



First informal meeting on the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit

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Thank you Ambassadors for convening us here today to discuss on the priorities for the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit.

[Mexico aligns itself with the statement read by Morocco on behalf of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries.] Allow me also to present our main priorities in response to your guiding questions shared with us before this consultation.

The world has changed drastically since the last time we gathered for consultations on the SDG Summit. We have experienced a global pandemic, people around the world have been pushed into poverty and extreme poverty, countries and people are facing armed conflicts, and humanitarian contexts are propelling the international community to go from statements to actions.

At the ECOSOC Coordination Segment yesterday, we heard that in the wake of the pandemic, and for the first time ever, the global Human Development Index (HDI) value declined—for two years straight.

In this regard, the Political Declaration must reflect these stark realities and be an action-oriented document with strong political and actionable commitments.

Mexico would like to emphasize the following points:

First, the Ministerial Declaration of 2023 must reflect the interrelated crises that have resulted from the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, the war in Europe and the dire humanitarian situations in several places around the world.

It must make strong commitments towards addressing the still pressing health crisis, food insecurity and hunger around the world, as well as the adverse impacts of climate change. These actions must prioritize the key role of multilateral and multisectoral partnerships.

Second, we must recognize the participation and engagement of all stakeholders, including the role of local governments in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Declaration should highlight the importance of the collaboration between government actors, multistakeholder and multisectoral actors, as well as the direct, active involvement of local governments, the public and private sectors, NGOs, and civil society. The participation of important sectors of the population, such as women,



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youth, adolescents, and older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and migrants, is key for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda. Undertaking individual and collective actions will ensure that we leave no one behind.

Third, on the subject of improving the implementation of the SDGs and the role Member States play, we have to recognize the urgency of prioritizing financing the 2030 Agenda and highlight the need to increase sustainable investments as well as improving tax collection and addressing the levels of unsustainable debt, particularly for least developed countries.

In addition, Mister and Madame cofacilitators, for us to move from words to action, we must strengthen our information systems and enhance statistical capacity everywhere to ensure having disaggregated data available in all countries. We cannot improve what we cannot measure.

Finally, count on Mexico's full support and engagement throughout this process for an ambitious and action-oriented Political Declaration.

Thank you.
