

February 3 Consultation on 2023 SDG Summit Political Declaration

Introductory Remarks:

- We thank the co-facilitators for their leadership on this very important issue.
- The United States supports the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and looks forward to a successful SDG Summit in September.
- We know that there are a number of important events leading up to the SDG Summit, such as the Water Conference, the LDC5 conference in DOHA, and the HLPF, and we look forward to actively participating in these meetings.
- We have been encouraged by the tone and substance of the remarks, and we agree with Singapore and other delegations that we should work together to find a common ground and avoid divisive arguments that set us all back.
- We are very interested to hear more about the expected timetable for the development of the Political Declaration.

Responses to Guiding Questions from Co-Facilitators:

1. How can we make the political declaration most relevant, impactful, and a source of high-level political guidance?

- Reaffirm principles of Agenda
 - Primacy of national ownership supported by enabling frameworks and innovative partnerships at all levels, local, national, regional, and international, including multistakeholder partnerships
 - Highlight the importance of a whole of society approach, including the robust participation of the private sector, civil society, non-governmental organizations, local government, and other stakeholders
 - Highlight the vital importance of human rights as critical in sustainable development.
- Highlight best practices that enable progress
 - Commitment to the foundational principles that support sustainable development, such as inclusion, transparency, the rule of law, respect

for human rights, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, the empowerment of women and girls, climate and environmental sustainability, and harnessing the power of science, technology and innovation.

2. What are the most important elements that need to be included in the political declaration, keeping in mind the need for the declaration to be succinct, impactful and easy to read and provide recommendations to advance the Sustainable Development Goals?

- We are pleased that most delegations accept the framework of the 2019 Political Declaration as a way forward.
- The declaration should (1) reaffirm Member States' commitment to the 2030 Agenda, (2) present a clear and balanced picture of current challenges and opportunities, and (3) highlight actions to accelerate SDG achievement.

3. What are the main resources, inputs and processes to be drawn from and used to inform the deliberations and views of Member States while formulating the political declaration?

- A variety of sources should inform Member State deliberations. We have many other reports, NGOs and the VNRs.
- The Global Sustainable Development Report (GDSR) is important, but inputs from UN entities, other multilateral organizations, and best practices from a variety of stakeholders will be equally useful.

4. What transformations are necessary in order to improve the implementation of the SDGs until 2027 (next SDG Summit) and what do Member States need in order to achieve that?

- The fundamental practices that drive progress on sustainable development are well-understood.
- The real need is for operationalization of those principles.
- It is very important for us to take action.
- We welcome Member States ideas on how to improve implementation.