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| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SUMMIT 2023 AND SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE 2024 | |
| **Purpose**  This document provides information on the Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2023 and Summit of the Future 2024.  **Action required**  Members are invited to **note** the document.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **References**  <https://www.un.org/en/conferences/SDGSummit2023>  <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/summit-of-the-future> | |

1. **2023 SDG Summit:** The Sustainable Development Goals Summit took place on 18 – 19 September 2023 in New York. Convened by the President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), this Summit occurred at the halfway point to the 2030 deadline, forming the centerpiece of the General Assembly’s high-level week. It aimed to address global crises, rekindle hope, optimism and enthusiasm for achieving the 2030 Agenda.

In the lead-up to the SDG Summit, ITU was actively monitoring a series of preparatory meetings, with a particular focus on the development of its political declaration, which was adopted at the SDG Summit. During the summit, ITU delivered a high-level statement in the official session dedicated specifically to Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) issues (Leadership Dialogue 3). ITU's presence at the summit was aimed at reaffirming its commitment to harnessing the power of digital technology for sustainable development and achieving the SDGs.

Furthermore, ITU, in collaboration with UNDP and partners, hosted [‘SDG Digital’](https://www.itu.int/initiatives/sdgdigital/#:~:text=SDG%20Digital&text=On%2017%20September%2C%20the%20International,Sustainable%20Development%20Goals%20(SDGs).) on 17 September at the UN Headquarters in New York. This event was being organized as part of the preceding Summit's SDG Action Weekend and convened under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. It gathered leaders from government, civil society, the private sector, youth, and academia to assess progress towards the SDGs and explored the potential of digital technologies in accelerating these goals. As part of the SDG Action Weekend, the primary focus was on scaling digital solutions for the SDGs, including the introduction of a UN-wide High Impact Initiative on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), with the aim of scaling an inclusive and open digital ecosystem for the SDGs.

1. **Summit of the Future 2024:** Preparations for the Summit of the Future, scheduled for 22-23 September 2024, were underway at the UN General Assembly. Recently, Germany and Namibia, the co-facilitators for the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future, have released a Draft Decision on the Scope of the Summit of the Future ([A/77/L.109](https://undocs.org/A/77/L.109)). As per the Resolution on Modalities for the Summit of the Future ([A/RES/76/307](https://undocs.org/A/RES/76/307)), the Summit will adopt an outcome document entitled ‘A Pact for the Future’ and the co-facilitators have been tasked with facilitating intergovernmental consultations to determine the scope of the Summit, topics and organization of the interactive dialogues and the process of negotiations to conclude the outcome document, with adequate time for the negotiating sessions.

The Draft Decision is the result of intergovernmental consultations conducted since April 2023. It considered the priorities and inputs of Member States, while providing a proposed framework for the Pact for the Future document. This document will be further negotiated in the upcoming 78th session of the UN General Assembly. In particular, the Draft includes an overall structure of the Pact for the Future, consisting of a Chapeau – reaffirming the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Agenda 2030, and five Chapters – on Sustainable Development and Financing for Development, International Peace and Security, Responsible use of science, technology and innovation, Youth and Future Generations, and Transforming Global Governance.

Throughout the consultations, broad agreement emerged on the inclusion of responsible use of science, technology, and innovation, as well as bridging STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) gaps among and within countries. There was consensus on strengthening all aspects of global digital cooperation and bridging digital divides through the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact, to be intergovernmentally negotiated at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly. Specifically, this compact would be annexed to the Pact for the Future, if internationally agreed.

In preparation for the Summit in 2024, a Ministerial Meeting took place on 21 September during this year’s high-level week of the General Assembly. During this meeting, Member States, represented by their Ministers, outlined and articulated their vision and priorities for the Summit of the Future. ITU delivered a statement at it. ITU continues to follow the consultations and other relevant processes and discussions on the preparation of the Summit of the Future, as well as the implementation of Our Common Agenda.

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