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Summary

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals constitute the globally agreed road map for achieving sustainable development and overcoming the multiple crises that the world currently faces. It is an action plan for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, based on the principle of leaving no one behind.

The year 2024 marks the beginning of the second half of the journey towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Although the world is not on track to meet the Goals, they can still be attained through bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative action, anchored in international solidarity and effective cooperation at all levels.

The United Nations Office for Partnerships is a global gateway – or put differently, a catalyst – for bringing stakeholders together to achieve the Goals by finding partners and implementing solutions to some of the greatest challenges we face today, including eradicating poverty and hunger, transforming education, empowering women and girls and addressing the devastation caused by the climate emergency.

The Office is guided by the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2019 ([A/74/73-E/2019/14](#)). In accordance with Assembly decisions 52/466 and 53/475, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly of the activities and impact of the Office every year.

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I. United Nations Office for Partnerships

1. The United Nations Office for Partnerships is a global gateway to the United Nations. The Office provides access to organizations around the world and facilitates multi-stakeholder engagement with the United Nations system to bring about impactful global change.

2. The Office mobilizes its extensive worldwide network of global leaders, influential individuals and trailblazing organizations to address the most significant global issues in a manner that is both focused and expansive. The Office serves as a guiding partner for internal and external organizations on campaigns, initiatives and projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. The Office engages with Member States with a view to advancing solutions, drawing attention to issues, driving discussion, supporting national Governments and civil society and enabling local, national and global action. In so doing, the Office is able to draw on its technical knowledge of in-country project implementation, its access to influencers and thought leaders across the globe, its intimate understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and its in-house communications and media skills. Among others, it supports the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in the implementation of key initiatives that complement the multi-stakeholder engagement mission of the United Nations Office for Partnerships.

4. The Office works to achieve these aims through its constituent teams:

(a) **Sustainable Development Goals Advocates.** The Office supports the work of the Advocates, 17 highly influential champions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development appointed by the Secretary-General to promote the Organization's priorities and messages;

(b) **Climate action mobilization.** The Office supports the work of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in mobilizing support for ambitious climate action. Similarly, it supports the activities of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change;

(c) **Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub.** Chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, the Hub is a multi-stakeholder platform that facilitates enhanced coordination and alignment on advocacy narratives and action related to the Goals. The Hub also develops and carries out initiatives in support of the Goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals action zone, which is centred on engagement with champions of sustainable development;

(d) **United Nations Democracy Fund.** This is a United Nations trust fund that supports projects aimed at strengthening the voice of civil society organizations and fostering the participation of all groups in the democratic process, including women and young people;

(e) **United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.** As the primary interface between the United Nations Foundation and the United Nations system, the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) supports projects implemented worldwide by United Nations entities. It works closely with the Foundation to finance initiatives aimed at accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including projects that advance global health priorities, improve access to data and online resources, promote the participation of girls and women in science, and assist in the attainment of a net-zero carbon economy.

5. The United Nations Office for Partnerships collaborates closely with key drivers within the United Nations partnership ecosystem, including the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, the Department of Global Communications, the Development Coordination Office, the

Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Climate Action Team, the United Nations Global Compact and the United Nations Youth Office, among many others.

“Despite our long list of global challenges, that same spirit of determination can guide us forward. Let us be determined to heal divisions and forge peace. Determined to uphold the dignity and worth of every person. Determined to realize the Sustainable Development Goals and effectively leave no one behind. Determined to reform multilateralism for the twenty-first century and come together for the common good.”

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

September 2023

Core functions of the United Nations Office for Partnerships

- Advise and convene thought leaders in the field of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Drive impactful and inclusive collaborations while fostering global networks
- Create innovative and forward-thinking content curation and convening opportunities
- Advocate for implementation of the Goals for everyone, everywhere
- Provide efficient and effective stewardship and grant management

II. Year in review

6. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, climate change and increasing conflicts in various parts of the world have had a devastating and lasting impact on the lives of people worldwide, in particular those living in developing countries. Millions of people are in very real danger of being left behind. At the halfway point in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, there has been a sobering realization that a herculean effort is now needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

7. The 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit was a pivotal moment in the acceleration of efforts to get the 2030 Agenda back on track. It highlighted the interconnectedness of development challenges and the need for holistic approaches that address the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development simultaneously. Moreover, the Summit emphasized the importance of leveraging partnerships and mobilizing resources effectively to overcome barriers to progress. It was recognized that renewed determination and innovative solutions were essential to surmount existing challenges and build up momentum towards achieving the Goals by 2030.

8. In 2023, the United Nations Office for Partnerships redoubled its efforts to advance sustainable development through collaborative partnerships with a view to ramping up and revitalizing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Through strategic initiatives and engagement decisions, the Office facilitated meaningful collaborations across various sectors to address global challenges and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Outside the bubble

9. In collaboration with Project Everyone, a not-for-profit communications agency co-founded by Sustainable Development Goals Advocate and screenwriter Richard Curtis, the Office launched the Halftime Campaign in July 2023 to mobilize action for delivering on the promise of the Goals. The campaign urged everyone around the world, including individuals, businesses, civil society activists, researchers, young people, policymakers and world leaders, to step up their efforts towards achieving the

Goals. Using a sports analogy, the campaign inspired hope that even though we were down at half-time, it was still possible to regroup and win in the second half.

10. For the high-level week of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, the Office, together with Project Everyone and in collaboration with the artist Es Devlin, created the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion, a unique convening space and art installation on the North Lawn at United Nations Headquarters. Symbolizing hope and unity, the Pavilion featured 17 doors – 1 for each Goal – opening on to a mini exhibition prepared by a team of artists.

11. In the course of the high-level week, a diverse range of participants – from world leaders to students – gathered at the Pavilion to engage in discussions aimed at spurring implementation of the Goals at half-time and charting a path forward. Bringing together 130 speakers and offering a total of 35 hours of programming, the Pavilion presented a dynamic mix of panel discussions, “lightning talks”, performances and films. With 2,100 people attending events at the Pavilion itself and over 115,000 accessing the dedicated website and 3.2 million engaging with the events through social media, this unique convening space exemplified the solidarity of our global village.¹

12. Throughout the year, the Sustainable Development Goals round tables, led by the Deputy Secretary-General, continued to serve as an invaluable platform for bringing together a diverse range of leaders, experts, advocates and influencers. These gatherings helped to catalyse the exchange of innovative solutions and to emphasize the pressing need for global leaders to expedite progress towards achieving the Goals as the halfway point of the 2030 Agenda drew closer.

13. In September 2023, on the margins of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit and as part of the Women Rise for All initiative, the Deputy Secretary-General, the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Government of Germany launched the We the Women campaign, which seeks to tap into and amplify the voices, experiences and creativity of women and girls worldwide in order to address pressing global challenges. During the launch, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany, Svenja Schulze, emphasized the need for women’s leadership in the face of crises, inequality, climate impacts and conflict. Aligned with the commitment of the United Nations to inclusive networked multilateralism, the campaign culminated in a survey whose findings have been presented ahead of the Summit of the Future, to be held in September 2024.

14. The Office continued to work closely with networks and entities within and beyond the United Nations system to mobilize partners with a view to driving concrete and credible climate action. The Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion featured five hours of programming on climate action alone, including 11 in-depth sessions covering climate justice, the green transition and carbon pricing as important measures in our collective efforts to tackle the climate emergency and thereby save lives and protect livelihoods. For the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the Office concentrated its efforts on the use of partnerships to highlight the interconnections between climate action and the Goals. Key areas of work included the hosting of two “COP28 dialogues”, the provision of extensive support to the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates and partnership-building. The Office also ensured that young people had a strong voice at the Conference by supporting the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

15. In recent years, misinformation and disinformation have proliferated, underlining the importance of media literacy. Accordingly, in 2023, the United Nations Democracy

¹ Further information can be found in the report on the Pavilion issued by the United Nations Office for Partnerships in February 2024, which is available at <https://unpartnerships.un.org/publications/2024/sdg-pavilion-report>.

Fund continued to support a project aimed at strengthening independent media in the Arab region, enhancing accountability and advancing media freedom. Under another project supported by the Fund, efforts continued on bolstering media literacy in African countries by helping journalists to improve their fact-checking skills.

16. In 2023, UNFIP focused on global health priorities, peace and security, and on the initiatives of the Secretary-General related to the future of multilateralism, digital cooperation for the Sustainable Development Goals, climate action and the United Nations reform agenda. Among the areas of work supported by UNFIP were the measles prevention and treatment programmes run by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), coral reef conservation, efforts to enhance women's engagement in peace and security and humanitarian action, and the Young Champions of the Earth initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

17. Recognizing the significant environmental, economic and societal implications of the fashion and lifestyle industries, the United Nations Sustainable Fashion and Lifestyle Network, which is led by the Office in collaboration with, inter alia, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, continued to bring together fashion industry experts and foster engagement through a series of events in 2023. These efforts resulted in the mobilization of support to uplift young creative talents, the organization of a sustainable fashion event on Europe Day and the participation of fashion industry stakeholders in the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028 (United Nations 2023 Water Conference), held in New York in March, specifically in a panel discussion on innovative solutions for water management and the mitigation of microplastic pollution. During the Network's annual meeting in June, participants explored how ongoing initiatives informed by the Sustainable Development Goals were promoting transparent, inclusive and transformative engagement among global stakeholders in the fashion and lifestyle industries.

III. Advocacy, engagement and mobilization for the Sustainable Development Goals

A. Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

18. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates are a group of 17 influential public figures, ranging from chief executive officers to actors, pop stars and activists. They are appointed by the Secretary-General to use their unique global platforms to bring awareness of the Goals to their audiences and galvanize ambition around achieving them. There are also currently 11 Advocates Emeritus (see tables 1 and 2).

19. The group members have significant followings on social media, which can be leveraged to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals. They have a combined total of nearly 7 million followers on X (formerly Twitter) and more than 6 million on Instagram. They wield significant influence in their respective constituencies.

20. Six of the Advocates have terms that end in 2024, and all six have agreed to remain engaged as Advocates Emeritus, namely Blackpink, Forest Whitaker, Muhammad Sanusi II, Kailash Satyarthi, Richard Curtis and Valentina Muñoz Rabanal.

21. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates programme is hosted by the Office, which connects the Advocates to opportunities worldwide, helps them to engage with the United Nations system and ensures that they are kept up to date on the priorities and messages of the United Nations leadership (see table 3).

22. In April 2023, the Co-Chairs of the Advocates group, namely the Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, and the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, convened a group meeting to discuss the priorities and direction of the group's engagements. This was the first meeting convened by the Co-Chairs and a good opportunity to create synergies and strengthen alignment within the group. The Advocates discussed their plans for the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, including the Halftime Campaign and the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion, and reiterated their collective determination to engage in action-oriented advocacy.

23. The annual meeting of the Advocates group with the Secretary-General was held at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion on 17 September 2023, with 13 Advocates participating in person and 1 doing so online. The discussion highlighted the importance of grass-roots mobilization in response to the climate crisis, the urgent action required to address inequalities that were being exacerbated by the global financial architecture, and the growing humanitarian crises around the world. The Advocates welcomed the increasing engagement of the private sector and local authorities. In addition, they referred to new technologies, such as generative artificial intelligence, as a significant opportunity to accelerate progress on the Goals in the second half of the 2030 Agenda journey.

Table 1
Current Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Title</i>
Mia Mottley	Prime Minister of Barbados (Co-Chair)
Justin Trudeau	Prime Minister of Canada (Co-Chair)
Queen Mathilde of the Belgians	Honorary President of Child Focus and UNICEF Belgium
Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar	Founder of the Education Above All Foundation
Muhammad Sanusi II	Emir of Kano and Chair of the Kano State Investment Advisory Committee
Kailash Satyarthi	Founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan and co-recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize
Hindou Ibrahim	Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change and founder of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad
Graça Machel	Founder of the Graça Machel Trust
Brad Smith	President of Microsoft
Jeffrey Sachs	Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and President of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Edward Ndopu	Humanitarian and activist
Valentina Muñoz Rabanal	Influencer, activist and programmer
Blackpink	Global influential K-pop band from the Republic of Korea and Advocates for the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Title</i>
Dia Mirza	Actress, producer and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador
Forest Whitaker	Actor, producer, director and founder of the Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative
Hamdi Ulukaya	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Chobani and founder of the Tent Partnership for Refugees

Table 2
Sustainable Development Goals Advocates Emeritus

<i>Advocate Emeritus</i>	<i>Title</i>
Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo	President of Ghana (Co-Chair)
Erna Solberg	Former Prime Minister of Norway (Co-Chair)
Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden	Founder of the Crown Princess Victoria's Fund
Leymah Gbowee	Founder of the Gbowee Peace Foundation and co-recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize
Richard Curtis	Screenwriter, producer and film director
Muhammad Yunus	Founder of Grameen Bank and recipient of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize
Nadia Murad	Co-recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Goodwill Ambassador
Alaa Murabit	Medical doctor, recipient of the Meritorious Service Cross of Canada and United Nations High-level Commissioner on Health Employment and Economic Growth
Dho Young-shim	Chair of the Sustainable Tourism for Eliminating Poverty Foundation of the World Tourism Organization
Paul Polman	Co-founder and Chair Emeritus of IMAGINE, Honorary Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce and The B Team and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Global Compact
Jack Ma	Founder and Executive Chair of the Alibaba Group and founder of the Jack Ma Foundation
Lionel Messi	Football player and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
Marta Vieira da Silva	Football player and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Goodwill Ambassador
Shakira Mebarak	Singer, songwriter, philanthropist and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

Table 3
Examples of the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates' activities in 2023

Ms. Mottley has been a prominent voice calling for comprehensive reform of the global financial architecture to enable greater investment in sustainable development. As a leading supporter of the Halftime Campaign, she co-hosted the Halftime Show at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion during the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly and delivered opening remarks at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit.

Mr. Trudeau has led the group's collective efforts to raise awareness of the Goals, with a special focus on education and climate action. He provided closing remarks at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit and co-hosted, with the United Nations Office for Partnerships, an event to launch the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion during the high-level week of the General Assembly.

During the Canada-Caribbean Community Summit in October 2023, the two Co-Chairs jointly convened a town hall discussion for students in Toronto, Canada, covering a variety of topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Queen Mathilde travelled to Bangladesh in the first quarter of 2023 as a Sustainable Development Goals Advocate to highlight the progress made and the challenges faced by that country on its journey towards achieving the Goals. The trip was jointly coordinated by the Royal Palace of Brussels, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the Embassy of Belgium in India, the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in Bangladesh, UNICEF Bangladesh, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh, the Country Office for Bangladesh of the International Labour Organization and UNHCR Bangladesh. It was widely covered by the United Nations News, local media and the Belgian press.

Mr. Curtis played a crucial role in creating the Halftime Campaign, the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion and a related film. He personally promoted these initiatives through various media outlets and participated in the programme of events at the Pavilion as a special speaker. He retired from the Advocates group in the first quarter of 2024 but has agreed to stay engaged as an Advocate Emeritus.

Ms. Mirza has continued to amplify the messages of the Secretary-General on her social media platforms and participated in many events at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion. She was also involved in various events and initiatives during the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including a one-on-one conversation with the Secretary-General that was disseminated through social media.

Ms. Ibrahim's influence in global discussions on climate justice has grown in recent years. She has served in various advisory roles, including as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with a view to helping to build bridges between the climate action and Sustainable Development Goals communities. In addition, she led the drafting of the Advocates group's collective statement at the Conference of the Parties, which amplified the key messages of the Secretary-General with a special emphasis on the phasing out of fossil fuels.

Mr. Smith joined the Secretary-General in promoting the Early Warnings for All initiative by positioning Microsoft as one of the initiative's main supporters. Building on the discussions held during the annual meeting of the Advocates group in 2022, he contributed to the improvement of the Sustainable Development Goals data ecosystem. His team's efforts resulted in the installation of a touch screen-based "data wall" at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion and a video taking stock of progress on the Goals. In addition, he led Microsoft's efforts for the Private Sector Forum held as part of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and participated as a special speaker on the topic of artificial intelligence and the Goals as part of the programme of events at the Pavilion during the high-level week of the General Assembly.

The Office supported and coordinated all the engagements mentioned above, also by disseminating the Advocates' activities both within the United Nations system and beyond.

“Join us in the call for zero emissions, fossil fuels phase out, a global financial system fit for purpose and climate justice for all. It is time for credible ambition and urgent action!”

Members of the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates group

December 2023

“We all know that pollution has a cost. Together, we can make sure that pollution has a price, too.”

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Co-Chair of
the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

“The world is running out of time to fix its international financial system that is broken, outdated, infested with short-termism and downright unfair.”

Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and Co-Chair of
the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates

B. Climate action mobilization

24. Both the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General have emphasized the centrality of Sustainable Development Goal 13, on taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, to all the other Goals, as progress on many of these hinges on efforts to genuinely tackle the worsening climate crisis. In 2023, the Office worked with networks within and beyond the United Nations system to boost ambition and drive concrete and credible climate action.

25. On 20 September 2023, the Office dedicated an entire day to climate action at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion. Held in parallel to the Climate Ambition Summit convened by the Secretary-General and in support of his climate action agenda, three segments were hosted by the Office on climate justice, the green transition and carbon pricing. In liaison with its extensive networks of external stakeholders, the Office curated a programme that featured seven panel discussions, three fireside chats and one keynote address, with the participation of 37 speakers representing Governments, international organizations, civil society, the private sector and young people.

26. At the Pavilion, the Office and the Government of Canada co-hosted an event on the role of carbon pricing in advancing global climate ambition and decarbonization efforts. During the event, Mr. Trudeau launched the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge, which is intended to ensure that polluters pay for the pollution they cause.

27. The year 2023 was the first in which the Office participated in a United Nations Climate Change Conference. At the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Office emphasized the need for strengthened partnerships capable of addressing the interconnections between climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals, which showed how multiple challenges could, in effect, be addressed with a single action. The Office hosted two dialogues focusing on, respectively, the energy transition and the “Women Rise for All” initiative launched by the Deputy Secretary-General. In addition, the Office also supported the engagements of the Sustainable Development Goals Advocates, including their participation in key events and meetings, announcements and media outreach. In close coordination with the Organization’s Social Media Team, the Office organized a “climate conversation” between the Secretary-General and Sustainable Development Goals Advocate and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Dia Mirza. The Office also facilitated the drafting and release of a statement by 12 members of the Advocates group.

28. Throughout the year, the Office provided core support for the Secretary-General’s climate agenda during key moments on the global stage, helping to generate global headlines and media visibility and shape the global climate narrative and agenda.

“The world cannot afford delays, indecision or half measures. I remain confident that despite many differences, the world can unite and rise to the challenge of the climate crisis. Multilateralism remains humanity’s best hope.”

Secretary-General António Guterres, at the closing of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

December 2023

C. Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub

29. The Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub continued to engage, convene and connect a wide range of stakeholders and initiatives throughout 2023, leveraging their collective capabilities in support of the Goals.

30. The Hub ensures that projects and advocacy efforts by the United Nations system and external organizations aimed at supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals are aligned and coordinated in a timely manner. Through this process, the Hub opens the door to opportunities that can lead to new collaborations and multi-stakeholder engagement.

31. To further promote internal and external United Nations coordination and collaboration on strategic advocacy and movement-building for the Sustainable Development Goals, the Hub convened three coordination meetings during the year, in addition to conducting numerous briefings and holding various bilateral meetings in the lead-up to the high-level week of the General Assembly (see table 4).

Table 4
Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub meetings in 2023

Sustainable Development Milestones: Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
Sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women
Launch of the Synthesis Report of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
United Nations 2023 Water Conference
2023 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (15 March 2023)
Preparations for the 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development and the high-level week of the General Assembly (14 June 2023)
Launch of the SDG Insights reports prepared by UNDP and twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (15 November 2023)

32. More than 20 leaders from diverse sectors, geographical regions and generations (see table 5) gathered in the Sustainable Development Goals action zone on 21 September 2023 to spotlight accountability – or the lack thereof – across various spheres, focusing on who needs to do what and how to mobilize for people and the

planet. During the three-hour event, which included seven unscripted sessions that were live-streamed worldwide, speakers emphasized the need to shift mindsets and discussed how to determine what was working while identifying areas in which there was room for improvement.

Table 5

Sustainable Development Goals action zone in numbers, 2023

20 speakers:	Sectors represented:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33.3 per cent from North America • 28.6 per cent from Africa • 19.0 per cent from Europe • 9.5 per cent from Asia • 4.8 per cent from Latin America and the Caribbean • 4.8 per cent from Oceania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil society and activists (38.1 per cent) • Creative community (19.0 per cent) • United Nations entities (19.0 per cent) • Private sector and foundations (14.3 per cent) • Government and local authorities (4.8 per cent) • Academia (4.8 per cent)
Generations:	Gender:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28.6 per cent under 35 years of age • 71.4 per cent above 35 years of age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66.7 per cent female • 28.6 per cent male • 4.8 per cent non-binary

33. The Hub is one of the core partners of Global Goals Week along with the United Nations Foundation, Project Everyone, Action for Sustainable Development, UNDP and the Department of Global Communications. Global Goals Week is a global coalition of 167 partners established to promote collective action on the Sustainable Development Goals during the General Assembly. The Hub provides strategic guidance and supports partner mobilization efforts to bring greater coherence and momentum to this space. In 2023, more than 85 Global Goals Week events were held, with 1.3 million people participating across more than 95 countries.

IV. United Nations Democracy Fund

34. The United Nations Democracy Fund is a grant-making body that has been described as a fund for civil society organizations. Its projects are aimed at strengthening the voice of civil society, promoting human rights and encouraging the participation of all groups in democratic processes (see table 6). The Fund was established during the 2005 World Summit as a general trust fund and officially launched in April 2006.

35. The Fund is working to protect civic space amid increasing measures to shrink or close such space globally. The bulk of project funds are allocated to local civil society organizations in countries that are in both the transition and consolidation phases of democratization. By supporting civil society organizations on the ground, the Fund plays a distinct role in complementing the more traditional work of the United Nations in strengthening democratic governance globally.

Table 6
Thematic areas of United Nations Democracy Fund projects

Media and freedom of information
Rule of law and human rights
Support for electoral processes
Strengthening civil society interaction with government
Youth engagement
Women's leadership and gender equality

A. Governance

36. The governing mechanism of the United Nations Democracy Fund, the Advisory Board, is composed of Member States that made the largest cumulative financial contributions to the Fund over the previous three years, a set of Member States reflecting geographical diversity, international civil society organizations and individuals serving in their personal capacity (see annex II for the composition of the Board in 2023).

37. The Fund's Programme Consultative Group provides important inputs for the project selection process, drawing on the specific expertise of each of its entities: the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Department of Peace Operations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNDP, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

38. United Nations resident coordinators and country teams in the field also play a central role in the project selection process and provide support for monitoring and implementation. United Nations system reforms have enabled the Fund to deepen its relationships with these development actors.

39. The Advisory Board continued to play an active leadership role throughout 2023, proposing policy guidance on programme development and funding guidelines and considering and recommending funding proposals for approval by the Secretary-General. The Board met twice in 2023 to endorse projects shortlisted in its seventeenth round of funding and to launch a call for proposals of projects to be funded in the eighteenth round.

B. Democracy in action

40. The Fund's important contribution to advancing democracy was underlined during the annual International Day of Democracy, observed on 15 September 2023. The United Nations Office for Partnerships hosted a special event focused on the vital role of democratic values in accelerating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular with regard to climate action. Held at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion, the event highlighted young people's involvement in protecting and promoting civic space and recognized their leadership in moving climate action forward.

41. The Fund regularly posts updates, newsletters and news stories on its website, informing the wider public of its achievements and lessons learned from its projects. For highlights of Fund projects in 2023, see table 7.

Table 7

Highlights of United Nations Democracy Fund projects in 2023

South Asia Partnership Nepal is working to promote inclusion and responsiveness in local government, with a specific focus on vulnerable groups such as the Musahar people and women. The project facilitated the establishment of community-based women's groups to collectively negotiate with local government bodies, thereby empowering women to claim their rights.

The civil society organization HakiElimu is working to increase meaningful youth engagement in democratic processes in the United Republic of Tanzania. A toolkit on action civics education developed under the project has been approved by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and is being piloted in 20 schools.

The Press Freedom Foundation is working to increase the presence of local news in rural areas of Colombia with a view to fostering civic participation, democratic discussion and sound governance. As part of the project, journalism labs are being set up in four regions of the country. Their purpose is to deliver media and digital literacy training programmes to community leaders and groups, women and young people and to support the creation of content on local initiatives and developments.

In Lebanon, the civil society organization KAFA (enough) Violence and Exploitation is working to strengthen the implementation of laws protecting vulnerable women and girls against gender-based violence. A national awareness-raising campaign was launched under the project in close collaboration with judiciary and law enforcement authorities to increase public awareness and understanding of legal protections and how they can be applied.

C. Seventeenth round of funding

42. In the seventeenth round of funding, which started in November 2022, the Fund received 1,872 project proposals from organizations across 133 countries, the largest share of which were submitted by local civil society organizations in Africa. Overall, 34 projects were approved for funding in 2023 at a total cost of \$8.1 million (see table 8).

Table 8

United Nations Democracy Fund in numbers, 2023 (seventeenth round of funding)

1,872 project proposals from 133 countries, 34 funded projects

Origin of approved project proposals:

- Africa (44 per cent)
- Asia and Pacific (18 per cent)
- Middle East (15 per cent)
- Europe (12 per cent)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (12 per cent)

Projects funded in the following key thematic areas:

- Strengthening civil society interaction with government (26 per cent)
- Rule of law and human rights (23 per cent)
- Youth engagement (21 per cent)
- Women's leadership and gender equality (19 per cent)
- Support for electoral processes (7 per cent)
- Media and freedom of information (4 per cent)

D. Eighteenth round of funding

43. For this round of funding, opened in November 2023, the Fund welcomed proposals across all six of its thematic areas: women's leadership and gender equality; youth engagement; the rule of law and human rights; strengthening civil society interaction with government; media and freedom of information; and support for electoral processes. In addition to the six thematic areas, the Fund also encouraged the submission of proposals for projects aimed at promoting civic engagement for climate action. The Fund received a wide range of proposals, mainly from civil society organizations in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

V. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

44. UNFIP is a trust fund set up to serve as the primary point of contact between the United Nations and the United Nations Foundation – an independent charitable organization created to work closely with the United Nations to drive global progress and tackle urgent problems.

45. In 2023, UNFIP and the United Nations Foundation continued to work in close collaboration on cross-sectoral projects and initiatives implemented by the United Nations system around the world. In doing so, UNFIP works towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A. Governance

46. The work of UNFIP is overseen by its Advisory Board, which is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and provides the Secretary-General with advice pertaining to the relationship between the United Nations and the Foundation.

47. The Foundation itself is governed by an independent international board of directors. To pursue its objectives, the Foundation conducts public education and engagement activities aimed at diversifying and strengthening support for the United Nations in the United States of America and globally. It also provides a platform for cross-sectoral innovation to advance the work of the United Nations and mobilizes financial resources for the United Nations and its priorities.

48. The relationship between the United Nations and the Foundation is governed by a relationship agreement that was most recently renewed in 2014.

49. The principal day-to-day governing mechanisms between the United Nations and the Foundation are the UNFIP Advisory Board and the Joint Coordination Committee, both of which meet at least twice a year.

B. Funding for health, data and climate

50. The United Nations Foundation disbursed a total of \$16 million in funding through UNFIP in 2023, including \$9.2 million in specific grants for United Nations projects. The Foundation also channelled \$6.8 million to the United Nations system entities through fiduciaries in 2023. Global health projects were the most prominent, totalling \$6 million (see table 9). Key initiatives supported by the Foundation through UNFIP in 2023 fell under the following areas:

- **Global health.** Initiatives led by the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and UNHCR to reduce the spread of measles and rubella, raise awareness of malaria prevention strategies, provide polio vaccines for children and continue providing health support for refugees.

- **Data for the Sustainable Development Goals.** Initiatives, many of which were driven by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, focusing on the harnessing of big data and artificial intelligence for the benefit of underserved and vulnerable communities.
- **Climate action.** Provision of support for the Young Champions of the Earth initiative of UNEP – the most prestigious United Nations prize awarded for environmental action by young people.

Table 9

Funding of United Nations projects and fiduciaries by the United Nations Foundation through the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

January–December 2023

United Nations Foundation funding to the United Nations system	Projects in the following areas:
Total: \$16 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6 million – global health • \$1.9 million – United Nations initiatives • \$1.1 million – energy and climate • \$200,000 – women and girls
	Subtotal: \$9.2 million
United Nations Foundation fiduciaries for the United Nations system entities	Total: \$6.8 million
1998–2023	
Total United Nations Foundation grants to the United Nations system disbursed by UNFIP since 1998: \$1.5 billion	705 projects
	135 participating countries
	49 United Nations implementing partners

51. Tables 10 to 19 provide details of key grants from the Foundation that were disbursed by UNFIP in 2023.

1. Global health

52. The Foundation has a long track record of collaboration with the United Nations system on global health, including WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and other United Nations entities. In 2023, first-time and renewed grants were awarded to advance a range of global health priorities, including combating the resurgence of measles and rubella, malaria prevention and control, the provision of polio vaccines and support for the health of refugees.

Table 10

Measles and rubella

Implementing partners	UNICEF and WHO
Location	Global
Amount	\$2.9 million (\$1 million to WHO and \$1.9 million to UNICEF)

Description	The project was aimed at supporting countries in preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from measles outbreaks and at enhancing surveillance systems so that outbreaks can be rapidly detected.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coordination for measles outbreak preparedness and response • Expanded vaccination efforts in middle-income countries that are not eligible for support from the Gavi Alliance • Strengthened national capacity for outbreak preparedness, including surveillance

Table 11
Oral polio vaccine for children

Implementing partner	UNICEF
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.7 million
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the vaccination of approximately 10.8 million children against the polio virus in countries experiencing outbreaks and at high risk of polio transmission.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front-line delivery of polio immunization and related services reaching 10.8 million children under 5 years of age • Improved strategic polio vaccine management and supply • Strengthened outbreak response and preparedness capacity

Table 12
Malaria prevention and control

Implementing partner	UNHCR
Location	South Sudan and Ethiopia
Amount	\$500,000
Description	The project was aimed at supporting malaria prevention and control activities among vulnerable refugees and nearby host communities in South Sudan and Ethiopia.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaria prevention through the distribution of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, indoor residual spraying, disease surveillance and outreach campaigns among refugees and host communities • Malaria response through timely diagnosis and treatment of patients • Strengthening of the health-care system through capacity-building on training, staffing and campaign design

Table 13
Malaria prevention and control

Implementing partner	UNICEF
Location	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Amount	\$700,000
Description	The project was aimed at providing 67,814 long-lasting insecticidal bed nets to 27,587 households in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and evaluating the extent to which this reduced the malaria infection rate.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 122,065 people have access to bed nets and a lower malaria infection rate • Project beneficiaries have a better understanding of the use of bed nets to prevent malaria

Table 14
Health support for refugees

Implementing partner	UNHCR
Location	Global
Amount	\$133,000
Description	The project was aimed at strengthening health-care systems and improving access to essential health services for refugees.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued access to essential primary care services, including vaccination • Improved disease prevention to protect refugees from communicable diseases

2. United Nations initiatives

53. Working closely with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and other United Nations system entities, the Foundation provided catalytic and capacity-building support for United Nations leadership initiatives with a potential transformative impact, including initiatives on multilateralism, digital cooperation, youth engagement, climate action and data access.

Table 15
The future of multilateralism

Implementing partner	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
Location	Global
Amount	\$234,375
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the realization of the Secretary-General's vision on the future of multilateralism in implementing Our Common Agenda and responding to current and future global challenges.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Secretary-General's vision on the future of multilateralism by the Summit of the Future in September 2024

Table 16
Digital cooperation for the Sustainable Development Goals

Implementing partner	Office of the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Technology
Location	Global
Amount	\$93,458
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the Secretary-General's vision for digital cooperation with a focus on accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated digitally enabled progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and strengthened support to the intergovernmental process for a global digital compact

Table 17
Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion

Implementing partner	Department of Operational Support
Location	Global
Amount	\$352,415
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion at United Nations Headquarters during the high-level week of the General Assembly. Its specific objective was to ensure the timely installation of tents and equipment on the United Nations premises to house the Pavilion and provide space for media representatives.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased support for the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Goals by providing space for positive discussion to spur action by non-State actors • Increased media coverage of the high-level week of the General Assembly

Table 18
Young Champions of the Earth

Implementing partner	UNEP
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.1 million
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the Young Champions of the Earth award, which is the flagship youth engagement initiative of UNEP and is intended to showcase and support young environmentalists who demonstrate outstanding potential to have a positive impact on the future of the planet.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved environmental education, meaningful youth engagement and action on environmental issues • Young people from every region are designated Young Champions of the Earth and receive support for their environmental work • A youth engagement platform that operates in six United Nations languages

Table 19
Global data access

Implementing partner	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Location	Global
Amount	\$1.2 million
Description	The project was aimed at catalysing the formation of a connected and cohesive ecosystem of “plug-and-play” data and artificial intelligence products and services, including the responsible access to, use and reuse of data, thereby accelerating the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a legal and governance framework enabling the streamlined sharing of data to minimize legal overheads • Development of flexible data usage to enable data exploration

C. Fiduciary agreements

54. In addition to providing specific grants, and at the request of the United Nations, the Foundation establishes and maintains fiduciary mechanisms to encourage charitable support for United Nations funds, entities and initiatives. These mechanisms allow the Foundation to receive and disburse contributions on a charitable basis from private donors to the United Nations, including to enable tax-exempt donations from United States and global donors, where appropriate.

55. In 2023, United Nations system entities used fiduciary agreements to secure approximately \$6.8 million from diverse donors. These funds were channelled by the Foundation to the United Nations system entities through UNFIP (see tables 20 to 22).

56. Although not all of them were active in 2023, the following United Nations funds, entities and initiatives have a fiduciary agreement with the Foundation:

- Funds:
 - Central Emergency Response Fund
 - Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund
 - Peacebuilding Fund
 - United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - Global Fund for Coral Reefs
 - Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund
 - Montenegro Acceleration Fund
 - Multiple country-based pooled funds
- Entities:
 - OHCHR
 - UNDP
 - Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - United Nations Office for Partnerships

- Office of the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth
- Mine Action Service
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- Initiatives:
 - Stop TB Partnership (UNOPS)
 - Trafficking (UNODC)
 - Private sector engagement for Yemen (UNDP)
 - FSO *Safer* salvage operation (UNDP)
 - Lion's Share Fund (UNDP)

Table 20

Coral reef conservation

Implementing partner	UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office
Location	Global
Amount	\$3.83 million
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the Global Fund for Coral Reefs, an innovative blended finance mechanism established to promote the conservation of coral reef ecosystems and improve their resilience.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A robust set of revenue-generating initiatives that are leveraging private finance for coral reef conservation • Conservation and improved resilience of critical coral reef ecosystems • Strengthened ecosystem services for reef-dependent communities

Table 21

Women's peace and security

Implementing partner	UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office
Location	Global
Amount	Three project grants totalling \$960,230
Description	The project was aimed at supporting the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund, which was established to enhance women's engagement in peace and security and/or humanitarian action. The funding provided was used to support women humanitarians responding to crises and promoting peace in their communities.
Outcomes	Strengthened involvement and capacities of women to respond to crises and emergencies, prevent conflict and uphold peacebuilding commitments

Table 22

Funding provided by the United Nations Foundation through fiduciary channels in 2023

(United States dollars)

<i>Fiduciary</i>	<i>Funds</i>
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	960 231
UNODC: United Nations voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children	124 219
UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Global Fund for Coral Reefs	3 833 130
Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: catalysing climate action and enhanced engagement by non-Party stakeholders	814 847
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: mobilizing voluntary contributions for the Central Emergency Response Fund	849 723
UNDP Peace Support Facility in Yemen: response to the emergency involving the tanker FSO <i>Safer</i>	200 627

VI. Conclusion

57. The compound effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, escalating conflicts and the climate crisis have profoundly affected the global community's ability and resolve to attain the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure that no one is left behind. The United Nations Office for Partnerships remains steadfast in its determination to navigate these crises and work towards the achievement of all the Goals through partnerships.

58. In 2023, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, in collaboration with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, the Department of Global Communications, the Development Coordination Office, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Climate Action Team, the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Youth Office and other United Nations entities, continued to provide a central platform for the United Nations system to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It facilitated inclusive and innovative spaces across all partnerships, launched impactful advocacy campaigns and developed effective collaborations that have built momentum and empowered action on the Goals worldwide.

59. The Sustainable Development Goals Advocates used their considerable influence and platforms to call for actions that accelerate the achievement of the Goals during the events at the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion, the Goals round tables, the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and at their annual meeting with the Secretary-General.

60. The Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Hub continued to serve as a consultative and collaborative platform for enhanced coordination and movement-building for the Goals, including through the Sustainable Development Goals action zone in September 2023.

61. The Office also collaborated with networks both within and beyond the United Nations system to mobilize partners, emphasizing the urgency of concrete and credible climate action. Key partners amplified the calls to action issued by the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, highlighting the centrality of

Goal 13 to the attainment of all the other Goals. Moreover, in September 2023, the Sustainable Development Goals Pavilion featured 11 sessions on key issues, including climate justice, the green transition and carbon pricing, in line with global efforts to address the climate emergency and protect lives and livelihoods.

62. The Deputy Secretary-General, the Office for United Nations Partnerships and the Government of Germany launched the We the Women campaign during the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, with a view to amplifying the voices of women and girls worldwide in order to tackle global challenges. This initiative, which is aligned with the concept of inclusive multilateralism promoted by the United Nations, will conclude with a multimedia event at the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

63. The United Nations Democracy Fund and UNFIP, the trust funds of the United Nations Office for Partnerships, ensured that invaluable financial support was directed to civil society organizations and United Nations initiatives.

64. The United Nations Sustainable Fashion and Lifestyle Network continued to provide an impartial platform for both industry stakeholders and the United Nations system to harness the expertise, technology and resources required to drive progress on the Sustainable Development Goals in the second half of the 2030 Agenda journey.

65. Looking ahead, the Office has initiated an extensive assessment of its operations to ensure that it continues to drive high-value collaborations that promote global solidarity and to find new ways for diverse sectors of society to work together, benefiting all people and the planet.

Annex I

Financial contributions to the United Nations Democracy Fund, by donors, January–December 2023

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Cumulative contribution received</i>
Canada	743 716
Chile	7 966
Germany	1 537 340
Panama	2 750
Peru	11 446
Poland	68 592
Republic of Korea	100 000
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency/Sweden	2 882 470
Türkiye	10 000
United States of America	3 500 000
Total	8 864 280

Annex II

Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Democracy Fund, 2023

Member States that have made the largest cumulative financial contributions to the Fund over the previous three years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States of America • Sweden • Germany • Canada • Poland • India • Republic of Korea
Member States appointed by the Secretary-General to reflect diverse geographical representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chile • Greece • Maldives • Morocco • Nepal • Senegal
Non-governmental organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIVICUS • Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network
Individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Braam (Kingdom of the Netherlands), Executive Director, Bertelsmann Foundation, North America • Mahmood Mamdani (Uganda): Professor of Government, Anthropology, Political Science and African Studies, Columbia University; Chancellor, Kampala International University; and Director, Makerere Institute of Social Research

Annex III

Composition of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, 2023

Chair	Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs • Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance • Annemarie Hou, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships (ex officio)
Member States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the capacity of President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly: Lachezara Stoeva, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations (until September 2023) • In the capacity of President of the Economic and Social Council: Paula Narváez Ojeda, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations (from July 2023) • In the capacity of Chair of the Second Committee, General Assembly: Carlos Amorín, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations (from June 2023)
Civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yassine Fall, Economist • Luis A. Ubiñas, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation

Annex IV

Composition of the United Nations-United Nations Foundation Joint Coordination Committee, 2023

Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General • Elizabeth Cousens, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation
United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Development Coordination • Lionel Berridge, Executive Secretary, secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance • Neil Pierre, Acting Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs • Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, Department of Global Communications • Saada Daher Hassan, Head of the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General (ex officio)
United Nations Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sofia Borges, Senior Vice-President
