

Agenda item 2:

SDG Summit & High-Impact Initiative on the Power of Data

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2023 SDG Summit and outcomes

- **HLPF under GA**, 18-19 September 2023 (every four years)
- **Engagement:**
 - 87 Heads of State, Vice-presidents, Heads of Government
 - 58 deputy prime ministers and ministers
 - 18 representatives of IGOs, UN system, civil society and other stakeholders (163 speakers total)
- **SDG Action weekend** preceding Summit (16-17 September)
 - SDG Mobilization Day – Civil society (16 Sept.)
 - SDG Acceleration Day – UN system and 12 High-Impact Initiatives (17 Sept.)
 - ✓ UN development system mobilizing behind 12 High-Impact Initiatives as a platform to help take SDG progress to scale
 - ✓ Learn, evolve and scale what works with greater coordination and collaboration
 - ✓ Three major areas: economic and social transitions, means of implementation and cross-cutting issue of gender equality
 - ✓ Examples: Energy compacts, Food systems transformation, Transforming education, FutureGov, Power of data

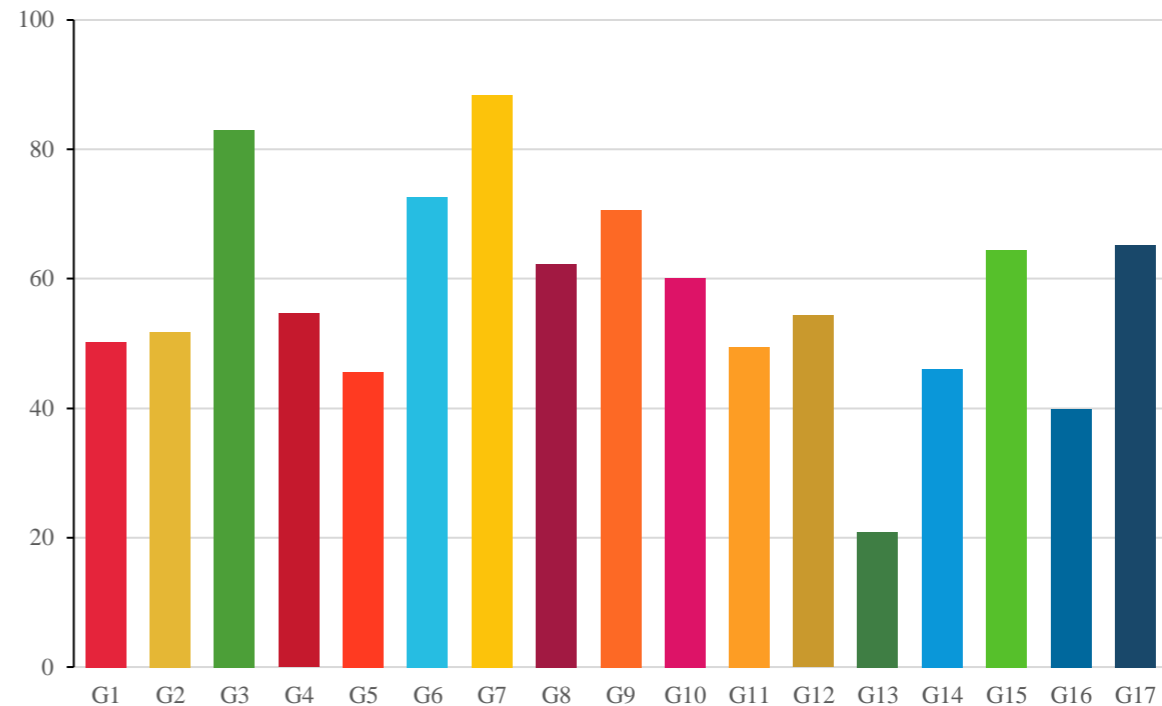
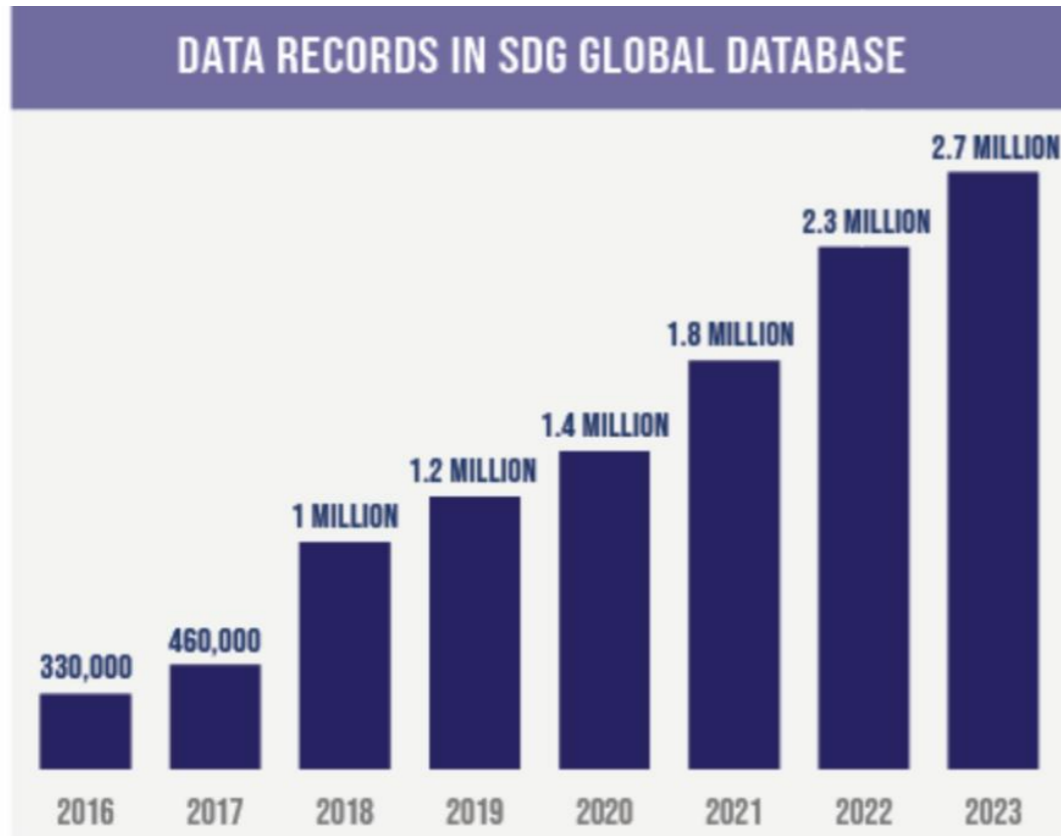
2023 SDG Summit Outcomes

- **Political Declaration** negotiated and adopted by consensus:
 - Stresses that achievement of SDGs is in peril
 - Commits to bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions
 - Sets out many areas where action is required
 - Particularly identifies **financing** and reform of financial institutions as key ingredients for moving forward
 - Commits to fully support UN development system
 - Looks forward to the 2024 Summit of the Future
- Secretary-General invited forward-looking **commitments** for SDG transformation at the Summit
 - SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform – set up by UN DESA and Office of the Secretary-General
 - 110 commitments and initiatives registered by countries and stakeholders

Summit of the Future, 22-23 September 2024

- Build upon the SDG Summit (e.g., issue of reform of international financial architecture)
- Strengthen the multilateral system to deliver on promises of UN Charter and 2030 Agenda
- Anticipated outcome: Action-oriented “A Pact for the Future” and annexes
 - Emphasizing global solidarity for current and future generations
- “A Pact for the Future” - five areas, taking into account 2030 Agenda:
 - Sustainable development and financing for development
 - International peace and security
 - STI and digital cooperation
 - Youth and future generations
 - Transforming global governance
- Two anticipated inter-governmentally agreed annexes to Pact for the Future:
 - Global Digital Compact
 - Declaration on Future Generations

Data is a strategic asset in accelerating the SDGs



The Secretary-General calls for urgent action to reap the data dividend by:

- Working towards **securing data** for at least **90 per cent** of the SDG targets in each country **by 2027**;
- **Increasing domestic financing** for data and statistics **by 50 per cent** from current levels **by 2030**;
- Embracing **new data sources and innovative approaches** and adopting **data governance and protection policies**;
- Increasing the share of **ODA** for data to at least **0.7 per cent by 2030**;
- Fully implementing of **the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Data** for Sustainable Development.



**HIGH IMPACT
INITIATIVES**



High-level Impact Initiative on Data



Power of Data: Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs



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Global
Partnership
for Sustainable
Development Data



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Mission to the
United Nations



UNDESA



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of the United Nations System



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**DATA
IS THE FUEL THAT
POWERS PROGRESS TOWARDS
A MORE EQUAL AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD**

**BY WORKING TOGETHER TO FORGE TRANSFORMATIONAL NATIONAL DATA PARTNERSHIPS, WE WILL
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**REVOLUTIONIZE
DECISION MAKING**

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Power of data | Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs



Summit deliverables

- Cutting-edge national data partnerships launched by an initial group of **15 countries** across Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe.
- New funding commitment: The UK will invest over USD **\$7.5 million** to help scale up global support for national data partnerships.
- **In-kind support** for the Power of Data from NVIDIA and Microsoft.
- **40+** data for development and civil society **organizations** signed the letter of support for the High Impact Initiative.



Post-Summit priorities

National Data Partnerships:

- **30 countries** have announced national data partnerships
- **15 countries** have functioning national data partnerships that are actively and collaboratively solving data problems in-country using data to drive better decision making, digital transformation, and economic growth

Global advocacy :

- **2 donors** in addition to the UK are providing funding for in-country capacity to support national data partnerships (approx US\$10M per year total)
- A wider group of **donors and multilaterals** are aligning their significantly larger data systems funding and technical assistance with priorities identified by the initial 15 national data partnerships countries.
- **Tech companies** are providing significant additional in kind support aligned with priorities identified by the initial 15 national data partnerships.
- **NGOs** and others are engaging with national data partnerships at a country level



Longer-term priorities

- **50 countries** driving forward data strategies to accelerate progress on SDGs.
- **50 countries** secure both domestic and international financing for data and statistics to support national priorities and strategy.



COUNTRIES LAUNCHING AND SUPPORTING NATIONAL DATA PARTNERSHIPS



National Data Partnerships – what's next?

November 2023: representatives from the initial 15 National Data Partnership countries will meet at the Data Festival in Uruguay for an in-person workshop, with the aim of:

- Sharing current priorities, opportunities, challenges and approaches to close gaps on SDG data and inform the development of the national data partnerships.
- Agreeing on a high-level strategy for mutual accountability.

November 2023 - April 2024:

- National Data Partnership countries will develop their own country-level implementation plans for the partnerships, informed by diagnostic analyses of the landscape.
- Donor countries will have the opportunity to explore how they can support the initiative

June 2024: countries will present progress and commitments at the UN High Level Political Forum in New York.

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