

Concept Note: Side Event at the High-level Political Forum 2024

**Unlocking SDG progress:
Leveraging data insights from The SDG Report 2024 & the new UN Data platform**

Tuesday, 9 July 2024 | 8:00-9:15 am ET (virtual) | Register [here](#)

Background: With only six years remaining to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), accelerating action is paramount if the promise of the SDGs is to be fulfilled. *The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024* offers critical data insights into the current trajectory of SDG implementation. Unfortunately, mounting crises continue to hinder progress on many SDGs, reversing early favorable trends.

To support and jumpstart accelerated SDG action, it's imperative for the global community to better understand and utilize SDG data for informed decision-making. The new [UN Data](#) platform, a collaborative effort between the UNDESA Statistics Division and Google's Data Commons, puts high-quality datasets and digital public goods at your fingertips to empower and expedite SDG action and global data-driven decision-making.

Join us for an interactive side event at the High-level Political Forum to delve into where the global community stands on SDG progress and learn how AI can revolutionize our approach to utilizing SDG data to accelerate SDG action and create a more sustainable future for all.

Objective: The side event will showcase the latest data and data insights on SDG trends and progress from *The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024*. The event will also include an interactive data journey through the UN Data platform, showcasing SDG insights and how policymakers and decision-makers can utilize its powerful search and analytic capabilities for evidence-based SDG actions and policies.

Agenda:

- **Welcome remarks**
 - Yongyi Min, Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, UN Statistics Division (UNSD)
- **Overview and demonstration**
 - Latest trends and data insights from *The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024*, Heather Page, Statistician, SDG Monitoring Section, UNSD
 - The UN Data platform for SDG action, Daniel Eshetie, Statistician, SDG Monitoring Section, UNSD
- **Panel discussion: Open SDG data for evidence-based policymaking**
 - R.V. Guha, Google: How data, information, and knowledge are more effective for addressing global sustainable development challenges when joined together; How to enable open access to data, information and knowledge through technology.
 - Francesca Perucci / Shaida Badiee, Open Data Watch: Creating, managing, sharing and using open data for SDG impact.
 - Luis Gonzalez, Data Innovation Section, UNSD: Making data machine-actionable and AI-ready to derive advanced analytical insights to address global challenges; how UN Data fits into the digital transformation of the UN.
- **Poll and user feedback**
 - What is important for users and suggestions for future improvements to the UN Data platform
- **Q&A**
- **Closing and next steps**