



High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

INFORMATION NOTE

The 2023 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will be convened by the President of the General Assembly. It will take place within the framework of the High-level Week of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, on 20 September 2023, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations headquarters in New York, pursuant to resolution [A/RES/69/313](#). The High-level Dialogue will take place under the overarching theme: *Financing the SDGs for a world where no one is left behind*.

The High-level Dialogue will be a one-day meeting held back-to-back with the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit, and will feature the participation of leaders from government, representatives of the private sector and civil society, international financial institutions, including Multilateral Development Banks, academia, and other relevant actors.

The High-level Dialogue will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly.

The Dialogue will feature an opening, two interactive roundtables and a closing. The opening will take place from 9:00 to 9:30.

As indicated in the [outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue](#), following the opening, the first interactive roundtable will be dedicated to the theme “*Reforming the international financial architecture to achieve the SDGs*”. It will feature segments on 1) *Fostering debt sustainability and strengthening the global financial safety net*; and 2) *Promoting inclusive and effective international tax cooperation and mobilizing domestic resources*.

The High-level Dialogue will reconvene at 15:00 for a second interactive roundtable on the theme “*Innovative solutions to unlock SDG investments*”, featuring segments on: 1) *Innovative approaches and partnerships to boost private finance for the SDGs*; and 2) *Scaling up affordable and accessible international public financing for sustainable development and ensuring efficiency*.

Each interactive roundtable will feature keynote addresses by Heads of State and Government and eminent experts. Keynote speakers will be identified and invited based on policy experience, and their capacity to offer best practices and create political momentum on the relevant issues. Member States will have an opportunity to make statements and announcements from the floor. Member States are welcome to address any aspect of the action areas of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda during their interventions, regardless of the segment in which they are participating. A panel of experts will be invited to comment on the interventions made during each segment.



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A closing from 17:45 to 18:00 will bring the High-level Dialogue to a conclusion.

Delegations wishing to intervene in the interactive roundtables are invited to express their interest through the e-speakers module on e-deleGATE. **The expressions of interest will open on Monday, 31 July at 10:00 and close on Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 18:00.** Delegations are requested to indicate up to three roundtable segments in the order of preference in which they would like to intervene.

As the number of delegations able to intervene will be limited, the provisional lists of speakers for each segment will be prepared in accordance with customary protocol, with priority given to Heads of State and Government, and with due consideration given to balance in terms of geographical representation, gender, and levels of development. Each selected Member State will be given one speaking slot during the High-level Dialogue. Those Member States that wish to deliver statements on behalf of Groups of States will be given priority within the same level of representation and should specify their intention to do so in the e-speakers module on e-deleGATE.

Participants are especially encouraged to use the High-level Dialogue as an opportunity to announce new commitments or initiatives to finance the SDGs. Announcements may be registered as [commitments](#) through the [SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform](#). Delegations are also encouraged to use the High-level Dialogue as a platform to share best practices and creative ideas on financing solutions.

The time limit for all statements, including statements made on behalf of a group of States or in a national capacity, will be **three minutes** and will be strictly implemented.

Experts from international financial institutions, multilateral development banks, the private sector, civil society, academia, and the UN system wishing to intervene during or attend the High-level Dialogue are invited to express their interest by email to fsd2023@un.org from 31 July to 19 August. Expressions of interest will not guarantee participation. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities wishing to attend the Dialogue must be accredited either through ECOSOC or the financing for development follow-up process or must be included in formal delegations of accredited organizations.

The programme of the High-level Dialogue will be posted on the webpage of the meeting at: <https://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdiallogue2023/>.

The provisional lists of speakers and an updated programme will be made available in September, prior to the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.