



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development - Video produced by IISD Reporting Services



UN ECOSOC President Marie Chatardova sends a message - Video



"Many people are indeed living better lives than they were a decade ago", said Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs Liu Zhenmin

Retrospective

- The first week of the High-level Political forum was widely covered by the press around the world. Hundreds of media outlets at the local, national and regional level (CNN, US News, Xinhua, El País, The Saudi Press Agency, and others) covered the High-level Political Forum. The UN news service also produced press articles, radio programmes and videos on the six Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reviewed at the HLPF. The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) reporting services also covered the event live and is producing their daily Earth Negotiations Bulletin.
- On social media, thousands of followers tweeted and retweeted information posted by the UN system on the High-level Political Forum using the hashtags #HLPF #SDGs and #GlobalGoals.
- An SDG Media Zone, a live video production of interviews, panel discussions with government representatives, the civil society, and policy experts on the SDGs is being organized in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

News from the United Nations

- [UN Forum examines three pillars of 2030 Global Goals](#)
- [Consuming and producing sustainably, a ‘cornerstone’ for reaching 2030 Global Goals, UN Forum stresses](#)
- [UN forum spotlights cities, where struggle for sustainability ‘will be won or lost’](#)
- [Achieving targets on energy helps meet other Global Goals, UN forum told](#)
- [‘Laser-sharp focus’ needed to achieve Global Goals by 2030, UN political forum told](#)
- [Countries outline progress made in pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals at key UN forum](#)
- [La réalisation des objectifs de développement durable doit inclure la société civile \(ONU\)](#)
- [Sociedades sostenibles, a debate en la ONU](#)

UN Press Conferences

- [9 July 2018 – Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development on the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#)
- [11 July 2018 – Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Direct of UN-Habitat on the](#)

implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 11

- 11 July 2018 - Professor Dr. Meine van Noordwijk (ICRAF, Wageningen University, The Netherlands); and Professor Dr. Irena F. Creed (University of Saskatchewan)

Top News from the International Press

- Alwantv: مصر تستعرض تأكيد "المنفذ من رؤية 2030" أمام الأمم المتحدة 15 يوليو**
- Sada El-Bald: البيئة تشارك في منتدى التنمية المستدامة بالأمم المتحدة عام**
- Saudi Press Agency: مصر تشارك في منتدى التنمية المستدامة في نيويورك**
- XINHUA: UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development kicks off**
- Xinhua: UN-Habitat: 2/3 population to live in cities, urban centers by 2050**
- people.cn: 受□□家：中国□代国□关系研究院副院□□仲平**
- THE AUSTRALIAN: UN report cites Murray-Darling water panic**
- THE STAR: Looming water crisis a threat to growth goals**
- IISD: HLPF Reviews SDG6, calling for greater efficiency of water use**
- The Himalayan Times: Forests form buffer against water crisis, says a report**
- Just-Style: Denim sustainability project heads to UN to call for change**
- Inter-Press Service/WaterAid: Keep water Out of Reach of Children**
- The Jakarta Post: Forest climate: Why atmospheric water matters**
- CNN: America is falling far behind on key world goals**
- US News: Australia Falters on Sustainability**
- Devdiscourse: Sustainable cities, SDG 11 in focus on 3rd day of UN Political Forum**
- IISD: Synthesis Report Previews "Urban Goal" for HLPF**
- EurekAlert: Leading sustainability experts call for more efficient approach to deliver UN goals**
- News Deeply: Countries Need to Use Gender Data to Track SDG Progress. Here's How**
- The Impact Alpha: 2030 goals light a path to the post-Trump era**
- Brookings: Counting who gets left behind: Current trends and gaps on the Sustainable Development Goals**
- Jamaica Observer: Planning is key to implementation of 2030 UN Agenda in the Caribbean - ECLAC**
- IDN-InDepthNews: UN Nuclear Watchdog Promotes Global Development Agenda**
- CityLab: Why New York City is reporting its sustainability Progress to the UN**
- MediaTerre: Forum politique de haut niveau : rendre les sociétés viables et résilientes**
- Belarus News: Belarus invites UNECE to assist with creating network of national SDG coordinators**
- Media Terre: Le Forum politique de haut niveau examine " l'aspect sombre " de la réalisation des objectifs de développement durable**
- La Presse.ca/CNW Telbec: Le ministre Duclos dirigera la délégation canadienne lors du Forum politique de haut niveau des Nations Unies de 2018 sur le développement durable**
- TogoPresse: Le Premier ministre Komi Sélom Klassou représente le Togo au Forum**

- politique de haut niveau sur le développement durable à New York**
- GuineeNews: Alpha Condé à New-York pour le forum sur les ODD
 - Vietnam+: Ouverture du forum politique de haut niveau de l'ONU pour le développement durable
 - Avesta: Таджикистан принял участие в политическом форуме по устойчивому развитию
 - БЕАТА: Беларусь приглашает ЕЭК ООН к практическому содействию в создании сети нацкоординаторов по ЦУР
 - БЕАТА: В ООН презентовали опыт и наработки стран ЕАЭС в достижении ЦУР
 - Radio Florida/Radio Cubana: Debaten en ONU sobre Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible
 - El Tiempo: Capacidad para encarar desastres, clave para la Agenda 2030 / Opinión
 - MVS Noticias: ONU-Hábitat reconoce trabajo de Infonavit en materia de desarrollo urbano
 - El País: La España de 2030 según las ONG
 - europapress: Euskadi participará en el 'High Level Political Forum 2018' organizado por Naciones Unidas sobre la Agenda 2030
 - ElCronista: Potenciar la resiliencia en America Latina y el Caribe
 - EFEVerde: María Lafuente: La moda es una “herramienta poderosa” de cambio

SDG Media Zone

Update from the High-level Political Forum

July 9, 2018 – The guest is Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Clean Water and Sanitation Update

July 10, 2018 – The guest is Mr. Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of UNESCO's Global Water Assessment office

Clean Energy Update

July 11, 2018 – The guest is Mr. Adnan Amin, Head of IRENA, the International Renewable Energy Agency

Sustainable Cities Update

July 12, 2018 – The guest is Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT

IISD Reporting Services: (Links: Main event, Side events)

DPI Meetings Summaries (Link)

Videos

[UN Webcast](#)

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Cities are growing and that affects life for everyone.

[13 July 2018 - UN's Shantanu Mukherjee explains the High-level Political Forum and why the Global Goals matter.](#)

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (By IISD Reporting Services)

[July 9, 2018 - The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\) opened Monday, 9 July 2018, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\) at UN Headquarters in New York. Produced by Tasha Goldberg.](#)

[Filmed/edited by Hernan Aguilar](#)

Are we on track to realize the global goals?

[June 29, 2018 - Are we on track to realize the Sustainable Development Goals? The world will come together at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\) to assess our efforts.](#)

Michelle Yeoh on fashion and sustainability

[May 19, 2018 - When we buy new clothes, we are not the only ones paying for their price – the environment also pays its share. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador Michelle Yeoh talks about fashion and sustainability.](#)

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