



SDG Summit 2023

Informal Stakeholder Dialogue – Inputs to the Zero Draft Political Declaration

7 June 2023, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, EDT, virtual

Draft Concept Note and Agenda

As of 2 June 2023

A. Background

The 2023 SDG Summit will be convened on 18-19 September 2023 in New York, during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week. Heads of State and Government will gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They will carry out a comprehensive review of the state of the SDGs, respond to the impact of multiple and interlocking crises facing the world, and provide high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to the target year of 2030 for achieving the SDGs.

The Summit will also bring together political and thought leaders from governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, women and youth and other stakeholders in a series of high-level meetings with the Heads of State and Government.

The SDG Summit will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly (PGA). The outcome of the Summit will be a negotiated political declaration.

H.E. Mr. Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations have been appointed by the PGA as co-facilitators to lead consultations on the political declaration for the SDG Summit during the 77th session of the General Assembly.

After an initial round of consultations with member states as well as with major groups and other stakeholders, including on a [draft elements paper](#), the co-facilitators have issued a [‘zero draft’ of the political declaration](#).

B. Informal Stakeholders Dialogue: Inputs to the Zero Draft Political Declaration

The [informal stakeholders dialogue](#) will create an opportunity for major groups and other stakeholders to share inputs to the Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit. It will open space for stakeholder groups/constituencies/organizations/networks to share concrete inputs and suggestions for the Zero Draft Political Declaration in an informal dialogue with the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process as well as interested Member States.

The Informal Stakeholder Dialogue will be facilitated by UN DESA, in collaboration with the UN SDG Action Campaign.

The Dialogue will be conveyed in a webinar format and will be open to all interested stakeholders including major groups, Member States, UN entities, intergovernmental organizations and other constituencies and networks. Representatives from major groups and other stakeholders’ constituencies/groups interested

in sharing their input during the webinar will be requested to sign up through an open registration process. Priority will be given to the representatives of the major groups, stakeholders constituencies and civil society networks.

The webinar will be webcast and the recording will be posted online. The webinar will feature a “visual scribe” who will capture the content of the session in a creative way in real time and provide a visual summary of the conversation, which will be shared at the end of the webinar and posted online.

The meeting will be held in English.

REGISTRATION! Interested participants can register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/NtP7rSSXhF>

For more information, please check: <https://bit.ly/SDGSummitZeroDraft>

Proposed Agenda

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09:00 - 09:10	<p><u>Welcoming and Review of the Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Neil Pierre, Acting Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC), UNDESA • Ms. Marina Ponti, Director, UN SDG Action Campaign
09:10 - 09:20	<p><u>Remarks from the Co-Facilitators: The Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit – key messages and next steps on the intergovernmental consultations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations • H. E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations
09:20 – 09:25	<p><u>Pooling</u></p> <p>Facilitation: Ms. Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA</p> <p><i>If you could summarize your expectations for the SDG Summit political declaration in one word, what would it be?</i></p>
09:25 - 10:10	<p><u>Stakeholders Inputs to the SDG Summit political declaration zero draft</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS) Coordination Mechanism: 4 minutes intervention on collective inputs from MGoS. • Short interventions for individual stakeholders, major groups, civil society networks and others (2-3 minutes each) identified through an open call. (Estimated: 10 – 12 interventions)

10:10 – 10:20	<p><u>Review of the visual scribe design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marina Ponti, Director, UN SDG Action Campaign
10:20 - 10:30	<p><u>Closing remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H. E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations• H. E. Mr. Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations