GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2027

OPEN CALL FOR STAKEHOLDER INPUTS

This open call for stakeholder inputs is convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs on behalf of the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to draft the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR).

The 2027 GSDR will be the third in a series of quadrennial reports, aiming to strengthen the science-policy-society interface and serve as a robust, evidence-based tool to support policymakers in accelerating progress toward poverty eradication and sustainable development. As mandated by UN Member States, the 2027 GSDR will inform the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the SDG Summit in September 2027, providing scientific guidance on the state of sustainable development globally, addressing emerging challenges, and offering actionable recommendations for governments and other stakeholders to better understand and navigate the complex relationships among social, environmental and economic development objectives in the last three years of SDG implementation and beyond.

To support the 'assessment-of-assessments' nature of the GSDR, this open call is designed to:

- *understand stakeholder expectations for the 2027 GSDR, including what characteristics would make the report most relevant and useful;*
- *gather examples of good practices and lessons learned in SDG implementation from practitioners working to strengthen science-policy-society interfaces at all levels, including what works at the local level and where the gaps are;*
- *identify additional peer-reviewed assessments to complement the IGS' own research.*

For more information about the IGS and the 2027GSDR, visit sdgs.un.org/gsdr2027

Responses must be submitted through the following online form by Tuesday 31 March 2026, 6 p.m. EDT.

https://forms.office.com/e/MJGFZpxAaF

SECTION 1 - Understanding Stakeholder Expectations

The 2027 GSDR is expected to inform the SDG Summit in 2027 by providing scientific evidence on the state of sustainable development globally and ways to accelerate progress and address emerging challenges. The Report aims to offer actionable and evidence-based recommendations for governments and other stakeholders to drive integrated action across social, environmental and economic dimensions in the last three years to 2030 and beyond. This section is designed to understand stakeholders' expectations for the 2027GSDR.

1	Please identify the top three priority issues where stronger scientific synthesis and policy-relevant guidance in the 2027 GSDR are most needed to support integrated SDG implementation. (Open ended, Maximum 150 characters per response, max 3 answers per submission.)
2	What type of guidance do you wish to see in the 2027 GSDR about how countries can advance sustainable development by 2030 and beyond? (Open ended, maximum 500 characters)
3	If you are asked to name one thing that the 2027 GSDR could do to strengthen the effectiveness and usability of the report, what would that be? (Maximum 500 characters)

SECTION 2 - Identify evidence-based good practices and lessons learned from SDG implementation to inform the GSDR

This section aims to identify concrete examples of integrated SDG implementation including policy tools, institutional arrangements, or implementation strategies that link social, environmental and economic objectives. The IGS are especially seeking cases from experience where integrated approaches have delivered results, addressed barriers, or produced useful lessons for policymakers, particularly welcoming inputs from low-resource settings, countries in special situations, as well as grassroots organizations.

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Based on your experience, what is the main challenge that needs to be addressed to strengthen integrated approaches to SDG implementation? (Open ended, Maximum 500 characters per submission)

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Please share a good practice/case study/policy tool from your work illustrating integrated implementation of the SDGs. (Maximum one per submission)

- Short summary about the good practice/case study/policy tool (500 characters max)
- Partners involved (500 characters max)
- Short summary of barriers faced and how they were overcome (800 characters max)
- SDG result/impact achieved (500 characters max)
- Relevant link

SECTION 3 - References to Peer-Reviewed Materials to Further Strengthen 2027 GSDR's Scientific Base *(Optional, Targeting Scientists and Researchers)*

Considering the "assessment-of-assessments" nature of the GSDR, this section is designed for scientists and researchers to share scientific references that are relevant to the GSDR themes to complement the IGS' own research and strengthen the scientific base of the 2027GSDR. In providing the scientific references, please follow the UN Style Guide: https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/editorial-manual/footnotes/chap-04#H

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If and only if you are a scientist or a researcher, please share scientific references to recent peer-reviewed assessments, systematic reviews/meta-analyses, and major scientific syntheses relevant to the priority issues you have identified in Question 1 above. Please provide hyperlinks if available.

Kindly note that the questionnaire will collect information about your region, country, stakeholder type, gender, profession and organization to provide context for your input. By submitting input, you will agree to share it with the Independent Group of Scientists and to make your input (name and contact details not included) public. The publishing of inputs does not represent endorsement from the United Nations on the accuracy or reliability of any advice, opinion, statement or other information included in the inputs generated from this open call. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs reserves the rights to delete any content/input that is not aligned with the United Nations Charter and/or the principles and purposes of the Global Sustainable Development Report.