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Virtual	8 - 9 a.m.	ZOOM	Unleashing the Power of Public Private Philanthropy Partnerships for Transformational Development	<p>The session is based on a multi-stakeholder partnership which is transforming agricultural landscapes into sustainable ecosystems, enhancing both production systems and environmental health, and connecting farmers into international value chains.</p> <p>A panel, which will include partners from these landscapes, will reflect on how the combination of public, private, philanthropy and people resources and levers are together delivering transformation.</p> <p>Participants will consider how to enable and drive multi-sectoral collaboration far more systematically.</p>	The Partnering Initiative, WINGS, UNDESA	Link
Hybrid	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Registration	Leveraging Social Finance to Combat Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking	<p>This side event will explore how microfinance and social finance mechanisms can effectively contribute to ending modern slavery and human trafficking. It will focus on effective tailored financial services and products to reduce the complex vulnerability (e.g. poverty, marginalization, environmental degradation, urbanization etc.) that constitutes the ground for displaced populations, informal entrepreneurs, and MSMEs in fragile and crisis-affected contexts to become entangled in forced labour, exploitation, and trafficking in persons through a cross-sector approach. By aligning with global standards like the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and international forums such as the ECOSOC Partnership forum, this event will demonstrate the critical role of regulatory adaptations and partnerships in enhancing the effectiveness of social finance mechanisms.</p>	UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub & FAST Initiative, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations in New York	Link
Virtual	9 - 10:30 a.m.	ZOOM	ESD and higher education: Reflections on an evolving field	<p>This ECOSOC side event will focus on a particularly strong thread in the upcoming journal issue: the relationship between ESD and higher education. Higher education institutions serve as incubators for ESD and foment changes to policy on a national and global level. Speakers will question if we are truly progressing towards our global goals in effective, efficient, and transformative ways within higher education.</p>	UN SDSN, York University, Columbia University, UNESCO	Link

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Virtual	11:00 a.m.	ZOOM	STEM Education as a Roadmap to Enhancing Development within African and Caribbean Communities	To be added later	Bright Light Projects, The lady b Bless Humanitarian Foundation Inc	Link
Off-site	3 - 5 p.m.	Landmark Room, 30th Floor, West Tower, Millennium Hilton New York, One UN Plaza	Advancing Women's Capacity to Shape the Robust Partnership Networks for Achieving the 2030 Agenda at the Crossroad of Technological Empowerment	The side event will explore the construction of inclusive partnerships and approaches to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda through three topics including gender equity, technology empowerment and stakeholder governance.	Beijing International Exchange Association (BIEA), UNDESA, The Brazilian Association of Science Parks, Business Incubators and Accelerators (ANPROTEC), Italian Home for Children	Link



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Virtual	8 - 9:15 a.m.	ZOOM	Public-Private Inclusive and Sustainable Knowledge Partnerships	We focus on Public-Private Partnerships that are needed to curate and use SDG knowledge as a Global Public Good. We discuss the Dubai Declaration on Open Educational Resources (OER) on digital public goods and emerging technologies for equitable and inclusive access to knowledge. We will also discuss the UNIDO, UNITAR and SDSN's Capabilities for the Future Hub, a space for SDG 17 stakeholders to create inclusive and sustainable Global Value Chains.	University College Dublin, Government of Ireland SDG Champion, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), UAE Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF), UNESCO, UNITAR, UNIDO, UN Major Group for Children and Youth, and BuildSkills Academy	Link
Off-site	10 - 11:30 a.m.	Baha'i International Community (866 United Nations Plaza)	Successes and Challenges: How Adaptable Partnerships Drive Solutions, Build Trust, and Advance SDGs 5 and 16	Focusing on the SDGs under review this year, in particular SDG5 and reflecting on SDG16, which are both often acknowledged for having an enabling effect for the 2030 Agenda, the side event will address the critical importance of utilising partnerships toward the implementation of the SDGs, including by exploring concrete examples that have been successful with respect to violence prevention and small arms control, gender-responsive justice and security services, and economic empowerment.	Permanent Mission of Czechia, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies International Development Law Organization (IDLO), UN Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI)	Link
Virtual	9 - 10 a.m.	TBD	WSIS+20: Building a digital future for all	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes that the world will achieve the SDGs only by mustering the full power of science, technology, and innovation. This side event will underscore the critical role of the WSIS Process in fostering digital transformation and highlight the upcoming WSIS+20 review as a key milestone for advancing digital governance and global cooperation. It will showcase how these efforts contribute to an inclusive, sustainable digital future that leaves no one behind.	WSIS, ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD	Link



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Virtual	10 - 11:15 am	TBD	Improving Health of Our Children and Future Generations through Education	The aim of this Side Event is to understand the potential of social and economic impacts, that quality education and improved health can bring in achieving peaceful co-existence. For policy-makers and individuals alike, this means planning for the future, and working together.	Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)	Link
Virtual	11:30 am	TBD	Collaboration and Co-Creation: Embracing Regenerative Models and Digital Innovation to Advance Systemic Change	This side event focuses on practical, evidence-based solutions for global challenges through collaboration and co-creation. It highlights the role of sustainability, technology, education, artificial intelligence, and digital innovation in driving transformative change. With a strong focus on the Global South, the event emphasizes inclusivity by involving grassroots stakeholders and diverse expert voices.	Hecho Por Nosotros animanà	Link
Hybrid	13:15 - 14:30 pm	Second Fl, 4 W 43rd St, New York, NY 10035 LINK (HYBRID)	From Margins to Changemakers: Empowering Girls through Leadership Training and Travel	Highlighting how empowering marginalized girls through travel and leadership programs advances the Sustainable Development Agenda, this event showcases a grassroots initiative in Nepal as a scalable, evidence-based solution.	International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, Girls Empowered by Travel – Nepal, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN, MGCY, HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership	Link



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Hybrid	1 - 3 p.m.	Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations, Conference room, 231 East 46th Street, New York, NY 10017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cibb29XT_5o UN WebTV	Global Challenges Action Empowerment, Emerging Technologies & Partnerships	Presentation and discussion of solutions and tools for youth focused all of society climate/SDGs action empowerment, which are being developed in the context of the multi-stakeholder partnership for global challenges action empowerment and emerging technologies / AI capacity building	IAAI, GloCha Global Challenges Foundation New York, Mission of the Bahamas OiJ, UN Habitat Youth Programme	Link
Virtual	TBD	TBD	Progress and Goals of the Private Sector in Mexico in the Area of Gender Equality	This session will present the results of a pioneering study that reflects the advance in the measurement of gender equality in the private sector in Mexico	UN Women, Global Compact Mexico	Link