



**2017 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
UNDG SIDE-EVENT CONCEPT NOTE**

**THE SDGS IN ACTION: *COUNTRY-LED, COUNTRY-OWNED***

**Objective**

This high-level side-event is to be organized by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and its Results Group on Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace, and hosted by the UNDG Chair, during the 2017 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It will take stock of the range of initiatives and lessons learned to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in different country and regional settings, including in vulnerable and conflict-affected countries.

The event will emphasize the country-led, country-owned nature of the 2030 Agenda. Heads of State or Government will reflect on how their countries are tackling challenges and accelerating progress on the SDGs at the national and sub-national level.

In an ever-changing world, making the SDGs a reality will require new thinking and innovative partnerships between all stakeholders, capitalizing on advances in technologies, leveraging the power of the people to work with governments, including through the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and through the 'New Way of Working'. Therefore, the event will also address the interlinkages with the resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture and sustaining peace, and the importance of prevention and risk management for the SDGs.

This side-event builds upon the UNDG side-event at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2017 that set the stage by focusing on services offered by the UN development system in support of Member States efforts to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.

**Background**

In the second year of implementing the 2030 Agenda, Member States are increasingly focusing their attention on the prioritization and sequencing of interventions required to meet SDG targets, while recognizing the integrated and indivisible nature of the 2030 Agenda.

Furthermore, as countries accelerate SDG implementation, a particular challenge is to leave no one behind and reach the furthest behind first, including those in conflict-affected situations. We need to get better at reaching those who are marginalized, excluded, vulnerable, and hard-to-reach through a comprehensive approach to prevention, sustaining peace and peacebuilding through a comprehensive approach. The scale and nature of development and peace challenges require close strategic and operational partnerships among national Governments, the UN and other key stakeholders.