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# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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CONCEPT

From 21 to 23 September 2022 (tbc), the SDG Action Zone will take place for its fourth year during the High-level Week of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). Building on the success of previous editions, it promises to be the collaborative ‘counterbalance’ to read speeches and scripted programs, showcasing activists, as well as champions and allies accelerating progress towards the SDGs, through candid, honest and powerful conversations. The three-day virtual Action Zone will feature an ambitious array of speakers: from grassroots changemakers, business leaders, government representatives, the highest levels of UN leadership – bringing together diverse and dynamic voices in a carefully curated not platform during UNGA.

The countdown to 2030 is on, and there is truly no time left for empty rhetorical promises unsupported by transformative, sustainable action. For this reason, this year’s Action Zone will spotlight the people “doing” and “demanding”, the “champions” and “allies” of sustainable development from around the world.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

To repeat the success of previous years, the program profits again from ‘shared intelligence’ to ensure that the SDG Action Zone is as ambitious, productive, and inclusive as it can be. This process not only serves as a means of gathering insight and ensuring alignment across collective agendas, but also to engage and invite an expanded set of constituents to the 2022 SDG Action Zone. We have done this by soliciting input from various collaborators:

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All colleagues and partners appreciated the opportunity to collaborate on this year’s program and congratulated the framing, structure and narratives presented. We incorporated their feedback and recommendations to create a program which connects to a diverse set of movements and constituencies, and to the multiple levels in an intersectional way. In addition, the different organizations provided lists of speakers from which we drew from to curate this proposal, after careful due diligence, vetting processes and ensuring various balances (geographic, gender, sector, and demographic).

All organizations have generously offered to continue to be engaged to amplify, invite, and participate in this year’s SDG Action Zone.

**REPRESENTATION CRITERIA**

To keep inclusivity at the center of our programming, the entire program again adheres to specific representation criteria, including:

- Minimum 50% non-male speakers, to ensure gender representation.
- Minimum 50% speakers from the Global South, to ensure geographic representation.
- Significant youth involvement (under 35 years of age), to ensure generational representation and intergenerational conversations.
- Ensure representation of multiple constituent groups throughout the program (e.g., United Nations, civil society organizations, private sector, government and local authorities, academia, media, activists/influencers, creative community).

**FORMAT DESCRIPTIONS**

**PLENARIES (30-45 minutes)**
Each day the SDG Action Zone will open and close with a plenary session on the meta-narratives of the day across inequality, gender, and climate with leading experts, thinkers, and doers from across the world. The aim is to capture the big picture, mobilize everyone and set the stage for the sessions ahead. Nodding to the intergenerational transition at hand, the opening conversation will pair young activists with the pioneers who have laid the groundwork for their work and on whose shoulders they stand.

**LIGHTNING TALK (7 minutes)**
Lightning Talks will be quick-fire, personal stories from influential voices and changemakers uncovering different perspectives based on the themes in focus each day. Taking the spotlight, they will lead the audience on a journey around the complexities of their work and the issues they tackle and explain what is required to enact change that sticks. We will encourage speakers to include concrete actions that others can take today and how they can hold their leaders accountable.
IN CONVERSATION (12 minutes)
These one-on-one interviews will be direct and authentic conversations unraveling ideas and calls to action to meet the 2030 Agenda. The conversations will be the opportunity to discuss candid actions and innovative plans on current global development. Speakers will be invited to state their personal viewpoint and paint a realistic portrait of the challenging moment we are in. They will further discuss how this pivotal moment presents an opportunity to address the most critical social issues and how each sector of society can take action. Additional senior UN officials will be invited to participate in these dedicated conversations to discuss their organization’s work to redirect momentum towards global recovery and the 2030 Agenda. We endeavor to put forth unexpected pairings.

PANEL (45 minutes)
Making room for diverse voices, panels will bring various speakers together for deep-dive discussions on vital issues to inspire new ideas, highlight ambitious work happening at various levels, and give audience members guidance on ways to take action themselves. Speakers from various stakeholder groups will break through siloes, discussing an ecosystem-wide solution. Panel sessions will combine the global and local perspectives in two individual 20-minute sessions, with the moderator leading both sessions to bridge the different levels and pull things together in an intersectional way.

“ASK AWAY” – Q&A SESSION (30 minutes)
The final session of the day will bring back all speakers for an interactive and open Q&A. Audience members will have the opportunity to pose their questions to the experts and speakers aimed at accelerating action on the SDGs. The questions will be compiled throughout the course of the day through interactive polls, social media, and by the speakers themselves. By nature, this unscripted, interactive session may spark new questions, new conversations, and new ideas and collaborations – with the hope of bridging the conversation to other key moments, events, meetings and mobilization opportunities to highlight progress.

INTERSTITIAL
Interstitial content will complement the substantive program, providing energetic, colorful, inspirational as well as new creative perspectives and storytelling. This may include insights into civil society activities or snapshots of campaigns initiated by the UN and their partners. Interstitial pieces are intended to raise people’s hope, their sense of unity and community, and the spirit of joint activism.
Opening of the 2022 SDG Action Zone

Time: 8:00 - 08:10 AM EST
Duration: 10 minutes

1. [Speaker name]  
   [Short bio]  
   [Representation]

2. [Speaker name]  
   [Short bio]  
   [Representation]

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC

Opening Plenary – The Big Picture

Time: 8:10 - 08:45 AM EST
Duration: 35 minutes

From the ‘two-speed’ recovery to Covid-19, to the uneven effects of climate change, to the military conflicts devastating communities, right now, the world is facing a multitude of intersecting, inescapable crises spanning the globe. Developing countries are bearing the brunt of these disasters, as inflationary pressures on food and oil exacerbate an already precarious economic environment and continue to put lives and livelihoods on the line. As recent shocks to the world’s food, energy and finance sectors have meant that the fight against extreme poverty could be set back by an entire generation, how do we prevent the world's most vulnerable from becoming collateral damage? Although advanced economies have injected trillions to prop up their economies, this stimulus has not proven to solve the most urgent problems being faced. Who needs to be held accountable to ensure that the promise to end poverty, establish robust social protection systems, secure equal access to basic human needs, and build greater resilience for future crises, will be an achievable reality, rather than idealistic rhetoric?

Starting off Day 1 of the SDG Action Zone, the opening plenary will ask the tough questions about the state of our world today, and what needs to be done to close the gaps and transform the lives of billions. We will hear from speakers spanning backgrounds and industries, from the highest levels of the UN, to Heads of State, to activists making change on a micro-level. The session will spotlight the urgent action needed to cushion the blow for the
world’s most vulnerable and map out how a radical transformation of systems and societies can guarantee a better, more sustainable future for everyone.

Speakers:

1. **Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General**
   
   Amina J. Mohammed is the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, responsible for the UN's Development System. Prior she was Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country’s efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining the UN, Amina J. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria.
   
   *Africa, Above 35, Female, United Nations*

2. **Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados**

   Mia Amor Mottley became Barbados' eighth and first female Prime Minister on May 25, 2018. Ms. Mottley was elected to the Parliament of Barbados in September 1994 as part of the new Barbados Labor Party Government. Prior to that, she served as one of two Opposition Senators between 1991 and 1994. One of the youngest persons ever to be assigned a ministerial portfolio, Mia Mottley was appointed Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Culture from 1994 to 2001. She later served as Attorney General and Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados from 2001 to 2008 and was the first female to hold that position.

   *Latin America and The Caribbean, Above 35, Female, Government and Local Authority*

3. **Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada**

   Justin Trudeau is a Canadian politician. Educated at McGill University and the University of British Columbia, he worked as a teacher before going into politics. He was elected to the Canadian Parliament as a Liberal Party candidate in the 2008 federal election, representing the Papineau riding, and was re-elected in 2011. In 2013, he was elected the leader of the Liberal Party.

   *North America, Above 35, Male, Government and Local Authority*

4. **Yara Shahidi, Actress and Social Activist**

   A breakout TV star and social activist, Yara Shahidi has become an unofficial spokeswoman for the younger generation eager to get involved in politics and social justice. Among her generation Shahidi is known as an activist for feminism and STEM awareness, passions that spawned early and may hark back to her paternal grandfather who spent time with the Black Panthers in their heyday. In 2017 she interviewed Hillary Clinton for Teen Vogue. Her socially transformative work also extends to close ties with NGOs such as Girls for Gender Equity and the Third Wave Fund.

   *North America/Middle East, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer*

**Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC**
Spoken word performance: George The Poet

In Conversation – Transforming Education

Time: 8:45 - 09:00 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes (+3 minutes interstitial)

The ‘in-conversation’ will provide a bridge to the recent Transforming Education Summit that took place only days earlier aimed at mobilizing political ambition, action, solutions and solidarity to transform education: to take stock of efforts to recover pandemic-related learning losses; to reimagine education systems for the world of today and tomorrow; and to revitalize national and global efforts to achieve SDG-4. It will feature a significant political expert on education, in conversation with an activist making change in their local community to transform the landscape of education on the ground, for girls in particular.

Speakers:

1. David Moinina Sengeh, Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education and Chief Innovation Officer, Sierra Leone and Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee, Transforming Education Summit

   David Moinina Sengeh is Sierra Leone’s first-ever chief innovation officer and the Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education. Previously he was a research scientist at IBM Research Africa, Nairobi. David Moinina Sengeh was born and raised in Sierra Leone, and received his PhD at the MIT Media Lab, where his research in the biomechatronics group focused on the design of comfortable prosthetic sockets and wearable interfaces.

   Africa, Above 35, Male, Government and Local Authority

OR

Leonardo Garnier, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General for the 2022 Transforming Education Summit

Leonardo Garnier is a lecturer at the University of Costa Rica, where he has worked in the School of Economics and as a researcher at the Institute of Economic Science Research. He has been a university lecturer since 1975 and has held a number of posts in the public sector in Costa Rica and in international organizations. He served as Costa Rica’s Minister for Planning and Economic Policy from 1994 to 1998, in addition to two terms as Minister for Education, from 2006 to 2014.

   Latin America and The Caribbean, Above 35, Male, United Nations

2. Hawa Yokie, Founder Africa Girls Empathy and STEM Ambassador

   Hawa Yokie won the 2018 Social Good Summit National Youth Innovation Award for her prototyped dual cooling and heating mechanism. Her latest initiative is to establish Leone TechStudio to teach mainly girls STEM subjects, computing, and robotics, whilst familiarizing them with coding.
Panel – Responding To The Times: Equity, Access, Recovery

Time: 09:00 - 09:45 AM EST
Duration: 2x 20-minute panels; followed by 5 minutes moderator recap

The global economy has been wounded by the impact of Covid-19, military conflict in Ukraine, and severe constraints on the future of food, energy, and finance. Inflationary pressures on food and oil supplies are adding to an already precarious economic environment, making the lives and livelihoods of people globally increasingly fragile. Estimates state that this risks tipping up to 1.7 billion people – over one-fifth of humanity – into poverty, destitution, and hunger. Alarmingly, the fight against poverty and inequality could be set back by an entire generation. It’s clear that drastic action is needed to prevent the world’s most vulnerable from becoming collateral damage.

Speakers:

Global (20 minutes)

3. Rebeca Grynspan, UNCTAD Secretary-General
   Rebeca Grynspan was appointed the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on 13 September 2021. She is the first woman to hold this position in the history of the organization. She is also coordinator of the Task Team of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance set up by the UN Secretary-General to help support developed and developing countries facing the economic shocks related to the war in Ukraine.
   Latin America and the Caribbean, Above 35, Female, United Nations

4. George Monbiot, Journalist and Essayist
   George Monbiot is a journalist and essayist, author of several books on environmental issues and regular columnist in The Guardian. After studying Zoology at Brasenose College, Oxford, he worked for the BBC Natural History Unit in a radio programme on the environment and natural history. George Monbiot is working on a new book, to be published in August 2022, about how to feed the world without devouring the planet.
   Europe, Above 35, Male, Media

5. Danny Sriskandarajah, CEO of Oxfam GB
   Danny Sriskandarajah has been chief executive of Oxfam GB since January 2019. Previous roles include CEO of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, director of the Royal Commonwealth Society, interim director of the Commonwealth Foundation, and deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research.
Danny Sriskandarajah is the author of numerous reports and academic articles on international migration and economic development, and writes and appears regularly in the media on a range of topics.

Oceania, Above 35, Male, Civil Society Organization

Local (20 minutes)

6. [RC to be recommended by DCO]

7. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

8. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

   [Moderator: xx]

In Conversation – The Future of Philanthropy

Time: 09:45 - 09:58 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

A new model of philanthropy is emerging, with women leading the way. Focused on collective action, local activism, and providing new means for social protection, driven by a desire for transformative impact, this session will feature MacKenzie Scott, a leading philanthropist.

Speaker:

1. MacKenzie Scott, Novelist and Philanthropist

   MacKenzie Scott’s philanthropic efforts received publicity following her marriage to Jeff Bezos, which resulted in her becoming the third-wealthiest woman in the United States. Named one of the most powerful women by Forbes in 2021, and one of TIME’s 100 most Influential People of 2020, her philanthropy has received widespread coverage as she has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to charitable organizations, particularly to promote gender equality and reproductive rights. She is the author of two books, and was a student of Toni Morrison.

   North America, Above 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC
In Conversation – Human Rights: Vision vs Reality

Time: 09:58 - 10:10 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes

Codified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the vision of a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, with the unassailable right to dignity, freedom and equality at its core. However, around the world, there is a stark and widening gap between the vision of rights outlined and the reality of people's lives. This conversation will highlight the need to eradicate this gap, and frame what could and should be done to ensure that the achievement of basic human rights become a universal reality.

Speakers:

1. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, President and CEO of International Peace Institute (IPI) and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
   Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein was the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2014 to 2018, who played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court and chaired the negotiations over the elements of individual offences amounting to genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. He was previously Jordan’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein holds a Bachelor of Arts from Johns Hopkins University and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Cambridge University. He is currently the Perry World House Professor of Practice of Law and Human Rights at the University of Pennsylvania’s Carey Law School.
   Middle East, Above 35, Male, Civil Society Organization

2. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation - Youth voice]

Lightning Talk – tbd

Time: 10:10 - 10:18 AM EST
Duration: 7 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

[Session description]

Speaker:

1. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]
In Conversation – Saving Lives in Emergencies

Time: 10:18 - 10:30 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes

Ongoing global crises, particularly the war in Ukraine, have had unprecedented omnipresent knock-on effects on food security. It’s clear that a drastic transition to truly sustainable food systems has never been more necessary – to deal with the current situation and ensure resilience in the face of future shocks. With only 8 harvests left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, there must be global awareness and collective action to strengthen systems and close the gaps in food security and access. With multi-stakeholder cooperation and inclusivity at the heart, uplifting the needs of smallholder farmers and local businesses, the time for transformative action is now. Featuring the World Food Programme’s David Beasley and Goodwill Ambassador The Weeknd, this conversation will explore the future of our global food system, exploring how countries and communities should respond to the effects of severe economic shifts, and how technology and innovation can be harnessed to achieve a strong and sustainable food future, for people and the planet.

Speakers:

1. **David Beasley, WFP Executive Director**
   Before coming to WFP in April 2017, David Beasley spent a decade working with high profile leaders and on-the-ground programme managers in more than 100 countries, directing projects designed to foster peace, reconciliation and economic progress. As Governor of the U.S. state of South Carolina from 1995 to 1999, David Beasley guided the state during years of economic transformation, helping to reshape the state’s economy into a healthy, diverse and robust market.
   North America, Above 35, Male, United Nations

2. **The Weeknd, Singer and WFP Goodwill Ambassador**
   Award-winning singer The Weeknd has joined the World Food Programme (WFP) as a Goodwill Ambassador. The Weeknd has been a passionate advocate and generous supporter of humanitarian causes throughout his career.
   North America, Above 35, Male, Creative Community

Closing Plenary – Poverty and Inequalities

Time: 10:30 - 11:00 AM EST
Duration: 30 minutes

In this closing plenary, young leaders will reflect on what they have heard and learnt over the course of the day. As conversations have spanned from the transformation of food systems, to social protection, to the crises of energy
and education, there’s a lot to digest! Speakers will highlight the moments that spoke to them and the ideas sparked by what was heard, drawing from their own experiences and insights of activism and changemaking to shrink the rhetoric and reality gap.

Speakers:

1. **Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, Special Envoy on Youth for the African Union**  
   Award-winning pan-African youth activist Chido Mpemba was appointed the position of African Union Youth Envoy. Beginning her career as a banker, she has worked with several institutions across the globe to coordinate and manage youth-focused initiatives. Many of her projects have focused on social equity, policy advocacy and climate change. Chido Cleopatra Mpemba has demonstrated a passion for unlocking the potential for the socio-economic benefit of young people and women. She is one of the pioneers behind the first-ever Youth Presidential Town Hall Meeting.
   
   *Africa, Below 35, Female, International Organization*

2. **[Speaker name]**  
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   [Representation]

3. **[Speaker name]**  
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

**Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC**

**Performance: Rihanna**

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**Ask Away**

**Time:** 11:00 - 11:30 AM EST  
**Duration:** 30 minutes

An opportunity for audience members to pose their questions about accelerating action on the SDGs to speakers. An interactive, live, unscripted session for speakers and audience members to engage in innovative conversation, exchange ideas and collaborate.
Opening Plenary – The Big Picture

Time: 8:00 - 08:45 AM EST
Duration: 45 minutes

The equality and inclusion of women can no longer be considered an option – it’s a prerequisite for achieving an equitable and sustainable future. This session will draw attention to the tangible action needed to make gender equality a reality. From guaranteeing women’s economic inclusion by recognizing the value of unpaid care and domestic responsibility, to assuring universal access to reproductive health and rights, to stamping out gender-based violence and exploitation in the public and private spheres, there is so much work still to be done. We must move beyond superficial steps, too small to notice behavior change, and the mere recognition of women's potential to lead, innovate and contribute to their communities. For true gender equality to be realized, we need a rebalance of politics and power that ensures genuine, institutionalized gender equity and inclusion, with policies and programs that actively address the deficiencies that exist across all sectors, social, economic and political strata. This opening plenary will highlight the importance of intergenerational and cross-sectoral collaboration, featuring feminist voices from across the creative community and activism. We’ll hear about the value of using gender as a lens through which to approach every SDG, and the importance of intersectionality, as our language and solutions must be empowering and inclusive to all, no matter how difficult some conversations may be.

 Speakers:

1. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Author

   Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the author of three novels, Purple Hibiscus, Half of a Yellow Sun, and Americanah, of a short story collection, The Thing around Your Neck, and of two books of non-fiction, We Should All Be Feminists and Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions. She has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

   Africa, Above 35, Female, Creative Community

2. Amanda Gorman, Poet and Activist

   Amanda Gorman is a poet whose work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, and the African diaspora. She was the first National Youth Poet Laureate in the United States. In 2021, she delivered her poem ‘The Hill We Climb’ at the inauguration of President Joe Biden, generating international acclaim. Two of her books have achieved best-seller status, and in February 2021, she was named as one of TIME’s 100 Next List. She became the first poet to perform at the Super Bowl.

   North America, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer
3. **Gloria Steinem, Political Activist and Feminist Organizer**

   Gloria Steinem is a writer, lecturer, political activist, and feminist organizer. She has spent decades working in this space as an organizer and lecturer, and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She is particularly interested in the shared origins of sex and race, caste systems, gender roles and child abuse as roots of violence, non-violent conflict resolution, the cultures of indigenous peoples, and organizing across boundaries for peace and justice.

   *North America, Above 35, Female, Activist or Influencer*

**OR**

**Margaret Atwood, Novelist and Activist**

Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in more than forty-five countries, is the author of more than fifty books of fiction, poetry, critical essays, and graphic novels. Her latest novel, The Testaments, is a co-winner of the 2019 Booker Prize. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, the Franz Kafka International Literary Prize, the PEN Center USA Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Los Angeles Times Innovator's Award.

*North America, Above 35, Female, Creative Community*

**Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC**

**Spoken word performance: xx**

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**In Conversation – Making Equality a Reality**

**Time:** 8:45 - 09:00 AM EST  
**Duration:** 12 minutes (+3 minutes interstitial)

One year on from the launch of Generation Equality Forum, and over 25 years since the Beijing Declaration in 1995, progress on gender equality is not happening quickly enough. The achievement of gender equality would have enormous socio-economic ramifications, impacting the lives of people of all genders and identities. Yet, not a single country in the world is on track to achieve gender equality by 2030 and gender inequalities and discrimination are socially and culturally entrenched. This ‘in-conversation’ between the Executive Director of UN Women and an activist who inspired change at a local level will outline the need for gender equality to sit at the forefront of every political decision and policy, in turn advancing progress for every SDG.

**Speakers:**

1. **Dr. Sima Sami Bahous, UN Women Executive Director**

   Sima Sami Bahous became UN Women’s third Executive Director on 30 September 2021. A champion for women and girls, gender equality, and youth empowerment, as well as a keen advocate for quality education, poverty alleviation, and inclusive governance, Sima Sami Bahous brings to the position more
than 35 years of leadership experience at the grassroots, national, regional, and international levels, coupled with expertise in advancing women’s empowerment and rights, addressing discrimination and violence, and promoting sustainable socio-economic development towards the achievement of the SDGs.

**Middle East, Above 35, Female, United Nations**

2. **Amika George, Activist and Founder of Free Periods**

At the age of 17, Amika George started the Free Periods campaign to end period poverty in the UK. After reading about children missing school as they were unable to afford menstrual products, Amika started a global online movement, organized a protest in London attended by over 2,000 young people, and launched a legal campaign. In 2019, Free Periods successfully persuaded the UK government to provide free menstrual products in all English schools and colleges from 2020. Her book, ‘Make It Happen: How to be an Activist’, was published by HarperCollins in January 2021.

**Europe, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer**

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**Panel – How Change Happens**

**Time:** 09:00 - 09:45 AM EST  
**Duration:** 2x 20-minute panels; followed by 5 minutes moderator recap

This session will spotlight the changemakers working to make progress on SDG 5 through legislative processes, cultural shifts, or political routes at the global and local level. Representing the multi-faceted challenge of making gender equality a reality, these speakers are experts on reproductive health rights, ending sexual abuse and exploitation, equality for the LGBTQ+ community, and more. They know that agreement and recognition of a problem is only the first step, and enforcement and regulation, on a global and local scale, is what will truly guarantee equality for all and move the needle on gender.

**Speakers:**

**Global (20 minutes)**

1. **Dr. Maliha Khan, CEO of Women Deliver**

Dr. Maliha Khan previously served as Chief Programmes Officer of Malala Fund, and recently joined Women Deliver to lead the implementation of the 2021-2025 Strategic Framework on gender equality and the sexual and reproductive health rights of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities. An ardent feminist, she has experience delivering programmes to ensure that all girls have access to 12 years of free, safe, and quality education through government financing and the removal of policy and social barriers. She has also led program quality, impact measurement, and knowledge management functions at CARE USA and Oxfam America.

**Asia, Above 35, Female, Civil Society Organization**
2. Amanda Nguyen, Activist, CEO and Founder of Rise

Amanda Nguyen is a social entrepreneur, civil rights activist, and the CEO and founder of Rise - a non-governmental civil rights organization working with multiple state legislatures and the US Congress to implement a sexual assault survivors’ bill of rights. As a result of her work, the Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights Act was enacted in the US in October 2016. Ms. Nguyen has also been credited with kickstarting the movement to stop violence against Asian Americans after her video calling for media coverage went viral on February 5, 2021. In recognition of her work, Amanda Nguyen was nominated for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize and was named 2022 Time Woman of the Year.

North America, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

3. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

Local (20 minutes)

4. [RC to be recommended by UN Women/DCO]

5. Kenita Placide, Human Rights, HIV and LGBT Activist

Kenita Placide is a human rights, HIV and LGBT activist. She is the executive director of United and Strong and the Eastern Caribbean Coordinator of Caribbean Forum for Liberation and Acceptance of Genders and Sexualities (CariFLAGS). Between 2014 and 2016, she served at the Women’s Secretariat for the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association. She has been on the forefront of bringing LGBT issues into discussion throughout the Anglo-Caribbean and international community. In 2013, she was selected as Star Publishing’s People’s Choice for Person of the Year in St. Lucia, the first time an LGBT person had been honored with the award in her country.

Latin America and the Caribbean, Above 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

6. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

Moderator: Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu, Activist, Lawyer and Editor of the Women in Leadership publication

Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu is a political and women’s rights activist, taught intersectional feminism to female refugees and asylum seekers; scrutinizes government policies from a gender and diversity inclusion perspective; and co-organises women’s marches and social campaigns.

Africa, Above 35, Female, Activist or Influencer
Lightning Talk – The Power of Art and Culture to Change Norms

**Time:** 09:45 - 09:53 AM EST  
**Duration:** 7 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

Singer-songwriter Alicia Keys has used her stardom for activism, and this lightning talk will draw on the power of global superstars to shape and change cultural norms and perceptions, inspiring a generation of changemakers around the world. Her work to stamp out gender inequality and misogyny, racism, and the stigmatization of HIV has been recognized on a global level, as she has shone a light on social issues hidden in society, using her platform for social good.

**Speaker:**
1. **Alicia Keys, Singer-Songwriter and Actress**
   
   *Alicia Keys is a singer-songwriter, pianist, and actress, who achieved enormous success in the early 2000s with her blend of R&B and soul music. Ms. Keys is also acclaimed for her humanitarian work, philanthropy and activism, e.g. being awarded Ambassador of Conscience by Amnesty International; she co-founded and serves as the Global Ambassador of the nonprofit HIV/AIDS-fighting organization Keep a Child Alive.*

In Conversation – Women, Peace and Security [to be suggested by the Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund]

**Time:** 09:53 - 10:07 AM EST  
**Duration:** 12 minutes (+2 minutes interstitial)

**Speakers:**
1. **[Speaker name]**
   
   ![Short bio](image)
   ![Representation](image)

2. **[Speaker name]**
   
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Lightning Talk – Visible Women

**Time:** 10:07 - 10:17 AM EST
**Duration:** 7 minutes (+3 minute interstitial)

Award-winning writer and feminist campaigner Caroline Criado-Perez is an expert on inherent gender biases and structural inequalities, whose work exposes the invisibility of women in all areas of public life. Drawing on the findings of her book, ‘Invisible Women’, this talk will reveal how the world is designed for men and the damaging consequences of this for women and society broadly. From the size of an iPhone being designed according to the average male hand, to PPE and Covid-19 masks being unsuitable (and therefore dangerous) for women, the historic exclusion of women across policymaking and Government, economic strategies, technological design, and nearly every other industry, has meant that the path to achieving gender equality is being drawn out and delayed. Caroline Criado-Perez explores this and provides the solutions needed to make women visible, heard and justly accounted for.

**Speaker:**
1. Caroline Criado Perez, Writer and Feminist Campaigner

   *Caroline Criado Perez is a best-selling and award-winning writer, broadcaster and award-winning feminist campaigner. Her #1 Sunday Times best-selling second book, INVISIBLE WOMEN: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men, was published in March 2019 by Chatto & Windus in the UK & Abrams in the US. It is being translated into 30 languages, and is the winner of the 2019 Royal Society Science Book Prize, the 2019 Books Are My Bag Readers Choice Award, and the 2019 Financial Times Business Book of the Year Award.*

   *Europe, Above 35, Female, Creative Community*

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**In Conversation – Committed to Change**

**Time:** 10:17 - 10:30 AM EST  
**Duration:** 12 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

It often seems like gender equality is slipping as political priority for Governments and policymakers, but Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is leading the charge on progressive politics and fighting to represent the unrepresented in a traditionally homogeneous space. Her work has championed the needs and rights of the marginalized, and she has a proven track record in meeting people where they are and fighting for the disenfranchised and disillusioned through unconventional means. This conversation will outline her hopes for the future of politics, and the state of the world today, with special emphasis on the radical transformations needed to inject energy, optimism and hope into changemaking on a political, legislative and cultural level.

**Speakers:**
1. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, American politician and Activist

   *After taking office at the age of 29, Ocasio-Cortez is the youngest woman ever to serve in the United States Congress. In 2018, Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez drew national recognition when she won the Democratic Party’s primary election for New York’s 14th congressional district. She is associated with progressive*
politics within the Democratic Party, and is known for being vocal on social issues, on social media and otherwise.

North America, Below 35, Female, Government and Local Authority

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC

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**Closing Plenary – Gender**

**Time:** 10:30 - 11:00 AM EST  
**Duration:** 30 minutes

This session will spotlight young feminist activists, to hear their frank opinions and takeaways from the conversations and sessions of the day. Outlining the broad themes of the day, this discussion will feature exciting voices in the gender equality movement. They’ll be sharing their own stories and focusing on the work still to be done, beyond conversations within the room and restricted to the UN bubble. Wrapping up a brilliant day of fierce, feminist conversation, we’ll end with a special performance.

**Speakers:**

1. **Amonge Sinxoto, Activist and Founder of Blackboard Africa**
   
   At the age of 15, Amonge Sinxoto co-founded Blackboard Africa with her partner - a youth led non-profit organization that aims to empower the next generation of leaders through mentorship and leadership development. Since then, Amonge Sinxoto has gone on to represent her organization on regional and global platforms including Global Citizen, Black Girls Lead, Google, Facebook Child Safety Summit, TedX and many more. She was also invited to be part of a roundtable with former First Lady of the US Michelle Obama.

   Africa, Below 35, Female, Civil Society Organization

2. **Hallima Nyota Ang’uria, Women’s Rights Activist**
   
   Hallima Nyota is a young female leader passionate about young women’s empowerment, reproductive health, peace and security, and meaningful youth engagement. She is a Young Woman Mediation Ambassador for the International Centre for Peace, Human Rights and Development Africa; championing the role of young women in peace building and conflict resolution across the country.

   Africa, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

3. **[Speaker name]**
   
   [Short bio]
   
   [Representation]

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC
Performance: xx

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Ask Away

**Time:** 11:00 - 11:30 AM EST

**Duration:** 30 minutes

An opportunity for audience members to pose their questions about accelerating action on the SDGs to speakers. An interactive, live, unscripted session for speakers and audience members to engage in innovative conversation, exchange ideas and collaborate.
DAY 3: CLIMATE

Opening Plenary – The Big Picture

Time: 8:00 - 08:45 AM EST
Duration: 45 minutes

The science says that we are on a fast track to climate disaster, but we have the solutions to avert it and ‘keep 1.5 alive’. In the face of a triple planetary emergency, and with the stakes rising every year, we need to invest in a green recovery to restore our balance with nature, tackle the climate emergency, protect food systems, and get ahead of the pollution crisis, all whilst ensuring that no one is left behind. Every fraction of a degree matters, and every moment is an opportunity to act. With a view to COP27 in November, the opening session of Day 3 will highlight the need for immense courage and collaboration to achieve ambitious and unprecedented climate action and avoid the ecological crisis. As staying neutral is no longer an option, the conversation will draw on learnings from scientists, Government leaders, businesses, farmers, environmental justice activists and more, to find out what each of us must do to chart a green path forward.

Speakers:

1. Christiana Figueres, Co-Founder of Global Optimism
   Ms. Figueres is an internationally recognized leader on global climate change. She was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 2010-2016. Assuming responsibility for the international climate change negotiations after the failed Copenhagen conference of 2009, she was determined to lead the process to a universally agreed regulatory framework. Building toward that goal, she directed the successful Conferences of the Parties in Cancun 2010, Durban 2011, Doha 2012, Warsaw 2013, and Lima 2014, and culminated her efforts in the historical Paris Agreement of 2015.
   Latin America and The Caribbean, Above 35, Female, Civil Society Organization

2. Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy
   Damilola Ogunbiyi is the CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy. She is also a Commissioner for the Global Commission to End Energy Poverty and the Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council. She is a global leader and advocate for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7), which calls for access to reliable, affordable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030, in line with the Paris Agreement on climate change.
   Africa, Above 35, Female, United Nations

3. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation - Youth]
As the world searches for scalable solutions for the energy transition to move away from fossil fuels, green hydrogen has gained popularity in recent years as a frontrunner in green solutions. The need for a just transition is now an undeniable reality, and the possibility of green hydrogen offers enormous potential from a technological and economic perspective. As the unlocking of its potential could radically enable a more sustainable future, we will hear from Andrew Forrest on what is being done to scale the future of green hydrogen and ensure its universal deployment, especially where it’s needed most.

**Speakers:**

1. **Andrew Forrest, Chairman of Fortescue Metals Group and Founder of Minderoo Foundation**
   
   As founder and chairman of Fortescue Metals Group, Andrew Forrest has led the company from inception to a market capitalization of more than AU$30 billion. In 2001, he co-founded Minderoo Foundation with his wife Nicola, and he’s since donated more than AU$1.5 billion to its core initiatives and more than 280 causes around the world. Never daunted by the scale of a challenge, Forrest devotes his relentless energy to tackling some of the world’s greatest problems, including Indigenous disparity, modern slavery and cancer. Driven by a lifelong love for the oceans, Forrest studied marine life and, along the way, encountered the destructive impacts of ocean plastic pollution, which he is now striving to apprehend.
   
   *Oceania, Above 35, Male, Private Sector*

2. **[Speaker name]**

   
   *[Short bio]*
   
   *[Representation]*

**Panel – Adaptation and Mitigation**

**Time:** 09:00 - 09:45 AM EST

**Duration:** 45 minutes

The focus of the global and local panels will be on adaptation, resilience-building, and mitigation, with the strong message that a just transition will not only prevent ecosystem meltdown but present an intersectional opportunity.
for better health, better jobs, food security, and equality for the world’s most marginalized. From private sector commitments, to grassroots and youth-led campaigning, to indigenous innovation and nature-based solutions, viewers will hear from the doers and drivers of change. As the time for unfulfilled commitments, greenwashing, and empty rhetoric is over, attention must turn to holding those with the power for transformative potential truly accountable, whilst spotlighting those who recognize the crucial value of investing in a livable and sustainable future and the next generation of climate leaders.

Speakers:

**Global (20 minutes)**

1. **Catherine McKenna, Chair of the UN High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities**
   Catherine McKenna is Canada’s former Minister of Environment and Climate Change from 2015 to 2019 and Minister of Infrastructure and Communities from 2019 to 2021. Catherine McKenna is a founder and principal of Climate and Nature Solutions and of Women Leading on Climate launched at COP26 in Glasgow.
   
   *North America, Above 35, Female, Civil Society Organization*

2. **Dr. Arun Majumdar, Doerr Sustainability School at Stanford University**
   Dr. Arun Majumdar is an internationally recognized scientist, engineer, and professor. In October 2009, Dr. Arun Majumdar was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate to become the Founding Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E), where he served until June 2012. From 2011, he also served as the Acting Under Secretary of Energy, enabling the portfolio of Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Reliability, Office of Nuclear Energy and the Office of Fossil Energy, as well as multiple other cross-cutting efforts. Dr. Majumdar is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences, US National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is currently the Inaugural Dean of the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability, which will be launching on 1 September 2022.
   
   *Asia, Above 35, Male, Academia*

3. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation - Youth]

**Local (20 minutes)**

1. [RC/UNEP rep recommended by DCO?]

2. **Nina Gualinga, Environmental and Indigenous Rights Activist**
   Nina Gualinga is an environmental and indigenous rights activist. She is part of the Kichwa-speaking community and has spent most of her life advocating for better environmental protection of the
Ecuadorian Amazon and the inhabitant wildlife as well as the people who are dependent on this environment.

Latin America and the Caribbean, Below 35, Female, Activist

3. **Saleemul Huq, Director of the International Center for Climate Change and Development**

   Saleemul Huq OBE is a scientist and is the Director of the International Center for Climate Change & Development in Bangladesh. He is also Professor at Independent University, Bangladesh. He is an expert in the field of climate change, environment and development.

   Asia, Above 35, Male, Civil Society Organization

Moderator: Bill Weir, CNN Anchor

Bill Weir is a CNN anchor, Chief Climate Correspondent and was the host and executive producer of the acclaimed CNN Original Series "The Wonder List with Bill Weir”.

North America, Above 35, Male, Media

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**Lightning Talk – The Future of Fashion**

Time: 09:45 - 09:53 AM EST

Duration: 7 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

The fashion industry is the second largest polluter in the world after the oil industry and its environmental damage is increasing as the industry grows. Yet, as a new generation of conscientious consumers emerge, brands are adapting to a future of fashion with sustainability at its heart and disclosure and transparency a non-negotiable option. The Business of Fashion’s Sustainability Index measures progress across six categories: Emissions, Transparency, Water & Chemicals, Materials, Workers’ Rights and Waste, and has identified the brands and businesses doing the work, the dangers of greenwashing, and new trends in the sustainable fashion industry. Imran Amed will reflect on the lessons learnt from the investigation and what more is needed to move the industry to be genuinely and universally sustainable.

**Speaker:**

1. **Imran Amed, CEO and Editor-in-chief of The Business of Fashion**

   Imran Amed is one of fashion’s leading writers, thinkers and commentators, and is founder, CEO and editor-in-chief of The Business of Fashion (BoF), a modern media company and the authoritative voice of the $2.5 trillion global fashion and luxury industries. Headquartered in London, BoF receives more than 1.5 million unique visitors per month and has more than 6 million followers on social media.

   Europe/North America, Above 35, Male, Private Sector
In Conversation – The Road to COP27

Time: 09:53 - 10:07 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes (+2 minutes interstitial)

The bar is high for achievement and ambition this November at COP27, which will be a testing moment for global and climate leadership. In this session, we’ll hear from the Chair of COP27, Egyptian Minister Dr. Yasmine Fouad, in conversation with indigenous rights activist and SDG Advocate Hindou Ibrahim on what is needed to ensure that the ambitions and requirements to avert ecological emergency are met. Building on the success and shortcomings of last year’s COP, the tangible sense of urgency leading up to the event will necessitate scalable solutions, far-reaching and sustainable policy decisions, ambitious investment strategies and collaboration on a global scale. Heartfelt speeches won’t fulfill the $100B climate financing promise or make energy transitions real. This is the time for concrete plans that turn rhetoric into reality.

Speakers:

1. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt and COP 27 Envoy and Ministerial Coordinator
   Dr. Yasmine Fouad is Minister of Environment of the Arabic Republic of Egypt. Her expertise is in Environment and International cooperation with more than 18 years’ experience working in Government, in UN organizations, NGOs and Universities. She holds her MSc in Environmental Science and PhD in Political Science / Euro Mediterranean Studies. She had gained extensive experience in climate change issues through her diversified work with academic, government and non-government organizations and International organizations.
   Africa, Above 35, Female, Government and Local Authority

2. Hindou Ibrahim, Indigenous rights activist and SDG Advocate
   Hindou Ibrahim is an expert in indigenous peoples’ adaptation to climate change, traditional ecological knowledge, and climate change mitigation strategies. She is Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change. From a Mbororo pastoralist community in Chad, Hindou Ibrahim founded the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT) and works to empower indigenous voices and ensure their inclusion on international platforms. She led several concrete projects that improved access to basic needs of indigenous peoples, while promoting their unique contribution to the protection of the environment. 3D participatory mapping, for instance, helps to prevent resources-based conflicts in one of the poorest and most vulnerable regions of the world.
   Africa, Above 35, Female, Civil Society Organization

Lightning Talk – Human Prosperity

Time: 10:07 - 10:17 AM EST
Duration: 7 minutes (+3 minute interstitial)
Current economic systems are failing people and our planet. If there ever was a moment to redesign our economic systems and address the deep imperfections baked into it, it is now. For economic systems to be inclusive, fair, and regenerative, we need to take into account planetary and social boundaries. Kate Raworth will offer her transformative vision of what it will take for humanity to thrive in the 21st century through her theory of Doughnut Economics. This Lightning Talk will advocate for the change in mindset needed to get us there.

Speaker:

1. Kate Raworth, Founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab
   Kate Raworth is a renegade economist focused on making economics fit for 21st century realities. She is the creator of the Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries, and co-founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab. Kate is a Senior Associate at Oxford University’s Environmental Change Institute, where she teaches on the Masters in Environmental Change and Management. She is also Professor of Practice at Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences.
   Europe, Above 35, Female, Academia

In Conversation – Private Sector Action

Time: 10:17 - 10:30 AM EST
Duration: 12 minutes (+1 minute interstitial)

The state of our planet today requires stellar examples of businesses and the private sector making unprecedented, ambitious climate commitments to be followed by concrete action. Microsoft has proven that this can be possible, pledging to not just achieve ‘Carbon negative’ status by 2030, but to look back and mitigate the company’s historical emissions since its inception in 1975, by 2050. As the current moment necessitates a strong business imperative to lead and adapt to a just and renewable transition, we’ll hear from SDG Advocate Brad Smith, in conversation with climate champion Lily Cole, about the expansive potential and necessity of private sector engagement in the race to avert the climate crisis, the challenges of getting there from a business and leadership perspective, and the opportunity to catalyze other businesses and transform industries.

Speakers:

1. Brad Smith, President of Microsoft and SDG Advocate
   As Microsoft’s president, Brad Smith leads a team of more than 1,500 business, legal and corporate affairs professionals located in 54 countries and operating in more than 120 nations. He plays a key role in spearheading the company’s work on critical issues involving the intersection of technology and society, including cybersecurity, privacy, artificial intelligence, environmental sustainability, human rights, immigration and philanthropy. In his recent bestselling book, coauthored with Microsoft’s Carol Ann Browne, Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age, Smith urges the tech sector to assume more responsibility and calls for governments to move faster to address the challenges that new technologies are creating.
   North America, Above 35, Male, Private Sector

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2. Lily Cole, Model and Activist
   Lily Cole is a model, author, film director, actress and entrepreneur. As an advocate for sociopolitical and environmental issues, Lily has employed technology, writing, filmmaking and public speaking as means to build awareness and encourage dialogue. In 2020, Lily Cole published Who Cares Wins, a book about how our lives impact the planet and how we can respond to the climate emergency challenges we face. In 2021, the book was turned into a podcast in which Lily invites guests with different perspectives to explore critical issues - and their relationship to the environment - from technology, food, to mental health and capitalism. 
   Europe, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

Closing Plenary – Climate

Time: 10:30 - 10:50 AM EST
Duration: 20 minutes

Concluding an exciting last day, this closing plenary will round up the climate day with a discussion between three young climate activists, leaving viewers hopeful and energized for the future of climate action. Together, they’ll reflect on the lessons of the day, and discuss the action desperately needed to transform systems and societies, beyond rhetoric and into reality. They’ll identify the changemakers doing the work and driving change and call out those who aren’t doing enough, reminding us that accountability is an essential tool in our fight for a greener, sustainable, and more equal future. The last day of the 2022 Action Zone will end with an exclusive performance.

Speakers:
1. Xiye Bastida, Climate Justice Activist
   Xiye Bastida is a climate justice activist. She is an organizer with Fridays For Future and the co-founder of Re-Earth Initiative, an international youth-led organization that focuses on highlighting the intersectionality of the climate crisis. Bastida was raised as part of the Otomi-Toltec Indigenous community.
   Latin America and The Caribbean, Below 35, Female, Activist or Influencer

2. [Speaker name]
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   [Representation]

3. [Speaker name]
   [Short bio]
   [Representation]

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC
Performance: Ellie Goulding

Ask Away

Time: 11:00 - 11:30 AM EST
Duration: 30 minutes

An opportunity for audience members to pose their questions about accelerating action on the SDGs to experts and speakers. An interactive, live, unscripted session for speakers and audience members to engage in innovative conversation, exchange ideas and collaborate.

Closing of the 2022 SDG Action Zone

Time: 11:30 - 11:45 AM EST
Duration: 15 minutes

1. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

Amina J. Mohammed is the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, responsible for the UN’s Development System. Prior she was Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from November 2015 to December 2016, where she steered the country’s efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development. Prior to this, she served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning, where she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Before joining the UN, Amina J. Mohammed worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria.

Africa, Above 35, Female, United Nations

2. [Speaker name]  
[Short bio]  
[Representation]

Moderator: Nadira Hira, SDG Action Zone MC
N.B: We will use gaps in the program to balance out representation across the various categories (for example, Youth from the Global South). The ‘generational representation’ chart has youth placeholders for illustrative purposes and the ‘sector representation’ chart has placeholders for UN (RCs).
*This includes placeholders for 3 UN representatives in the local panels (RCs).
Generational representation

- Below 35: 43.4%
- Above 35: 56.6%

*This includes placeholders for generational representation, including in the closing plenaries.