



**Buan-Ionad na hÉireann  
chun na Náisiún Aontaithe**  
Permanent Mission of Ireland  
to the United Nations



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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on the political declaration to be adopted by the SDG Summit (the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) meeting under the auspices of the General Assembly) in September 2023.

We are grateful to the President of the General Assembly for entrusting us with this critical responsibility. We look forward to working with all delegations in an open and inclusive manner, taking into account all views and contributions.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to the first informal meeting to hear your views on the scope and substance of the political declaration on Friday, 3 February 2023 in Conference Room 3 at 10:00 a.m.

In preparation for our meeting, delegations may wish to reflect upon and address in their remarks the following broad questions that we would like to propose with a view to assist in focusing the exchange of views:

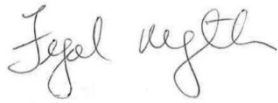
- How can we make the political declaration most relevant, impactful, and a source of high-level political guidance?
- What are the most important elements that need to be included in the political declaration, keeping in mind the need for the declaration to be succinct, impactful and easy to read and provide recommendations to advance the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What are the main resources, inputs and processes to be drawn from and used to inform the deliberations and views of Member States while formulating the political declaration?
- What transformations are necessary in order to improve the implementation of the SDGs until 2027 (next SDG Summit) and what do Member States need in order to achieve that?

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Further information about the timing and focus of subsequent informal meetings will be forthcoming. The interpretation for these meetings will be on an as available basis depending on official calendar meetings of the General Assembly.

We welcome and count on your active participation and support in this process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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