

SDG Summit 2023

Why in news?

In the High-level Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit 2023 held in New York, the world leaders endorsed a resolute political declaration, outlining their shared commitment to create a sustainable and inclusive world by 2030.

What is the SDG Summit about?

- The 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs is a global plan of action to drive economic prosperity and social well-being while protecting the environment.
- Countries established the ***High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)*** to boost efforts to achieve the goals.
- The HLPF *meets every year* under the auspices of the ***Economic and Social Council***, to review progress, examine obstacles, exchange best practices, and recommend new actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
- Countries agreed that *every four years*, the HLPF will meet under the auspices of the ***General Assembly*** at the level of Heads of State and Government.
- In *2019*, the *1st SDG Summit* - the HLPF under the auspices of the *General Assembly* was convened in ***New York*** since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015.
- The *2nd SDG Summit* was held in ***New York*** and was chaired by the ***President of the General Assembly***.
- It resulted in the adoption of the Political Declaration, "*Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development*".



What are the key highlights of the summit?

- **Themes**
 - Our shared commitment
 - Our changed world - Progress and remaining gaps and challenges.
 - Call to action - turning our world towards 2030
- **Our Shared commitment**

Our Shared Commitment	
To review progress and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
Addis Abba Action Agenda	Reaffirmed this agenda as integral part of the 2030 Agenda
Rio Declaration on Environment and Development	Reaffirmed to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities
Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions	Appreciated this initiative which is led by ILO and UNDP that will create at least 400 mn jobs, primarily in the green, digital and care economies, and extend social protection floors to 4 bn people by 2030.

Our Changed World - Progress and Remaining Gaps and Challenges

There is a need for immediate course correction and acceleration of progress toward achieving the SDGs, due to COVID pandemic.

Gap in funding	The annual SDG funding gap has risen from 2.5 trillion dollar before the pandemic to an estimated 4.2 trillion dollars.
Vienna Programme of Action	Encouraged the progress of the programme in addressing the challenge of landlocked developed countries
SAMOA Pathway	Encouraged the progress of Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) pathway which was the outcome of 3 rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States.
Doha Programme of Action	Committed to the full implementation of the program which is a 10 year strategy to help world's 46 most vulnerable countries to achieve SDG for LDCs for the decade 2022-31.

Call to Action - Turning our World towards 2030

The summit committed to take continuous, fundamental, transformative and urgent actions at all levels and by all stakeholders to overcome the crises and obstacles facing our world.

World Social Summit - 2025	Look forward to the proposed world social summit in 2025, and emphasize that the summit outcome should give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
Education	Recognize that early childhood education and care can generate substantial benefits for children and took note of 2022 <i>UN Transforming Education Summit</i> .
Water related issues	It took note on International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018- 2028 and the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and commended the convening of the UN 2023 Water Conference.
New Urban Agenda	Committed to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, through the implementation of this Agenda, to contribute to the achievement and localization of the 2030 Agenda
10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns	Recommitted to make fundamental changes in our consumption and production patterns through the implementation of the 10-Year Framework
Renewable energy	Committed to increase the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030.
Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction(2015- 2030)	Recommitted to the full implementation of the Sendai Framework to promote a disaster risk-informed approach to sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global level
Convention on Biological Diversity	Committed to take urgent action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	Affirmed to combat desertification, land degradation, drought and floods, sand and dust storms, and to achieve land degradation neutrality.

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea	Emphasised the need to enhance the Convention, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)	Supports the work of INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment by 2024.
Official Development Assistance(ODA)	Urged the developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7% of gross national income for ODA to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 % of ODA to LDCs.

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