



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

We are now less than three months away from the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit) in September, a convening that together with the other key events of high-level week, holds out hope for a turning point in SDG implementation between now and 2030. I am pleased to provide an update on the efforts of the United Nations system to ensure effective outcomes from the Summit across three main areas.

First, over the past numbers of months, the United Nations Resident Coordinators and United Nations Country Teams have been working to support national governments with their preparations and ensure stakeholders are fully mobilized at the country level ahead of the Summit. The SDG Acceleration and Accountability Platform is now live and we encourage delegations to register the national and global commitments that their Heads of State and Governments announce at the Summit on the platform.

Second, transformative progress will not be possible for most countries without a surge in global solidarity and international cooperation. In this regard, in addition to ongoing outreach to advance the proposal of the Secretary-General for an SDG Stimulus, the United Nations development system is mobilizing across twelve high impact initiatives. These initiatives endeavour to mobilize specific commitments and coalitions of support for national level implementation efforts across six key SDG transitions (energy, education, food systems, social protection and jobs, digitalization and our natural environment), critical means of implementation (finance, trade, data, governance, localization) and the transversal priority of gender equality. To this effect, I am pleased to share the enclosed document which contains more information on the selected high impact initiatives as well as a list of focal points. I encourage all delegations to engage with focal points relating to the initiatives in which they have greatest interest.

To All Permanent Representatives
of Member States and Permanent
Observers of non-Member States
to the United Nations
New York

Third, rescuing the SDGs will require the full and ambitious engagement of all of society. In this regard, I am pleased to share provisional information regarding the SDG Action Weekend which will be held at United Nations headquarters on 17 and 18 September 2023. Consisting of an SDG Mobilization Day on 17 September and an SDG Acceleration Day on 18 September, space will be provided to profile the contributions of a wide range of SDG stakeholders both individually and under the rubric of the high impact initiatives.

To update Member States, Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, Director of the Sustainable Development Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) will brief all delegations on my behalf on the contributions of the United Nations system to advancing the SDG Summit outcomes, on Monday, 10 July 2023 from 3:00- 4:30 PM in Conference Room 1.

I count on your continued collaboration to ensure the SDG Summit marks a turning point and leads to a breakthrough for people and planet.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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