

Preparing for the 2027 Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Including the SDGs

An HLPF Side Event on Monday, 6 July 2026 at 10:00-11:15 AM
In-person at UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8 (CR-8)
and online via Zoom ([register here](#))

The *‘Preparing for the 2027 Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Including the SDGs’* side event is organized by **Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future** in cooperation with **WWF International**.

Building on emerging perspectives on the future of global cooperation, it will examine the 2027 Review of the 2030 Agenda as a critical stepping stone toward shaping a post-2030 framework that is more integrated and better suited to a rapidly changing world. Today’s development challenges, from climate and biodiversity to economic resilience and social equity, are deeply interconnected and mutually reinforcing, requiring a shift away from fragmented approaches toward a coherent, systems-based agenda. The discussion will explore the global cooperation not only as a moral imperative but as a practical necessity, with shared risks and opportunities demanding collective action that delivers tangible improvements in people’s everyday lives.

In this context, the side event will underscore the importance of using the period leading up to 2027 to build alignment around the core principles that should underpin the future of global goals, including a stronger focus on a systems approach, transformative change, and evidence-based decision-making. It will also highlight the need for more inclusive, whole-of-society approaches and flexible coalitions to drive implementation, alongside strengthened national accountability. By connecting these ideas with ongoing efforts to support stakeholder engagement in the 2027 review process, the session will amplify HLPF discussions as a key moment to build momentum, shape narratives, and lay the groundwork for an effective post-2030 agenda.

Speakers will showcase the document, [A Primer for Stakeholders Engaging in the 2027 Review of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, Focusing on the Environmental SDGs](#) and the website portal that Stakeholder Forum produced for UNEP, under a European Commission-funded grant, for UNEA 7 in December 2025.

The primer covers eight of the environmental-focused SDGs, including four that are being reviewed at the 2026 HLPF: SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals.

The additional SDGs addressed in the primer are: SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 14 Life Below Water, and SDG 15 Life on Land.

They all consider several key components that can help stakeholders as they prepare for the review. These include:

- Challenges and progress
- Targets and indicators
- How the SGD fits into the UNEP Medium Term Strategy
- Relevant linkages with other SDGs
- Key science reports
- Funding for the SDG
- Key partnerships and commitments
- Just Transition
- Key dates
- Stakeholder bodies engaged in this SDG

The side event will review the relevant primers for the 2026 HLPF to help stakeholders to develop their engagement in the 2027 process of reviewing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It will also promote a proposal for each of the eight SDGs addressed in the primer, with one of them to be profiled each month in the run-up to the 2027 HLPF. An overarching goal of the side event is that it will contribute to building a positive approach and mobilization towards 2027 and beyond to 2030.

The Programme

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Moderator: Louis Meuleman, Chair of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Presenters: Felix Dodds, Adjunct Professor at the Water Institute, University of North Carolina, and a Fellow at Stakeholder Forum; and Elena Khishchenko, Head of Strategic Influence at WWF International

With comments from:

- **Rafael Peralta**, Regional Director for the New York Office and North America, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Toni-Shae Freckleton**, Director, New York Liaison Office, UN-Habitat
- **Albert Butare**, CEO: Africa Energy Services Group
- **Ingrid Timboe**, Deputy Executive Director and Senior Policy Lead at Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)
- **Daniel Perell**, Representative of the Baha'i International Community to the United Nations

Conclusions: Felix Dodds and Elena Khishchenko

Question-and-Answer session, if time permits

Closing remarks: Louis Meuleman