

# Enhancing Civil Society and Other Stakeholder Engagement at UNEA7

## A Discussion Paper To Inform The 2027 Review Of The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development And The Sustainable Development Goals



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# Agenda

## **Key steps we hope will come from this include:**

1. Looking at the relevant environmental SDGs to focus on
2. Where do we need to do capacity building, and on what
3. What information on each SDG page would help
4. What should an online community space look like?
5. How can we establish a clear engagement focus?
6. What would a month of action and partnerships on each of the environmental SDGs, leading up to the July 2027 review of the 2030 Agenda, look like?



# SDGs we are looking at

## CLIMATE CHANGE

- **SDG 13:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **SDG 7:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

## BIODIVERSITY LOSS

- **SDG 14:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development
- **SDG 15:** Life on Land

## POLLUTION:

- **SDG 6:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- **SDG 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable
- **SDG 12:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

## CROSS-CUTTING

**SDG 17:** Partnerships for the Goals

# Capacity Building and engagement-building for stakeholders in preparation for the 2027 review

- To organise capacity-building sessions for stakeholders in preparation for the 2027 review among the relevant SDG communities, such as
  - UNCCD 2026 COP
  - HLPF 2026
  - UN CBD 2026 COP
  - UNFCCC 2026 COP

**Question:** Are there other communities we should be bringing into this?



# What information on each SDG page would be most helpful?

- Key Components
- Challenges and Progress
- Key actions needed
- Targets and Indicators
- UNFCCC and Partnerships and Commitments
- Examples of SDG 13 partnerships
- Key events for Climate Change in preparation for the 2027 High-level Review of the SDGs
- Stakeholders

**Question:** What are we missing?



# An online community space

An object here is to bring together the different stakeholder communities working in the UNFCCC, UN CBD, UNEA, HLPF, UN-Habitat, and other relevant communities to build a coherent approach to each of the SDGs

## Questions:

1. Are there any other communities we are missing around which SDGs?
2. What are the elements of a common space that would be useful for each of the stakeholders?
3. Should there be a gathering of all the Major Group focal points to develop both:
  - a) An agreed approach to the different SDGs under review
  - b) A space where each of the different stakeholder communities could develop a shared space for their work on the SDG review

# Establish a clear engagement focus

## In the context of the eight SDGs.

### Questions:

1. How useful is a link and/or review of the most recent scientific data and assessments related to the environmental SDGs?
2. The 2027 GSDR, to be released in September 2027, will be a key scientific input to the SDG Summit. Until then, analyse the 2023 GSDR and other recent reports. How useful do you see this as a place to engage?
3. Could this approach enhance and/or enable the formation of multi-stakeholder coalitions to help deliver the implementation of the SDGs?
4. What can be done to ensure a broader, more representative voice, especially for developing countries and vulnerable communities?



Develop a month of action and partnerships on each of the environmental SDGs, leading up to the July 2027 review of the 2030 Agenda

- **October 2026:** (TBC): SDG 15 Life on Land (*COP*)
- **November 2026:** (TBC): SDG 13 Climate Change (*COP*)
- **December 2026:** SDG 6 Water (*UN Water Conference*)
- **January 2027:** SDG 17 Partnerships (*UN Partnership Forum*)
- **February 2027:** SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy (*IRENA Assembly*)
- **March 2027:** SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- **April 2027:** SDG 10 Responsible Consumption and Production
- **May 2027:** SDG 14: Life Below Water (*Our Ocean Conference June*)

What are we missing that would be useful?

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# Thank you

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