Agenda item 2:

The Sustainable Development Report 2023: Special Edition and the SDG Progress Chart 2023

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The latest assessment of the SDGs targets paints a concerning picture:

- About half of the targets are moderately or severely off track.
- Over one-third have either seen no movement or regressed below the 2015 baseline.
The world continues to grapple with lingering COVID-19 effects.

1 in 3 people worldwide struggle with moderate to severe food security.

25 million children missed out on routine immunizations in 2021—6 million more than in 2019.
And...

The pandemic caused learning losses in 4 out of 5 of the countries studied.

COVID-19 has also triggered the largest increase in between-country inequality in three decades.

CHANGE OF BETWEEN-COUNTRY INEQUALITY (2019-2020)

-0.8%  4.4%

PRE-PANDEMIC FORECAST  POST-PANDEMIC PROJECTION
The Earth is at a tipping point, perilously close to a climate calamity.

Heat waves, droughts, flooding, and wildfires have become far too frequent.

The rate of sea-level rise has doubled in the last decade.
We are at war with nature

A recent walkout in early 2023 in South Africa saw around 5 tons of endangered lobster escaping.

The Red List Index has deteriorated by about 11% since 1993, with an accelerating decline each decade.
War and conflict are inflicting a devastating toll on the SDGs

As of December 2022, over 108 million people worldwide had been forcibly displaced from their homes -- 2.5 times the number a decade ago.

With an over 50% surge in 2022, fueled by the War in Ukraine.
Developing countries and the world’s poorest and most vulnerable are bearing the brunt.
The world could face **big misses** across the Goals by 2030

If current trends continue, by 2030:

- **575 million** people will still be living in extreme poverty
- **Only one third** of countries will have halved their national poverty levels
- **84 million** children and youth will be out of school
- **300 million** students will lack basic numeracy/literacy skills
And gender equality is still 300 years away

AT THE CURRENT RATE, IT WILL TAKE

300 YEARS TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

286 YEARS TO CLOSE GAPS IN LEGAL PROTECTION AND REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY LAWS

140 YEARS TO ACHIEVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN LEADERSHIP IN THE WORKPLACE
However, progress in some areas illustrates promising potential for further advancements

800 million people connected to electricity between 2015 and 2021

146 countries have already met or are on track to meet the under-5 mortality target

Effective HIV treatment has cut global AIDS-related deaths by 52% since 2010
Harnessing **innovation and technologies** can drive SDG progress

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**Medium-high- and high-technology industries demonstrated robust growth**

**95% of the world has mobile broadband access, and **2 in 3** people use the Internet**
We must make the next seven years count

We can and must turn things around

But the clock is ticking
The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition

Sustainable Development Goals
Progress Chart 2023

Available here:
The SDG Progress Chart – A snapshot of trend assessment at target level

Progress assessment for the 17 Goals based on assessed targets, 2023 or latest data (percentage)