



ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

United Nations High-level Week, 23-27 September, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Over one hundred world leaders will gather at UN Headquarters in New York this month to signal how they will boost action on climate change, accelerate progress on sustainable development, and respond to other issues of global concern.

At five major events taking place from 23 to 27 September, Heads of State and Government are expected to make strong commitments and mobilize action that will ignite the transformation needed to secure healthy, peaceful and prosperous lives for all.

WHY: Four years after breakthrough international agreements on climate change, sustainable development, and financing for development, action is not yet advancing at the speed or scale required. This year's world gathering is intended to kickstart a decade of ambitious action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

WHO: Heads of State and Government, ministers, international organizations, representatives of the private sector and civil society

WHEN: 23-27 September, preceded by the Youth Climate Summit on 21 September

WHERE: United Nations Headquarters, New York

1 Week – 5 Summits – 17 Goals:

Underpinning the high-level week are the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by all world leaders in 2015. The 17 interconnected Goals are a universal call to action to end poverty and hunger, expand access to health, education, justice and jobs, while protecting our planet from environmental degradation.

Climate Action Summit 23 September, General Assembly Hall

The UN Secretary-General is hosting the Climate Action Summit to boost ambition and accelerate action to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. Leaders from government, the private sector and civil society will present concrete actions, plans and initiatives to tackle climate change. The Climate Action Summit will be preceded by the **Youth Climate Summit** on **21 September**, for young leaders who are driving climate action to showcase their solutions and meaningfully engage with decision-makers on the defining issue of our time.

Website: www.un.org/climatechange Hashtag: #ClimateAction

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High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage
23 September, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Under the theme “Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World,” the President of the General Assembly is convening the first-ever high-level meeting of the General Assembly on universal health coverage, to launch new efforts to provide access for all to affordable, inclusive and resilient health systems. The meeting will approve a political declaration galvanizing global commitments to ensure health for all. It will be preceded by

[Walk the Talk, The Health for All Challenge](#) on 22 September in Central Park.

Websites: www.un.org/pga/73/event/universal-health-coverage Hashtag: #HealthForAll

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SDG Summit
24-25 September, Trusteeship Council Chamber

The High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly – the first UN Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals since the adoption of the landmark 2030 Agenda – will allow world leaders and other stakeholders to demonstrate their continued strong commitment, provide political guidance and identify specific actions to accelerate progress, as we move towards the five-year anniversary of the Goals, with just over a decade left to the target date of 2030. The Summit will adopt a political declaration titled “Gearing Up for a Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development” and will highlight “SDG acceleration actions” voluntarily undertaken by countries and other actors to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Website: www.un.org/sdgsummit Hashtag: #GlobalGoals

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High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development
26 September, Trusteeship Council Chamber

The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development convened by the President of the General Assembly will bring together leaders from governments, business and the financial sector to help unlock the resources and partnerships needed to make the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addis Ababa Action Agenda a reality. The event is expected to mobilize actions and announce initiatives by Member States and other stakeholders.

Website: www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffddialogue Hashtag: #Fin4Dev

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High-level Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway
27 September, Trusteeship Council Chamber

World leaders from both developed and developing States gathering for the General Assembly high-level review of the SAMOA Pathway – an international framework for the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States – will discuss measures to address the devastating impacts of climate change, build economic and environmental resilience, and tackle other challenges affecting small islands. The meeting is expected to result in a political declaration and the announcement of new partnerships.

Websites: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sids/samoareview>

www.un.org/pga/73/event/samoa-pathway-midterm-review Hashtag: #SAMOAPathway

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Other spaces to watch:

SDG Media Zone

21 and 23-27 September, UN Visitors Plaza

For the fourth year in a row, the SDG Media Zone will bring transformative ideas and change-making initiatives to audiences at the United Nations and around the world. Interviews and conversations with decision makers, influencers and media partners will be live-streamed on UN [WebTV](#) and promoted by partnering media organizations.

Website: www.un.org/sdgmediazone Hashtag: #SDGLive

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SDG Action Zone

23 - 27 September, Rose Garden/North Lawn

The SDG Action Zone is an interactive space where different actors can engage around the UN High-level meetings and events in a meaningful and visible way. The SDG Action Zone will feature panel discussions, lightning-talks, interactive exhibitions, and networking receptions to enhance and accelerate transformative action on the five themes of the UN General Assembly: Sustainable Development Goals, climate action, universal health coverage, development financing, and small island states. Website: <https://sdgaction.zone> Hashtags: #ForPlanetForPeople #SDGActionZone
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**For access, register through the [online registration form](#) using MEDIA as the Event Host CODE.*

VIP social media studio

21 and 23-27 September, UN Visitors Lobby

At the VIP social media studio, high-level attendees are invited to showcase their commitments to climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals. Instagram, Facebook and Twitter activations will be featured prominently on UN multilingual social media platforms.

Social media Accounts to follow: www.un.org/social Hashtag: #UNGA

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More information and contacts:

Live streaming: webtv.un.org

Photo coverage: <https://www.unmultimedia.org/photo>

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