

2020 Environment and Sustainable Development Calendar

1) Key 2020 Events for SDGs WG:

APRIL

ECOSOC Partnership Forum – 3 April, New York

“The Partnership Forum provides the opportunity to listen to the world’s most influential thinkers and actors. The Forum engages high-profile representatives from governments and non-state actors for dynamic discussions on how to define and promote effective partnerships and how partnerships can best advance the sustainable development agenda and the 17 SDGs.”

- Key Issues: SDGs, Partnerships, Governance
- Workstreams: SDGs WG, Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Health Care, Agro & Food

ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (FfD Forum) – 20 - 23 May, New York

“The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum) is an intergovernmental process with universal participation mandated to review the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda) and other financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”

- Key Issues: SDGs, Development, Governance, Follow-Up
- Workstreams: SDGs WG, Financial Services, Trade and Investment

MAY

Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs – 12 - 13 May, New York

“The annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum) is a part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism mandated by the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. It is expected to provide a venue for facilitating interaction, matchmaking and the establishment of networks between relevant stakeholders and multi-stakeholder partnerships in order to identify and examine technology needs and gaps, including with regard to scientific cooperation, innovation and capacity-building, and also in order to help facilitate development, transfer and dissemination of relevant technologies for the sustainable development goals.”

- Key Issues: SDGs, Science, Technology, Information, Partnerships, Communications
- Workstreams: SDGs WG, Climate Change, Energy, Health Care, Information, Communications, Technology

JULY

High Level Political Forum (HLPF) – 7 - 16 September, New York

“The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is a subsidiary body of both the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Economic and Social Council responsible for the entire organization's policy on sustainable development. It adopts negotiated declarations, reviews commitment and the progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In 2020, the HLPF theme will be: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”.

- Key Issues: SDGs, Sustainable Development, International Negotiations
- Workstreams: Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change, SDGs, Food & Agriculture, Financial Services, Health Care, and Information, Communications and Technology

SEPTEMBER

75th Session UN General Assembly (UNGA 75) – 15 - 30 September, New York

“UNGA 75 will bring together 193 world leaders to discuss and debate the world's most important global issues and how to address them. Although UNGA 75 is set to start on 15 September 2020, the General Debate and other important high-level events are set to take place the week after.”

- Key Issues: Governance, International Negotiations
- Workstreams: Environment, Climate Change, SDGs, Health Care

UN SDGs Summit – TBC September, New York

“Heads of State and Government gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow up and comprehensively review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This will be the second UN Summit on the SDGs, as the first one took place in September 2019.”

- Key Issues: Governance, International Negotiations, Follow-Up and Review, Agenda 2030
- Workstreams: SDGs WG, Environment, Biodiversity, Health Care, Food & Agro

2) Key 2020 Events for Environment & Climate Change:

SEPTEMBER

UN Climate Action Summit 2019 – TBC September, New York

“The UN Climate Action Summit mobilizes political and economic energy at the highest levels to advance climate action that will as a result enable implementation of many of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The theme for this year’s event is TBC.”

- Key Issues: Energy, Governance, Sustainable Development, Disasters and Human Relief, Climate Change, Adaptation & Mitigation
- Workstreams: Climate Change, Environment, Biodiversity, Science, Tech and Innovation, Agro & Food

OCTOBER

UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – 15 - 29 October, Kunming

“The theme for the UN CBD 2020 is: Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth. At the conference in October 2020, UN CBD Parties are expected adopt a new Global Policy Framework on Biodiversity which aims to safeguard nature and its contributions to human wellbeing.”

- Key Issues: Biodiversity, Governance, Conservation, Access to Genetic Resources & Benefit-sharing, Biosafety, Ecosystem approach, Global Biodiversity Strategy & Targets
- Workstreams: Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change

NOVEMBER

26th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC – 9 - 20 November, Glasgow

“At COP 26, States that are Parties to the Convention will review the implementation of the Convention and any other legal instruments that the COP adopts and take decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention, including institutional and administrative arrangements. A series of preparatory events and a significant youth event will be hosted by Italy prior to main conference in Glasgow.”

- Key Issues: Climate Change, Environment, Adaptation, Mitigation, Sustainable Development, Governance
- Workstreams: Environment, Climate Change

3) Other Relevant Events:

Date & Location	Event
28 – 30 January Paris, France	OECD's Private Finance for Sustainable Development Conference
30 January Paris, France	Business at OECD Development Committee
TBC Geneva, Switzerland	Human Rights Council, Intersessional meeting for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
February Washington DC, USA	B7 (Hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
3 - 7 February Geneva, Switzerland	Session of UN WG on Business and Human Rights (25 th session)
11 – 13 February Paris, France	OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector
11 February Paris, France	First Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation
12 – 13 February Paris, France	OECD Working Party on Climate Change, Investment and Development
21 - 22 February Kunming, China	UN CBD Thematic Consultation on Transparent Implementation, Monitoring, Reporting and Review for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
23 – 29 February Davos, Switzerland	World Biodiversity Forum
24 – 29 February Kunming, China	Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
24 February – 20 March Geneva, Switzerland	Session of UN Human Rights Council
TBC Paris, France	OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

1 March Kunming, China	UN CBD Thematic Consultation on Capacity-building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
9 – 10 March Tokyo, Japan	World Ocean Summit
10 – 13 March Paris, France	OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
TBC	One Planet Summit # 4
09 – 13 March Kampala, Uganda	UN Climate Change: Africa Climate Week
16 – 18 March Brooklyn, USA	Responsible Business Summit New York
19 – 20 March Geneva, Switzerland	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region in Geneva
25 – 26 March Paris, France	OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum
TBC	BIAC Committee Meeting
25 – 27 March Bangkok, Thailand	Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
TBC	President of the 74th Session of the UNGA High Level Meeting Climate and Sustainable Development for All
TBC	Second Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement
TBC	UN Expert Group Meeting on SDG13
TBC	UN Expert Group Meeting on SDG 16
TBC	UN Expert Group Meeting on SDG 8
TBC	UN Expert Group Meeting on SDG 17

TBC Havana, Cuba	Forum for the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
3 April New York, USA	UN ECOSOC Partnership Forum
20 – 23 April New York, USA	2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum)
TBC	G7 Ministerial and G7 Environment
TBC	Session of UN WG on Business and Human Rights
12-13 May New York, USA	UN Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs
17-21 May Geneva, Switzerland	World Health Assembly
18 - 23 May Montreal, Canada	UN CBD Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
25 - 30 May Montreal, Canada	UN CBD Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
27 May Barcelona, Spain	European Climate Summit
TBC Paris, France	ICC Annual Assembly
16-17 June Paris, France	OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct
01-04 June Long Beach, USA	Global Sustainable Brands Event
1-11 June Bonn, Germany	UNFCCC First Sessional Period
10 -11 June Nancy, France	World Materials Forum
TBC	Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Inter-sessional Seminar on the role of good governance in promotion + protection of human rights & best practices for implementing SDGs, esp. Goal 16 in this regard.

TBC	G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth
11 – 19 June Marseille, France	IUCN World Conservation Congress
23 – 26 June Paris, France	OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
TBC	Preparatory conference for UN 2020 Climate Summit
10 – 11 June Florida	G7
06 -10 July Santo Domingo, Dominican R.	UNFCCC Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week
7-16 July New York, USA	UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
27 - 31 July Cali, Colombia	UN CBD meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
TBC	One Planet Summit # 6
23 – 28 August Stockholm, Sweden	World Water Week
TBC	UNFCCC Asian Pacific Climate Week
20 September (tentative) New York, USA	UNGA Leaders' Biodiversity Summit
21 September New York, USA	Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the UN
15 – 30 September New York, USA	75th Session UN General Assembly (UNGA)
TBD September New York, USA	UN SDG Summit

TBD September New York, USA	UN Global Climate Action Summit
06 - 09 October Geneva, Switzerland	WTO Public Forum
12 – 15 October Rome, Italy	UN CFS 47 Plenary Global Thematic Event
13 – 16 October Paris, France	OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
October 2020 – April 2021 Dubai, UAE	Expo 2020 – All SDGs
15 – 29 October Beijing, China	UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
26-27 October Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	B20 Summit
TBC	Sixth session of UN Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on mandatory treaty on business and human rights
TBC	ICC Task Force on Arbitration and Corruption
TBC	Global Partnership on Business and Biodiversity Annual Meeting
TBC	UN Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights
TBC Italy	UNFCCC Pre-COP26
9-20 November Glasgow, Scotland	26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC
21 – 22 November Riyadh, Saudi Arabi	G20 Summit
TBC	ICC Trade and Climate Consultation

8 – 11 December Paris, France	OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
TBC	Ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (COSP 8)

4) Long-term areas of work

EU GREEN DEAL

Late last year, the European Union released a “Green Deal” to become the world’s first climate-neutral continent by 2050. The EU Green Deal is an ambitious package of measures that should enable European citizens and businesses to benefit from sustainable green transition. The EU has released an initial roadmap of key policies that range from ambitiously cutting emissions, to investing in cutting-edge research and innovation, to preserving Europe’s natural environment.

- Key Issues: Climate, Environment, Energy, Circular Economy, Sustainability, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Pollution, Farmer
- Workstreams: Climate Change, Environment, Food and Agriculture, Health Care

UNEA 5

The fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 5) is expected to take place during the last week of February 2021, in Nairobi, Kenya, as agreed during UNEA-3 in December 2017. By the text, the Assembly decided that going forward, UNEA will convene during the last week in February, unless otherwise decided by UNEA.

- Key Issues: Environment, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Energy
- Workstreams: Environment, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Food and Agriculture (?)