

# General Assembly Week Events

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### [Climate Week NYC](#) **21-28 September**

Organized by the Climate Group, Climate Week NYC brings together influential global figures and new voices from business, government and civil society who are leading the low carbon transition.

### [2015 International Conference on Sustainable Development](#) **23-24 September: Columbia University, New York City**

This year's conference theme is Implementing the SDGs: Getting Started. The aim of the conference is to identify and share practical, evidence-based solutions that can support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will be agreed upon at the United Nations immediately following the conference.

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### [ND-Gain - Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index: Corporations Leading Climate Resilience around the World](#) **23 September: Baker & McKenzie 424 Fifth Avenue, New York City**

The ND-GAIN Corporate Adaptation Prize recognizes organizations that have made measurable contributions in resilience or adaptation to climate change. Prizes will be awarded to both multi-national and local corporations for projects that collaborate with local partners in a country ranked below 60 on the ND-GAIN Index. Former prize winners include Novartis International, the Centre de Suivi Ecologique, PepsiCo, and Monsanto.

### [The African Leadership Forum](#) **23-24 September: New York City**

The African Leadership Forum is accompanied by the African Business Awards, a gala cocktail to celebrate Africa's leading businesses. The African Business Awards are now in their 7th edition and have become the definitive business awards in Africa, recognising leadership and excellence on the continent. The winners are announced at the Awards ceremony

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### [Accountability and Monitoring of the SDGs in OECD Countries](#) **23 September: New York City**

This high-level plenary session will bring together speakers from Bertelsmann and SDSN to present findings of a Bertelsmann-SDSN study on how the SDGs can be monitored in OECD countries.

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### [ICT for Development](#)

**23 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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This event will feature a plenary discussion about the report and the role of ICT in achieving the SDGs.

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### [Health and Livelihoods in the Face of Climate Change](#)

**24 September: Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, New York City**

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Partners: Co-convened by WFP, the New York Academy of Sciences, CMMB, Unilever, Indofoods, Germany and Tanzania

This event will explore the effect of climate change on the social and environmental determinants of health – clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food, nutrition, and secure shelter – in particular for the most vulnerable.

### [Action/2015 Global Day of Action](#)

**24 September: Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, East 47th Street, New York City**

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On 25-27th September, the Sustainable Development Summit will taking place as member states adopt the new 17 global goals. Action/2015 will be a part of this calling for the implementation of these ambitious goals and asking the world to act now. To encourage this, a Global Day of Action will be taking place in NYC and in other cities worldwide.

### [World Bank and UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development Event](#)

**24 September: United Nations Headquarters, Church Centre, New York City**

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### [UN SDSN Event on Cities Committing to the SDGs](#)

**24 September: The New School, John. L Tishman Auditorium, New York City**

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This is a high-level event hosted by Jeffrey Sachs, Director of SDSN, in partnership with the Campaign for an Urban SDG, The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, and The New School.

This event will bring together world-leading Mayors and local government representatives to pledge their support for the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals and to commit to implement the agenda between now and 2030.

### **Business Call to Action Forum**

**24 September: New York City**

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The forum will showcase the potential and evidence of inclusive businesses in aligning their core business activities with the development goals, thus contributing in tremendous ways to the achievement of the new ambitious development agenda globally and at the country level.

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### [Philanthropy Engaged](#)

**24 September: Ford Foundation 320 East 43rd Street, New York City**

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Partners: UNDP, the Ford Foundation, the Foundation Center and the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

Hosted by the Ford Foundation, this event will bring together leaders from a variety of sectors to explore the role of philanthropy in the post-2015 development agenda.

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**[Seventh Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\) Leadership Council Meeting](#)**  
**24 September**

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SDSN and partners are hosting a series of exciting events in New York, in and around the UN General Assembly (UNGA 70) and the Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

**Novartis Event: Well-being for all - innovation for society's biggest health changes**  
**24 September: New York City**

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This event, hosted by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Novartis will discuss role of public/private partnerships, innovative medicine, and innovative business and philanthropy approaches.

**Unilever Dinner: Better Growth through Sustainable Development**  
**24 September: New York City**

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On the eve of the SDG Summit, the dinner aims to mark the transition between the design and delivery phases of the SDG and Climate processes, by focusing on means of implementation - and how we can better aggregate efforts to realise the dual goals of ending poverty and tackling climate change.

**[Business for 2030](#)**  
**24 September: Harvard Club, 35 West 44th Street, New York**

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Partners: The United States Council for International Business (USCIB) in partnership with the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)

United States Council for International Business and its partner organizations celebrate the official public launch of USCIB's Businessfor2030.org – a public resource to help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals by stimulating a more productive partnership between the public and private sectors.

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**[United Nations Sustainable Development Summit](#)**  
**25-27 September: New York City**

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The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York and convened as a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

**Visit of His Holiness Pope Francis at the UN Headquarters and public address**  
**25 September: 1 UN Plaza, New York City**

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***Invitation only***

His Holiness Pope Francis will visit the United Nations Headquarters on the morning of 25 September 2015.

The Secretary-General welcomes the visit of Pope Francis as an important part of a historic year in which the United Nations marks its 70th anniversary and in which Member States will take major decisions about sustainable development, climate change and the future peace and well-being of humankind.

**Pontifical Academy of Sciences Dinner**  
**25 September: North/Biddle Room, Harvard Club, NYC**

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Partners: United Nations Foundation and Pontifical Academy of Sciences

This dinner with leaders from the Catholic Church and business sector will honor Chancellor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo and the work of the Academy, and will explore the moral imperative to tackle climate change.

**[Every Woman Every Child Gala](#)**  
**25 September: New York City**

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The EWEC gala will launch the Global Strategy 2.0.

**[Science Based Targets: How businesses are aligning their goals with climate science](#)**  
**25 September: New York City**

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The Science Based Targets Initiative – a partnership of CDP, UN Global Compact, World Resources Institute and WWF – will host an exclusive event on 25th September, 2015 during the Climate Week New York, on why and how businesses are accelerating progress towards a low-carbon economy.

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**[Poverty Footprint Guidance](#)**  
**26 September: New York City**

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On the occasion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, the UN Global Compact and Oxfam International will launch the Poverty Footprint, an assessment tool that enables companies and civil society partners to understand corporate impacts on multi-dimensional poverty.

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**[Broadband Commission for Digital Development Meeting](#)**  
**26 September: The Yale Club, New York City**

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This session will launch the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Digital Development. The reformed Commission will build on MDG efforts, reaffirm the importance of broadband in implementation of the SDGs, and will pursue thought leadership on broadband as a cross-cutting catalyst for all three pillars of sustainable development.

**[Accountability in the Post 2015 era: Reaching Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent, Everywhere](#)**  
**26 September: Westin Grand Central, New York City**

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Countdown to 2015, Partnerships for Maternal and Newborn Child Health (PMNCH) and Independent Expert Review Group (iERG). This event will explore evidence of RMNCAH progress over the last five years, successes for scale up in improving RMNCAH post-2015, successes around accountability processes and recommendations on accountability structures for the post-2015 era.

**[UN Global Compact Private Sector Forum](#)**  
**26 September: UN Headquarters, New York City**

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A UN Global Compact-led event. Theme: role of the private sector in implementing the SDGs. Segment 1 (11am-12:30pm) will take place in the South Delegates Dining Room for private sector attendees only, featuring CEO commitments. Segment 2 (1-3pm) will take place in the Delegates Dining Room and will be open to Heads of State, UN representatives, in addition to private sector attendees.

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**[Global Citizen Festival](#)**  
**26 September: Great Lawn, Central Park, New York City**

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Hosted by Global Poverty Project. The festival will feature performances by Pearl Jam, Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran, and Coldplay and the launch of Project Everyone.

**[Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport and the Post-2015 Development Agenda High-Level Side Event](#)**

**26 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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Partners: UN-Habitat, International Chamber of Commerce, International Road Transport Union

This event will bring together a select group of leaders from all modes of transport, industry associations, civil society, Governments and the United Nations, to highlight how transport sector businesses can support the implementation of global sustainable development priorities.

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**[Climate Business Dialogue with France](#)**

**26 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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Partners: UN Global Compact, French Government, COP21 Presidency

A closed, invite only high level meeting between ministers and CEOs to discuss carbon pricing.

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**[Clinton Global Initiative Annual General Meeting](#)**

**26-29 September: New York City**

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Over three days, the Clinton Global Initiative will hold its annual meeting bringing together global leaders to assess implementation of innovative solutions to world issues. It provides a platform on which members can challenge approaches, access expertise and ultimately "define the next decade of commitment-making through the "Future of Impact" theme."

**[Promoting Integrity and Transparency in the Banking and Financial Sectors](#)**

**26 September: UN Global Compact Office, New York City**

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The panel discussion will discuss ways to promote integrity and transparency in the banking and financial sector.

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**[Extractive Industries and the SDGs](#)**

**27 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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Together with the World Economic Forum, UNDP, and the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, SDSN is preparing an atlas of how the SDGs will affect corporations in the mining sector. The organizers are also charting out opportunities for the mining sector to contribute to the SDGs. A draft for public consultation of the Atlas will be launched at this event.

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**[Social Good Summit 2015](#)**

**27-28 September: 92nd Street Y, New York City**

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The Social Good Summit is a two-day conference examining the impact of technology and new media on social good initiatives around the world. Our theme, #2030NOW, asks the question, "What type of world do I want to live in by the year 2030?" During the Social Good Summit, global citizens around the world unite to unlock the potential of technology to make the world a better place.

## **Take Partnerships Home** **27 September**

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Show how a national structural public-private dialogue can help identify and set up national coalitions which can be part of effective implementation of the SDGs.

## **[Global Leader's Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment - A Commitment to Action](#)** **27 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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Held in conjunction with the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, Member States' Heads of State or Government are invited to make concrete commitments to accelerate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women no later than 2030.

## **[Champions of the Earth Awards Gala](#)** **27 September: Lincoln Centre, New York City**

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The Champions of the Earth Award is the United Nations highest environmental honour that recognizes outstanding visionaries and leaders in the fields of policy, science, entrepreneurship, and civil society action.

## **[Solutions Summit](#)** **27 September: New York City**

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The Solutions Summit is a catalytic gathering taking place on September 27th, 2015 at UN Headquarters. It marks the beginning of a longer-term grassroots effort to lift-up exceptional innovators – technologists, engineers, scientists, who are developing solutions that address one or more of the 17 sustainable development goals.

## **[Launch of the New Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data](#)** **28 September: New York City**

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This high-level event will launch a new Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, mobilizing governments, companies, civil society, and academic institutions to support the data revolution for the SDGs.

## **[UrbanSDG Campaign High-Level Plenary and Workshop](#)** **28 September: New York City**

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This high-level event will convene the members of the SDSN-inspired UrbanSDG Campaign, which was so successful in mobilizing the urban community around a goal for cities and human settlements. Participants will explore how the SDG on Cities and Human Settlements can be implemented and how a "New Urban Agenda" can be crafted at Habitat III in 2016. Leadership Council members who are interested in urban development are invited to join the meeting even if they have not been active members of the Urban SDG Campaign.

## **General Debate of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly Begins** **28 September: United Nations Headquarters, New York City**

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**[SDG Summit Week Side-Session: Achieving SDG2](#)**  
**28 September: New York**

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This two-session event will review how empowering grower-communities advances national food security and promotes sustainable agriculture.

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**[Environmental Compliance and Commitment Law Summit](#)**  
**29 September: Harvard Club of New York City, New York City**

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This event will serve as a forum for the practical strategies and innovative ideas counsel must have on their radar for complying with environmental regulations in the U.S. and abroad.

**[Women Speak: Climate Justice on the Road to Paris and Beyond](#)**  
**29 September: United Nations Church Centre, New York City**

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An afternoon of women leaders joined in solidarity to speak out against environmentally and socially destructive activities and policies, and to present the diverse array of visions and strategies with which they are working to shape a healthy and equitable world.

**[Meeting with Special Envoys for the Great Lakes Region](#)**  
**30 September: Foreign Press Center, New York City**

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Two Special Envoys for the Great Lakes region will discuss their respective efforts to achieve peace, stability and prosperity. They will also discuss how to spur economic growth through investment and democratic transition across the region.

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