Agenda item 2:

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

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Plenary Session
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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:
  o Stresses that achievement of SDGs is in peril
  o Commits to bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions
  o Sets out many areas where action is required
    – Particularly identifies **financing** and reform of financial institutions as key ingredients for moving forward
  o Commits to fully support UN development system
  o Looks forward to the 2024 Summit of the Future

• Secretary-General invited forward-looking **commitments** for SDG transformation at the Summit
  o SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform – set up by UN DESA and Office of the Secretary-General
  o 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-governamentally 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;
High-level Impact Initiative on Data

Power of Data: Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs
Power of Data co-leads
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 UNLOCK A POWERFUL DATA DIVIDEND WITH A $32 RETURN FOR EVERY $1 INVESTED.

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE ENGINES THAT WILL:

- REVOLUTIONIZE DECISION MAKING
- ACCELERATE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
- DRIVE NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
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.
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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