



Note by the secretariat

Letter from President of ECOSOC to invite WSIS to provide an input to the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) in 2024

Purpose

To inform the Group about the letter from the President of ECOSOC inviting WSIS to provide an input to the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) in 2024.

Action required

This letter is transmitted to the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG **for information**.

References

<https://hlpf.un.org/>; www.wsis.org



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

20 December 2023

Dear Excellency,

I am writing to invite the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Summit on the Information Society** that you chair to provide an input to the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) in 2024. The HLPF will meet under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council from 8 to 17 July 2024, at UN Headquarters in New York, with a Ministerial Segment from 15 to 17 July.

The HLPF is the central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. The General Assembly in resolution 70/1 called for the HLPF to conduct thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues. These are mandated to be supported by reviews by the “ECOSOC functional commissions and other inter-governmental bodies and forums which should reflect the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them”.

The Assembly in resolution 75/290 B reiterated that “In the conduct of the thematic reviews, the high-level political forum could consider the inputs to the high-level political forum from intergovernmental bodies and forums, including relevant multi-stakeholder forums, and, as appropriate, the findings, research, data and recommendations from the United Nations system.” The General Assembly decided that the theme of the 2024 HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC shall be “*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.*”

In 2023 the HLPF received a total of 65 inputs from functional commissions, other intergovernmental bodies and forums and UN system organizations. I would like to thank all those who informed this thematic review through their contribution. These inputs can be found in the HLPF database of inputs at: <https://hlpf.un.org/inputs>. They are also reflected in document [E/HLPF/2023/4](#), entitled “*Synthesis of submissions by functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.*”

The 2024 HLPF, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs, will review in-depth: **Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere; **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; **Goal 13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; **Goal 16.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and **Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

The 2024 HLPF will be the first meeting of the forum after the SDG Summit held in September 2023. The forum will support the implementation of the Political Declaration and other outcomes of the SDG Summit, for advancing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. It will result in a negotiated Ministerial Declaration.

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and Chairperson, ITU World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

I therefore invite you to provide substantive input to the 2024 HLPF on its theme and on the review of the above SDGs, as well as on follow up to the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit and the negotiation of the Ministerial Declaration. Your contribution could showcase the views, findings, research, data and policy recommendations from your intergovernmental body on specific aspects of eradicating poverty and effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions for achieving the SDGs.

The following template could be considered in providing inputs, bearing in mind your intergovernmental body's mandate and views:

- (a) Impacts of multiple crises on the implementation of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 from the vantage point of your intergovernmental body.
- (b) Three key areas where sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions for achieving the SDGs are being effectively delivered, especially related to the cluster of SDGs under review in 2024, considering the three dimensions of sustainable development and the interlinkages across the Goals and targets.
- (c) Three examples of specific actions, policies and measures that are most urgently needed to effectively deliver sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to eradicate poverty and reinforce the 2030 Agenda, building on interlinkages and transformative pathways for achieving the SDGs.
- (d) Follow-up actions and measures being undertaken by your intergovernmental body to support implementation of the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit.
- (e) Recommendations and key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration of the 2024 HLPF.


Inputs to the synthesis report should be as focused and concise as possible. These may be submitted in line with the above template in either a bulleted or narrative format. Kindly submit your contribution **no later than 1 March 2024** using the [inputs to the 2024 HLPF form](#).

There is also an option to send supplementary documents and reports, as appropriate, to the HLPF Secretariat (e-mail: wang24@un.org; vaturi@un.org; copy bekelee@un.org; winta.abay@un.org; cruz@un.org; ikechukwu.balogu@un.org).

Inputs received by the deadline will be included in the official synthesis report of the HLPF. All inputs will be posted at the HLPF inputs database (<https://hlpf.un.org/inputs>).

I look forward to your contributions to the 2024 HLPF.

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



Paula Narváez
President of ECOSOC