



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

9-18 July 2018 | UN Headquarters, New York

Business Guide to the UN High-level Political Forum

The United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development is the central multi-stakeholder mechanism established by the United Nations to follow up on and review the 2030 Agenda and its the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year, 47 countries will be reporting the outcomes of their [Voluntary National Reviews](#) on progress focusing on theme of “*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*”.

Additionally, a set of six Global Goals will be under review:



Why should business engage at the HLPF?

Fulfilling the ambitious targets set by the 2030 Agenda and the Global Goals will take an unprecedented effort by all sectors in society, and the business community has an important role to play. The Global Goals bring together world leaders, businesses, civil society and citizens around shared challenges to make change happen on a massive scale. The achievement of the Global Goals is needed for communities and businesses to thrive everywhere, now and in the future. The businesses that understand this challenge and take action will be a step ahead.

The United Nations Global Compact is mobilizing the business community worldwide to align their business case with the Global Goals. UN Global Compact helps businesses report their impact and engage with all stakeholders via Global Compact Local Networks in collaboration with the United Nations system, in order to achieve the world we want by 2030.

The HLPF represents a unique opportunity for businesses that are already taking action on the Global Goals to:

1. Share progress and report on the efforts they have carried out to help achieve the Global Goals;
2. Engage in a global, multi-stakeholder dialogue on the sustainability agenda; and
3. Find opportunities for collaboration with various stakeholders, including other businesses, investors, Governments, UN agencies, academia and civil society.

How can business engage at the HLPF?

The UN Global Compact will showcase examples of how the private sector is aligning its business models with the Global Goals and share resources that help companies to report on their impact. The Global Compact Local Networks—as key players in the implementation of the Global Goals—are gathering information on how businesses' efforts and engagement in a multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships help them align with national plans on the Global Goals and contribute to the formulation of national indicators.

On 17 July 2018, the UN Global Compact in collaboration with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) will be organizing the third annual [SDG Business Forum](#). On 18 July 2018, the UN Global Compact will be organizing an event on [SDG Country Plans: A Roadmap to Private Investment](#).

Both events showcase the actions businesses have taken and the partnerships they have formed to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals.

In addition, businesses are welcome to participate in the events listed on the following page.



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Events During the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

As of 12 June 2018

9–13 July	SDGs Learning, Training & Practice
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12 July	Inaugural Partnership Expo on the Peace Boat
13 July	Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects 2018
13 July	Partnership Exchange
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16 July	Working together towards ending AIDS: Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being is everyone's business
17 July	Local2030: Local Action for Global Commitments Special Event
17 July	Meeting the challenge of chemical pollution beyond 2020: Working together for healthy people and a healthy planet!
17 July	Everybody Counts: Launch of the Inclusive Data Charter
17 July	SDG Business Forum
18 July	SDG Country Plans: A Roadmap to Private Investment
18 July	Water Stewardship's Contribution to the Achievement of SDG 6
18 July	Business and the SDGs – Accelerating Transformation: Insights from Chief Sustainability Officers & sustainability champions
19 July	Presentation of Outcomes of the Dushanbe High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028

Event Details

SDGs Learning, Training & Practice

9–13 July 2018 | Conference Room 5, UNHQ | New York

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) will organize a series of capacity building and knowledge workshops, featuring speakers and experts from academia and other sectors on crucial topics related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The sessions will be open to all participants attending HLPF and a registration form will be available for each course.

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Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Meeting

11 July 2018 | Conference Room 5 (morning) & Conference Room 3 (afternoon), UNHQ, New York

The partners of the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) are organizing an event for higher education institutions to showcase how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the SDGs, is being integrated into sustainability strategies, research, teaching, pedagogy and campus practices, and to position higher education institutions as key drivers for achieving the SDGs.

[Register here](#)

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Monitoring, Implementation and Financing SDG 11

12 July 2018 | Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Join UN-Habitat, Permanent Mission of Austria, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the World Bank Group for a side event that will discuss how the interrelations across development goals can be enhanced and policy coherence be achieved, as well as key enablers that should be instituted for the implementation and monitoring of this Goal. Building on this, the side event will also focus on the importance of financing mechanisms to accelerate the realization of this goal. Open comments from participants will be encouraged to enrich these discussions.

Inaugural Partnership Expo on the Peace Boat

12 July 2018 | Onboard the Ocean Dream vessel, New York

On the eve of the Partnership Exchange, the Peace Boat—anchored on the west side of Manhattan—will host a Partnership Expo that provides up to 700 participants a unique venue for partnership exhibitions, dialogue and networking.

Registration for this event closes on 1 July.

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Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects 2018

13 July 2018 | Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

UN-DESA, Permanent Missions of Jamaica and Canada, the IMF, World Bank, WTO, UNCTAD, and UNDP join for a side event exploring the findings of the 2018 Financing for Sustainable Report. The report examines financing for the Sustainable Development Goals being reviewed in depth in 2018: SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation; SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy; SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities; SDG 12 on responsible consumption and production; and SDG 15 on life on land. The Task Force's work also provides a progress report and analysis of prospects related to Goal 17 and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Partnership Exchange

13 July 2018 | Conference Room 11 /12 (morning) & Conference Room 3 (afternoon), UNHQ, New York

The annual global Partnership Exchange, organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the UN Global Compact, will discuss and showcase the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A special focus will be on reviewing partnerships and voluntary commitments around the six SDGs that are under in-depth review at the HLPF, and showcasing and sharing best practices and lessons learned.

The deadline to register for this event has closed.

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Local and Regional Governments' Forum

16 July 2018 | Conference Room 2, UNHQ, New York

Co-hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), UN-Habitat, and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, this forum will explore the important role of local and regional governments in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

[Register here](#)

Working together towards ending AIDS: Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being is everyone's business

16 July 2018 | New York

On July 16, 2018, during the Ministerial segment of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) will host an event convening sustainable business leaders to explore how more and better business action can be catalyzed toward the AIDS response – in alignment with the efforts of governments, civil society, and donors for maximum impact.

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Local2030: Local Action for Global Commitments Special Event

17 July 2018 | Conference Room 2, UNHQ, New York

Co-hosted by Local2030 and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, this multi-stakeholder event will explore the challenges and opportunities local leaders face when implementing the Global Goals. Data, financing, local government capacities in humanitarian and conflict settings, and climate action and clean energy will be at the center of the discussions. The event will bring together experts from the public, private and non-governmental sectors to work with local leaders and representatives from multiple UN agencies. The event will build on the Local and Regional Governments' Forum discussions taking place on 16 July 2018.

Registration for this event closes on 26 June.

[Register here](#)

Meeting the challenge of chemical pollution beyond 2020: Working together for healthy people and a healthy planet!

17 July 2018 | Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York

The purpose of this event is to provide a platform for participants to discuss and exchange views and perspectives on chemicals and waste in the context of SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production patterns, thus ensuring healthy lives and a healthy planet well into the future. At this side event, high level representatives from governments, the UN system and other stakeholders will discuss challenges and opportunities for sound chemicals and waste management in the context of key global trends. The event will also identify how the UN system could increase its contribution benefiting from chemical management to achieve SDG 12.

[Register here by 13 July 2018](#)

Everybody Counts: Launch of the Inclusive Data Charter

17 July 2018 | Millennium Hilton Hotel, One United Nations Plaza, New York

The Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, The World Bank and others, including a keynote speech by the Minister of Planning of Ghana, hold an event on the Inclusive Data Charter. The Charter aims to mobilize political support to improve the quality, quantity, availability, and financing of disaggregated data to support the 2030 Agenda's ambition of leaving no one behind. Between now and 2030, the charter will act as a mechanism to spur countries and organizations to accelerate action on data disaggregation and encourage others to do the same.

SDG Business Forum

17 July 2018 | ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

The third SDG Business Forum provides a unique multi-stakeholder platform to support business action and partnerships to achieve the Global Goals. It will be an opportunity to foster dialogue between the public and private sectors, catalyze new partnerships and alliances,

and explore innovative business solutions to accelerate sustainable development.

Registration for this event closes on 6 July.

[Register here](#)

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SDG Country Plans: A Roadmap to Private Investment

18 July 2018, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Instituto Cervantes, New York

This event will discuss the importance of collaborative multi-stakeholder planning and implementation of the SDGs at the country-level, with a special focus on a consistent and measurable roadmap to trigger investors' interest in the value that more sustainable businesses, markets and societies provide to investments.

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Water Stewardship's Contribution to the Achievement of Goal 6

18 July 2018, 2–6 p.m. | Location TBD, New York

This event will showcase how businesses incorporate the Global Goals into their corporate water stewardship practices, advancing the targets of Goal 6 on water and sanitation and contributing to the achievement of other related Global Goals. The session focuses primarily on Goal 6 and Goal 17, looking at the interconnections needed to bring about transformative change. This includes a key focus on the role of the private sector to drive local change on water issues, particularly in the face of growing water stress.

This event has limited capacity.

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Business and the SDGs – Accelerating Transformation: Insights from Chief Sustainability Officers & sustainability champions

18 July 2018, 2–6 p.m. | Conference Room 11 UNHQ, New York


On July 18, 2018, during the Ministerial segment of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through its Division for Sustainable Development Goals, will host an event convening sustainable business leaders to explore the challenges that companies are facing with regard to integrating and advancing the SDG agenda and to position solutions for accelerating the transition towards a sustainable and inclusive future.

[Register here](#)

Presentation of Outcomes of the Dushanbe High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028

19 July 2018, 2–6 p.m. | Conference Room 11 UNHQ, New York

Join the Permanent missions of Tajikistan, Permanent missions of Egypt, Jamaica (TBC), Russia, Canada,

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Thailand, UN DESA, UNESCO, World Bank and Finance Center for South-South Cooperation present the outcomes of the Dushanbe High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development.