions to the panelists during the panel discussion.

During the plenary segment, delegations and others will have an opportunity to make a statement or contribution and are encouraged to focus on national plans for SDG acceleration. Statements should be limited to a maximum of 3minutes. Every effort will be made to accommodate contributions from attending Ministers.

The meeting will also be streamed live on UN-WEBCAST.

Inputs

An update brochure will be issued in advance of the event, providing an update on progress made under the UN High Impact initiatives. This and other documents will be available on <https://sdgs.un.org/events/keeping-sdg-promise-pathways-acceleration-55952>

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