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1. Development: Collective Action on the Sustainable Development Goals

“To accelerate progress on SDGs [Sustainable Development Goals], we commit to taking collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France		0	
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.70 (85%)	

Background

The G20 plays a leading role in contributing to the implementation of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. The G20 leaders first recognized the need to explore ways to restore emerging and developing countries' access to credit and resume private capital flows that are critical for sustainable growth and development at the 2008 Washington Summit. The 2015 Antalya Summit was the first time SDGs were mentioned by the G20 and commitments were laid out to align with the SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.³

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the G20 leaders had launched the Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth to set out the G20's economic agenda and assess future progress. They recognized the importance of including developing countries in the efforts to narrow the development gap.⁴

³ 2008 Washington G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 15, 2008. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-08-washington.html#economy>

⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) September 24, 2009. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, the G20 leaders created the G20 Development Working Group to lead the implementation of the G20's development goals and to help secure strong, sustainable and balanced growth.⁵

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, the leaders pledged to continue their coordinated efforts and act together to generate strong, sustainable and balanced growth and agreed to develop a common view to meet these new challenges and a path to strong, sustainable and balanced growth beyond the 2008-9 global economic crisis.⁶ They launched the Seoul Development Consensus. The Seoul Action Plan emerged as the first attempt to concentrate efforts on overcoming significant barriers to inclusive, sustainable, and resilient growth in developing countries, particularly low-income countries. The primary focus areas identified by G20 leaders included infrastructure, human resources development, trade, private investment, job creation, food security, growth with resilience, financial inclusion, domestic resource mobilization, and knowledge sharing.⁷ Several of these subjects were later covered by the 'SDGs.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders reiterated the importance of promoting sustainable development and identifying new actions to enhance collaboration and find a collective and targeted solution to pressing development challenges.⁸

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to shared growth. They emphasised the need to enhance the inclusion of developing countries in the implementation of sustainable development goals with focus on economic growth, environmental protection and social inclusion.⁹

The 2015 Antalya Summit marked a significant milestone as G20 leaders committed to developing an action plan aligning the G20's work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which had been launched at the UN in September 2015. They reiterated their pledge to ensuring their actions contributed to inclusive and sustainable growth, including in low income developing countries.¹⁰ The G20 National Remittance Plans developed in 2015 included concrete actions towards the leaders' commitment to align with the SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.¹¹

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders pledged to enhance policy coherence on sustainable development and reaffirmed their commitment to further align their work with the universal implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development based on the comparative advantage and the added value of the G20 and in accordance with their national circumstances, while acknowledging that the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda is a UN-led process. The G20 leaders endorsed the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and committed to further align the G20's work with the 2030 Agenda.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed the commitment to collaborate closely in facilitating well-balanced and economically viable long- term strategies in order to transform and

⁵ 2010 G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 27, 2010. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-leakedcommunique.html>

⁶ 2010 Seoul G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 12, 2010. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-10-seoul.html>

⁷ G20 Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, OECD. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/g20/summits/seoul/G20-Seoul-Summit-Leaders-Declaration.pdf>

⁸ 2012 Progress Report of the Development Working Group, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 19, 2012. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-dwg.html>

⁹ 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) September 5, 2013. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2013stpetersburg.html>

¹⁰ 2015 Antalya G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 16, 2015. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-15-antalya.html>

¹¹ Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII). G20 National Remittance Plans. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.gpfi.org/g20-national-remittance-plans>

enhance their economies and energy systems consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹² The leaders also committed to further align their actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods. The Hamburg Update was a first step towards putting the G20 Action Plan into practice and making the collective and concrete G20 actions more visible.¹³

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to leading the transformation towards sustainable development and support the 2030 Agenda as the framework for advancing this goal and highlight collective and concrete G20 actions based on consensus and dialogue towards implementing the G20 Action Plan and contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁴

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to further lead efforts to foster development and address other global challenges to pave the way towards an inclusive and sustainable world as envisioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁵

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Financing for Sustainable Development Framework, emphasizing the G20's leading role in the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.¹⁶

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a global response to accelerate progress on the implementation of the SDGs. The leaders committed to strengthen their actions to implement the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda and recognised the importance of SDG localization.¹⁷

At the 2022 Bali Summit, aligned with the Indonesian G20 Presidency theme, “Recover Together, Recover Stronger,” G20 leaders pledged coordinated actions for sustainable development. They asked the Multilateral Development Banks to bring forward actions to mobilize and provide additional financing within their mandates, to support achievement of the SDGs including through sustainable development and infrastructure investments, and responding to global challenges. They highlighted their intention to demonstrate leadership and take collective actions to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.¹⁸

Commitment Features

At the 2022 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles.”¹⁹

¹² 2017 Hamburg G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) July 8, 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-17-hamburg.html>

¹³ OECD, "Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development," OECD. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/g20/topics/agenda-2030-development/>

¹⁴ 2018 Buenos Aires G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) December 1, 2018. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-18-buenosaires.html>

¹⁵ 2019 Osaka G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 29, 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-19-osaka.html>

¹⁶ 2020 Riyadh G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 22, 2020. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-20-riyadh.html>

¹⁷ 2021 Rome G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) October 30, 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-21-rome.html>

¹⁸ 2022 Bali G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 10, 2022. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-22-bali.html>

¹⁹ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Research Group (Toronto). 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

Definitions and Concepts

The High-Level Principles are summarized as follows²⁰:

The G20 should put sustainable development at the centre of the international cooperation agenda and leave no one behind, while, reaffirming the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and supporting developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island development states (SIDS).

The G20 should continue to support and promote the creation of an enabling environment for sustainable development for all countries, especially for developing countries and for the provision of Global Public Goods.

The G20 commits to promote digital transformation; gender equality and empowerment of women; and implementation of sustainable, inclusive and just transitions globally while leaving no one behind, such as through transfer of technology in line with WTO rules, technology deployment, promoting access to finance from all sources, and capacity building. This includes taking concrete actions to reduce job, education, food and energy access, gender and other inequalities.

The G20 commits to making poverty alleviation a key priority in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and strengthening international cooperation in this regard, through G20 concrete and collective actions addressing structural vulnerabilities and imbalances, especially those faced by developing countries, and building a shared understanding of the multidimensional nature of vulnerability in partnership with the UN system.

The G20 commits to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including via strengthening policy strategies and governance of comprehensive risk management including disaster risk reduction, displacement and non-economic losses. We welcome the establishment of the G20 Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction during the Indian Presidency.

The G20 emphasizes the interlinkages between implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, the CBD and the KMGBF with the view of realizing the 2050 Vision of “Living in harmony with Nature,” the UNCCD, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda through an integrated and balanced approach, while taking into account national circumstances of developing countries and enhancing international cooperation and partnerships to mobilise adequate financing from all sources, innovative solutions and technologies, technology dissemination and capacity building.

The G20 calls upon the developed countries to fully deliver on their respective commitments on official development assistance that complement and encourage development financing from all other sources including domestic and private sources. G20 reaffirms the importance of promoting development finance respecting the applicable finance related principles, while noting the importance of transparency and mutual accountability. The G20 will also promote individual and collective actions for pursuing strategic and targeted national policies and support. The G20 will continue its work to drive sustainable investments in sustainable development taking into account national development plans including through work of G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group.

²⁰ G20 2023 Action Plan on accelerating progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 12 June 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/G20_2023_Action_Plan_for_SDG.pdf

The G20 recognizes the key role of international financial institutions (IFIs), including the multilateral development banks (MDBs) for providing and mobilizing development financing, knowledge support, and for catalysing private investment and supporting the work of International Financial Architecture Working Group. In this regard, also recognizing the need for scaling up accessible financing for climate, nature and biodiversity.

The G20 recognizes sustainable, resilient, safe, accessible, affordable, inclusive and quality infrastructure and infrastructure investments as a key driver of economic prosperity in line with G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment and the G20 Guidelines on Quality Infrastructure for Regional Connectivity. We would promote collective actions for encouraging IFIs, including MDBs, and development financial institutions (DFIs) to support developing countries to scale-up and accelerate infrastructure investment including through mobilising public and private investments, providing knowledge and capacity building support and facilitating last mile connectivity.

The G20 stresses the need to urgently promote collective actions to support inclusive growth and sustainable development models that take into account priorities, needs, vulnerabilities and different national circumstances of developing countries. It is vital to respect each country's policy space and leadership to implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development, while remaining consistent with relevant international rules and commitments. The G20 also recognizes the role of local and regional governments, and other local actors, in a whole of society approach, to achieve the SDGs.

The G20 stresses that achievement of the SDGs needs to be accelerated across all countries, including through provision of global public goods, and any spill overs in this process need to be carefully addressed. Further, the G20 would make efforts to tailor its contribution to the 2030 Agenda taking into account the multi-dimensionality and non-linearity of the development process.

The G20 will demonstrate leadership and take collective actions to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030 and address developmental challenges by reinvigorating a more inclusive multilateralism and reform aimed at implementing the 2030 Agenda.

The G20 will continue to strengthen G20 efforts including through supporting the work of relevant G20 work streams and reiterate our commitment to step up our efforts to implement the Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative in a predictable, timely, orderly and coordinated manner.

The G20 will enhance its cooperation, coordination and partnerships with the United Nations, IFIs including the MDBs, non-G20 developing countries and across the G20 tracks to contribute to addressing the cross-cutting challenges being faced in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The G20 will aim to contribute to the United Nations Summit of the Future, High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, SDG Summit and other relevant processes.

“Effective” is understood to mean “operating in a way that produces the intended result. It does not mean any effort, especially thoughtless ones.”²¹

“Timely” is understood to mean “something coming early or at the right time.”²²

²¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²² Timely, Merriam-Webster. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/timely>

“Implementation” is understood to mean “the process of making something active or effective.”²³

“Accelerate” is understood to mean “to hasten the progress or development of something”²⁴

“Progress” is understood to mean “movement to an improved or more developed state”²⁵

“G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs (including its High-Level Principles)” refers to a multi – year living document from G20 members in which they commit to deliver on the 2023 Agenda through collective action and transformative transitions.²⁶ The High-Level Principles centre on development and the environment.

“To accelerate progress (on the SDGs)” is understood to mean initiatives taken by G20 governments and non-state actors with the intention of accelerating SDG implementation.²⁷ It can refer to a new action or an ongoing action that is being implemented at a faster pace in order to achieve one of more of the SDGs. The ongoing action that is accelerated can include the introduction of a new phase or a scaling up of the effort.

“Effective implementation” is understood as taking steps forward in the right direction.²⁸ While the commitment may be part of a longer -term initiative and actions on it may continue into the prolonged future, concrete steps need to be taken in the near future to be considered implantation.

“Timely implementation” is understood to mean taking steps in the right direction in the near future.²⁹ This should not, therefore, be interpreted to mean prolonged or delayed action.

General Interpretive Guidelines

The G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs identifies the three overarching dimensions of the SDGs as a) economic, b) environmental and c) social. To achieve full compliance, the G20 members must strongly comply with most aspects of each of these three dimensions. The G20 members have also committed to leave no one behind, so for full compliance, inclusivity, equity and the prioritization of the most vulnerable countries and demographics is needed.³⁰ With six years remaining for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the commitment calls for timely actions. For the purposes of this report strong implementing action must be taken within the compliance period. For full compliance cooperative action, i.e. bilateral, plurilateral or multilateral, is also required whereas unilateral domestic action will receive a score of 0.

²³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁴ Accelerate, Merriam -Webster. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

²⁵ Progress, Cambridge Dictionary. Access Date: March 9 2024.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/progress>

²⁶ G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) June 12 2023. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230612-sdg-action-plan.html>

²⁷ About the SDG Accelerations, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/action-networks/acceleration-actions/about>

²⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁰ G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) June 12 2023. Access Date: March 9, 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230612-sdg-action-plan.html>

To determine compliance, the actions taken by the G20 members will be broken down into two types of actions 1) strong and 2) less than strong.

Strong actions are defined as tangible actions that can reasonably be interpreted to have a long-term effect, such as legislation, treaties, policies, funding, that are collective/cooperative, and that are centred on inclusivity of the most vulnerable countries/demographics.

Less than strong actions are include one-time awareness campaigns, verbal reiterations of support, attending meetings etc., that are not focused on inclusivity, and are not cooperative, i.e. are unilateral/domestic actions.

Examples of strong, inclusive action on across the three dimensions include collaborations between G20 members and/or international organizations and/or LDCs/SIDs to provide capacity building support; building climate resilient infrastructure; working to reform the international financial architecture and enhance macroeconomic policy cooperation to create accessible financing for developing countries; collaborating on supporting a just transition for workers; reducing the gender pay gap, etc.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that take collective action for effective and timely implementation, across all three pillars of economic, social and environmental action, of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles. G20 members must take strong action in each of all three overarching dimensions aligned with the High-Level Principles, and the actions are both inclusive and cooperative.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0 will be assigned to G20 members that have taken action in at least 50 per cent of the commitment dimensions. This could include less than strong action across all three pillars or strong action across one or two pillars

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member has not taken collective action or has done less than 50% of the commitment criteria, for the effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles in any of the dimensions.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member took little to no action in any of all three overarching pillars.
0	The G20 member took action in least 50 per cent of the commitment's three pillars, such as less than strong action in all three pillars, strong action in one or two pillars, also taking into account the two criteria of cooperative action and inclusive action.
+1	The G20 member took strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles, and the actions under each of the three were inclusive and cooperative.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 14 December 2023, Foreign Minister Diana Mondino met with European Union Member State Ambassadors and diplomatic representatives.³¹ This multilateral engagement included a working meeting which entailed common agreements to deepen the common agenda on cooperation. Minister Mondino requested openness to enhance sustainable and durable trade development.

On 15 December 2023, the Secretary of Bioeconomy, Fernando Vilela met with representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank, Agustín Aguerre, Rural Development Specialist, Bruno Jacquet and General Manager of the Southern Cone Countries Department, Florencia Attademo.³² The objective was to gain a deeper understanding of the Argentinian bioeconomy and reaffirmed commitment to international agreements regarding technological sustainability.

On 28 December 2023, Minister Mondino met with Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi.³³ The meeting entailed discussions on the NUTEC Plastics Initiative in partnership with the Argentine Antarctic Program, which aims to address marine pollution. In addition, Minister Mondino and Grossi discussed the role of nuclear technology and energy under the Argentine nuclear programme, and its impact on promoting sustainable development.

On 3 January 2024, Bioeconomy Secretariat and Germany's Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture installed the first pilot site for sustainable production.³⁴ This aim is to increase bilateral commitments to sustainable development in agriculture.

On 10 January 2024, Minister Mondino convened with Heads of United Nations Agency offices in Argentina.³⁵ The objective was to present main actions carried out under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. Furthermore, it reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to their partnership with the United Nations and supporting sustainable development goals.

On 26 January 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in a bilateral conversation with the Republic of Azerbaijan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jeyhun Bayramov.³⁶ The dialogue included commitments to strengthen the bilateral partnership and support Argentina in undertaking climate issues and sustainable development.

³¹ La canciller Mondino recibió a los embajadores de la Unión Europea, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 14 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-mondino-met-european-union-ambassadors>

³² Vilella recibió a representantes del Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo para analizar proyectos de inversión, Gobierno de Arge (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-recibio-representantes-del-banco-interamericano-de-desarrollo-para-analizar>

³³ Mondino recibió a Rafael Grossi y reafirmó el compromiso de la Argentina con el Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 28 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/mondino-received-rafael-grossi-and-reaffirmed-argentina-commitment-international>

³⁴ La Argentina instala el primer sitio piloto para una producción sostenible, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 3 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-argentina-instala-el-primer-sitio-piloto-para-una-produccion-sostenible>

³⁵ La Canciller Mondino se reunió con los jefes de oficinas de las Naciones Unidas en la Argentina, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 10 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-mondino-met-heads-un-offices-argentina>

³⁶ La Canciller Diana Mondino mantuvo un diálogo telefónico con su par de Azerbaiyán, Jeyhun Bayramov, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Analyst. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-diana-mondino-held-telephone-conversation-minister-foreign>

On 9 February 2024, the Undersecretary of American Affairs of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Mariano Vergara engaged in a bilateral meeting with the Republic of Paraguay to promote joint infrastructure projects.³⁷ The objective was to discuss strategies on increased connectivity, through the extension of logistics networks.

On 16 February 2024, Minister Mondino attended the Munich Security Conference in Munich, Germany.³⁸ In this multilateral dialogue, Minister Mondino reaffirmed the commitment of Argentina towards sustainable development goals.

On 17 February 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in a bilateral meeting with United States Special Envoy for Global Food Security, Cary Fowler.³⁹ This meeting consolidated Argentina's role as a global supplier and reaffirmed their commitment to Sustainable Development Goals through the discussion on sustainable livestock farming.

On 22 February 2024, President Javier Milei engaged in a bilateral meeting with United States Secretary of State, Antony Blinken.⁴⁰ This meeting consolidated efforts to deepen bilateral economic ties and reaffirmed commitments to promoting clean energy and transitions in trade sustainability.

On 22 February 2024, Minister Mondino, attended the first G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.⁴¹ This multilateral engagement reinforced Argentina's commitment to national and international sustainable development through the establishment of a stabilization program.

On 25 February 2024, Argentina became a signatory to the finalized Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement at the 13th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference.⁴² This multilateral agreement entails the relationship between foreign direct investment in promoting sustainable development.

On 27 February 2024, Undersecretary of Environment of the Ministry of the Interior, Ana Lamas and representative of the Environmental Transborder Movements Unit, Florencia Lanzillota joined the Global Women's Breakfast hosted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.⁴³ This

³⁷ Reunión para dar impulso a proyectos de infraestructura conjuntos con Paraguay, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Analyst. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-para-dar-impulso-proyectos-de-infraestructura-conjuntos-con-paraguay>

³⁸ Foreign Minister Diana Mondino began her official visit to Germany at the Munich Security Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-diana-mondino-began-her-official-visit-germany-munich-security>

³⁹ Foreign Minister Mondino's Agenda on her second day at Munich Security Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-mondinos-agenda-her-second-day-munich-security-conference>

⁴⁰ Secretary Blinken Visit to Argentina, United States Embassy in Argentina (Buenos Aires) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://ar.usembassy.gov/secretary-blinken-visit-to-argentina/>

⁴¹ Mondino participated in Rio de Janeiro in the first G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting and met with her counterparts from Indonesia, Uruguay and Canada, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/mondino-participated-rio-de-janeiro-first-g20-foreign-ministers-meeting-and-met>

⁴² Three-quarters of members mark finalization of IFD Agreement, request incorporation into WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 25 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news24_e/infac_25feb24_e.htm

⁴³ Ambiente participó del Desayuno Global de Mujeres 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-del-desayuno-global-de-mujeres-2024>

meeting emphasized the significance of multilateral partnerships to encourage the sustainable management of organic pollutants and metals.

On 28 February 2024, Minister of Economy Luis Caputo attended the G20 Ministerial Meeting in São Paulo, Brazil.⁴⁴ Minister Caputo convened with other ministers to discuss financing for sustainable development.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in bilateral dialogue with Director of the Americas Division of Human Rights Watch, Dr. Juanita Goebertus Estrada.⁴⁵ This meeting consolidated objectives to promote and protect human rights and collaborate within international organization frameworks.

On 1 March 2024, Undersecretary Lamas attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.⁴⁶ This multilateral meeting aims to encourage environmental multilateralism in the development of global environmental policies.

On 1 March 2024, the Government of Argentina announced the establishment of two new air routes that will connect Argentinian cities with regional-international cities.⁴⁷ The objective is to increase international connection and promote the development of economies through subsequent tourism objectives.

On 5 March 2024, President Javier Milei, Secretary Vilella, General Secretary of the Presidency, Karina Milei, Secretary of Industry and Productive Development, Juan Pazo, Presidential Spokesperson, Manuel Adorni and National Deputy, José Luis Espert were in attendance at Expoagro 2024.⁴⁸ This agrobioindustrial fair aims to highlight the agrobioindustrial exports and processes such as transformation of biomass, which contributes to environmentally sustainable processes and exports of food, bioinputs and bioproducts.

On 6 March 2024, Minister Mondino alongside Secretary Vilella and Secretary Pazo, led a multilateral delegation on the agro-bioindustrial industry.⁴⁹ The delegation of 45 international leaders reaffirmed Argentinian-international partnerships and conceptualized ideas for the advancement of technology in the industry.

On 18 March 2024, Argentina represented by United Nations Argentina in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme attended Lollapalooza music festival to promote a recreational

⁴⁴ Luis Caputo participó en la Reunión de Ministros del G20 y se reunió con la Directora Gerente del FMI, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-participo-en-la-reunion-de-ministros-del-g20-y-se-reunio-con-la-directora>

⁴⁵ La Canciller Diana Mondino se reunió con la Directora de la División de las Américas de Human Rights Watch. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-canciller-diana-mondino-se-reunio-con-la-directora-de-la-division-de-las>

⁴⁶ Lamas participa de la Asamblea de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Medio Ambiente, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-participa-de-la-asamblea-de-las-naciones-unidas-sobre-el-medio-ambiente>

⁴⁷ Dos nuevas rutas aéreas que conectan a la Argentina con la región y fomentan el turismo, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/dos-nuevas-rutas-aereas-que-conectan-la-argentina-con-la-region-y-fomentan-el-turismo>

⁴⁸ El Presidente Javier Milei presente en el stand de Bioeconomía de Expoagro 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-presidente-javier-milei-presente-en-el-stand-de-bioeconomia-de-exoagro-2024>

⁴⁹ Vilella, Pazo y Mondino les mostraron a más de 50 diplomáticos internacionales la potencia de la Bioeconomía en Expoagro 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-pazo-y-mondino-les-mostraron-mas-de-50-diplomaticos-internacionales-la-potencia-de>

proposal on environmental pollution and sustainability.⁵⁰ This initiative achieved 17 Sustainable Development objectives.

On 18 March 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).⁵¹ This meeting entailed advisory strategies from the UNDP that Argentina can implement to continue the progress of SDGs.

On 21 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kamikawa Yoko.⁵² This meeting reaffirmed commitments to Argentina's sustainable growth through development cooperation, as outlined in the Diplomatic Initiative Towards Latin America and the Caribbean. This included objectives to strengthen bilateral cooperation regarding sustainable development support.

On 26 March 2024, public and private representatives attended the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goal 2.⁵³ The Co-coordinator ad interim of Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism Secretariat, Magdalena Ackerman and Senior Vice President of Sustainability Strategy and Partnerships at Danone, Corporate Affairs Director for Argentina, Facundo Etchebehere attended. This meeting aimed to review SDG 2 progress and identify areas for improvement with public-private collaboration.

On 9 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with advisor of Energy, Environment, Science, Technology and Health of the United States Embassy, Sean Greenley.⁵⁴ This meeting included preparation for the presentation of the Biennial Transparency Report regarding compliance to commitments entailed in the Paris Agreement. In addition, the dialogue included plans to increase financing for green transition development.

On 11 April 2024, the Secretary of Environment, Tourism and Sports, Daniel Scioli, and Undersecretary Lamas met with representatives of the World Bank.⁵⁵ The dialogue entailed strategies of accessing private financing for sustainability projects in rural and nature tourism alongside forestry and agriculture. In addition, proposals for financing of sustainable tourism infrastructure were presented, reaffirming Argentina's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals.

⁵⁰ Sincontaminaciónporplásticos la premisa de la ONU en Argentina en Lollapalooza 2024, Naciones Unidas Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://argentina.un.org/es/263742-sincontaminaci%C3%B3nporpl%C3%A1sticos-la-premisa-de-la-onu-en-argentina-en-lollapalooza-2024>

⁵¹ Lamas recibió a representantes del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-representantes-del-programa-de-las-naciones-unidas-para-el-desarrollo>

⁵² Japan-Argentina Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00233.html

⁵³ Expert Group Meeting on SDG 2, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (New York) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals-helpdesk/overview/sdg-progress-and-alignment/2030-agenda-follow-up-and-review/expert-group-meeting-on-sdg-2/>

⁵⁴ Lamas recibió al representante ambiental de la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Argentina, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-al-representante-ambiental-de-la-embajada-de-estados-unidos-en-argentina-0>

⁵⁵ La transformación económica sustentable, eje de un encuentro de Ambiente con el Banco Mundial, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 11 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-transformacion-economica-sustentable-eje-de-un-encuentro-de-ambiente-con-el-banco>

On 18 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with a representative of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.⁵⁶ This meeting aimed to provide current updates on the financing of development projects underway and establish funding for future collaborative sustainable development.

On 19 April 2024, Undersecretary of Foreign Policy, Ambassador Marcia Levaggi met with climate change negotiating teams from Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay to initiate the first coordination meeting of the Scientific Understanding of Risk Group.⁵⁷ This meeting consolidated multilateral commitments to sustainable development and discussion of negotiating issues including financing, technology and capacity building.

On 23 April 2024, Argentina participated in the third Conference of the Parties of the Escazú Agreement at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.⁵⁸ This multilateral meeting engaged the Escazú Agreement which promotes the distribution of environmental information to strengthen environmental protection. This dialogue reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to supporting Sustainable Development Goals.

On 23 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with a representative of Germany's Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Corinna Kuesel.⁵⁹ This public-private partnership entailed the collaboration of sustainable development projects including the incorporation of renewable energy and forest management.

On 14 May 2024, the Undersecretariat of Aquatic Resources of the Bioeconomy, Secretariat of the Ministry of Economy of the Nation and the Food and Agriculture Organization launched a training activity regarding the control of fisheries.⁶⁰ This activity included the application of software and inspection and aimed to simultaneously target Argentina's goals with digital transition, digital infrastructure and sustainable development.

On 18 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with United States Secretary of State, Antony Blinken.⁶¹ This bilateral meeting included a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, which entailed recommitment to cooperation on environmental sustainability.

On 20 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with representatives of Google Limited Liability Company including Global Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Karan Bhatia; the Vice

⁵⁶ Ambiente Nación recibió a representantes del Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 18 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-nacion-recibio-representantes-del-banco-de-desarrollo-de-america-latina-y-el>

⁵⁷ Primera reunión de coordinación del Grupo SUR sobre Cambio Climático, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 19 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/primer-reunion-de-coordinacion-del-grupo-sur-sobre-cambio-climatico>

⁵⁸ Ambiente Nación participó de la COP 3 del Acuerdo de Escazú, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-nacion-participo-de-la-cop-3-del-acuerdo-de-escazu>

⁵⁹ Lamas se reunió con la referente en Argentina de la Agencia Alemana de Cooperación Internacional, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-se-reunio-con-la-referente-en-argentina-de-la-agencia-alemana-de-cooperacion>

⁶⁰ Ambiente, Bioeconomía y FAO capacitan sobre una APP de control y fiscalización pesquera, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-bioeconomia-y-fao-capacitan-sobre-una-app-de-control-y-fiscalizacion-pesquera-0>.

⁶¹ Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Foreign Minister Mondino, United States Embassy in Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://ar.usembassy.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-minister-mondino/>.

President of Government Affairs and Public Policies of Emerging Markets for Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Russia, Doron Avni; and the Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Latin America, Eleonora Rabinovich.⁶² The public-private partnership meeting entailed dialogues addressing the development of Artificial Intelligence and collaboration on future digital transition strategies.

On 7 June 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Gabriel Martínez attended the fourth meeting of the Trade and Investment Council with Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere, Daniel Watson.⁶³ This bilateral meeting aimed to strengthen trade relations and reconcile goals regarding digitalization of economies, focusing on artificial intelligence and environmental sustainability.

On 11 June 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Norway's Ambassador in Argentina, Kalvor Sætre, and the President of the Argentine Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, Sven Engevik in a bilateral meeting titled "Decarbonization and energy transition: What can we learn from the Norwegian economy?"⁶⁴ The meeting included bilateral dialogue on technological development to aid decarbonization strategies.

On 19 June 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Director of the Investment and Foreign Trade Bank, Nicolás Scioli.⁶⁵ The meeting entailed dialogues regarding financing with focus on environmental commitments. In addition, Lamas and Scioli discussed the promotion of financial inclusion and productive investment projects.

On 11 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Brazil's Minister Counsellor of the Embassy, Mauricio Fernando Dias Favero.⁶⁶ This meeting entailed bilateral dialogue on strengthening efforts regarding environmental sustainability in ongoing development projects. These projects target Mercosur, the Trinational Project in the South Atlantic and offshore exploration. Furthermore, strategies for progress in renewable energy were discussed and ongoing commitment to environmental protection was restated.

On 18 July 2024, Undersecretary of International Financial Relations Matías Mana and Secretary of Finance Pablo Quirno participated in the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean's approval of USD100 million for the increase of resource mobilization by ameliorating climate resilience of basic services and strengthening road-based infrastructure.⁶⁷

⁶² Reunión con directivos de Google LLC, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercios Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 20 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

⁶³ Joint Statement on the Fourth Meeting of the United States – Argentina Council on Trade and Investment, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercios Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/joint-statement-fourth-meeting-united-states-argentina-council-trade-and>

⁶⁴ Ambiente participó en un intercambio sobre descarbonización y transición energética con Noruega, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-en-un-intercambio-sobre-descarbonizacion-y-transicion-energetica-con>.

⁶⁵ Lamas se reunió con autoridades del Banco de Inversión y Comercio Exterior, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-se-reunio-con-autoridades-del-banco-de-inversion-y-comercio-exterior>

⁶⁶ Lamas recibió a representantes de la Embajada de Brasil en Argentina, Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros (Buenos Aires) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-representantes-de-la-embajada-de-brasil-en-argentina>.

⁶⁷ CAF aprobó un crédito por USD 100 millones para infraestructura y planificación territorial en Neuquén, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 18 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/caf-aprobo-un-credito-por-usd-100-millones-para-infraestructura-y-planificacion-territorial>.

On 19 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with government representatives to discuss issues related to fishing in Argentina.⁶⁸ Gabriela Navarro, Director of Fisheries Planning of the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture, noted the importance of reducing fishing gear to reduce environmental impact when they are so often lost.

On 24 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas and the Director of Interjurisdictional and Access to Information, Viviana Zara, carried the award ceremony to the National Entity of Water and Sanitation Works (ENOHSA) and the National Parks Administration (APN), for meeting the objectives of the Public Body Committed to Sustainability, within the framework of the Sustainable Public Buildings program.⁶⁹ This ceremony not only celebrated achievements, but it reaffirms Argentina's commitment to a greener and more sustainable future.

On 1 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas participated in the opening of a workshop which outlined an initiative created to strengthen the sustainable management of chemical substances and hazardous waste in Argentina during the period 2025-2030.⁷⁰ The meeting took place over three days and in attendance were representatives from a variety of areas of national and local government, representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, actors from the industrial sector and officials.

On 3 August 2024, Secretary Scioli and Undersecretary Lamas met with the French ambassador to Argentina, Romain Nadal, to discuss environmental issues shared by both countries, with special focus on energy transition, renewable energy, and green hydrogen.⁷¹ Willingness of French companies to collaborate on projects was made clear. Officials discussed ocean preservation, the Pampa Azul project, coastal planning, fishing, offshore exploration, and Maine Protected Areas.

On 9 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas led a meeting with representatives of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, the Federal Fisheries Council, and the Argentine Naval Prefecture to discuss strategic components of the tripartite project Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay Large Aquatic Ecosystems of the Western South Atlantic situated within the international waters' axis of the Global Environment Facility.⁷² The meeting emphasized the importance of involving private sectors in the project and highlighted the willingness of teams from Brazil and Uruguay to advance joint work.

On 14 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas and the Canadian ambassador, Reid Sirrs, met to discuss the current situation of fires that are occurring in both countries.⁷³ Different ways of addressing

⁶⁸ Pesca fue el eje en una nueva reunión de Ambiente con organismos nacionales (Buenos Aires) 18 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/pesca-fue-el-eje-en-una-nueva-reunion-de-ambiente-con-organismos-nacionales>.

⁶⁹ Ambiente distinguió a organismos del Estado por su compromiso con la sostenibilidad (Buenos Aires) 24 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-distinguió-organismos-del-estado-por-su-compromiso-con-la-sostenibilidad>.

⁷⁰ Ana Lamas presente en el lanzamiento de un proyecto para fortalecer la gestión sustentable de las sustancias químicas y los residuos peligrosos (Buenos Aires) 1 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ana-lamas-presente-en-el-lanzamiento-de-un-proyecto-para-fortalecer-la-gestion-sustentable>.

⁷¹ Ambiente y la Embajada de Francia fortalecen el trabajo conjunto en materia de transición energética y preservación ambiental (Buenos Aires) 3 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-y-la-embajada-de-francia-fortalecen-el-trabajo-conjunto-en-materia-de-transicion>.

⁷² Nación convocó una mesa de trabajo para avanzar en la gestión ambiental en el ecosistema del Atlántico Sur (Buenos Aires) 9 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nacion-convoco-una-mesa-de-trabajo-para-avanzar-en-la-gestion-ambiental-en-el-ecosistema>.

⁷³ Argentina y Canadá en diálogo por la gestión sustentable (Buenos Aires) 14 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-canada-en-dialogo-por-la-gestion-sustentable>

environmental issues such as waste management, biodiversity, and marine ecosystems for sustainable management in Argentina and Canada were shared. Both countries agreed to collaborate on sustainable environmental development.

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to progress SDGs. Argentina has achieved the commitment requirements, with strong development of inter-G20 partnerships to sustain commitments.

On 7 October 2024, Minister Mondino met with the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar to discuss ways to expand bilateral trade and investment between the two countries in the energy sector, as well as in healthcare, agriculture, defense and technology.⁷⁴ These partnerships would support business opportunities and lead to joint development.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 14 December 2023, as part of the Government's additional \$48 million package aimed at supporting Australia's tourism and travel industry, \$10 million in funding was allocated to develop a national one-stop digital hub.⁷⁵ This grant was provided to Accommodation Australia to expand and promote its existing online platform, 'The Hub,' designed for tourism, travel, and hospitality employers and workers.

On 29 January 2024, the Government announced a \$35 million investment to continue the successful policing partnership between the Australian Federal Police and the Polícia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL).⁷⁶ This commitment underscores Australia's dedication to supporting regional security and building capacity within the PNTL. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to international cooperation in law enforcement and security.

On 24 February 2024, ahead of the 13th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference, the Australian Government announced an allocation of more than \$20 million to aid the region's trade and development needs.⁷⁷ This financial commitment to working with Indo-Pacific partners aims to build resilience and foster economic growth through trade, contributing to enhanced regional stability and prosperity. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to support trade and development in the Indo-Pacific region.

⁷⁴ Official visit to India: high-level meetings to expand bilateral agenda in trade, energy, space sector and nuclear technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 7 October 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 21 October 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/official-visit-india-high-level-meetings-expand-bilateral-agenda-trade-energy>

⁷⁵ \$10 million funding for a tourism industry digital hub, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 14 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/10-million-funding-tourism-industry-digital-hub>

⁷⁶ \$35 million for Timor-Leste Police Development Program, Ministry of International Development and the Pacific (Canberra) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024 <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/35-million-timor-leste-police-development-program>

⁷⁷ Australian support for our region's trade and development, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024 <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/australian-support-our-regions-trade-and-development>

On 27 February 2024, Australia, issued a joint statement endorsing principles for the research and development of 6G wireless communication systems.⁷⁸ These principles aim for open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, resilient, and secure connectivity. By endorsing these principles alongside other countries, Australia demonstrates its full commitment to advancing 6G technology in alignment with global standards and collaborative efforts. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to the shared principles for 6G development.

On 15 March 2024, Tourism Minister Don Farrell and the Australian Tourism Industry Council (ATIC) launched the Tourism Emissions Reduction Program in Darwin.⁷⁹ This initiative is aimed at empowering tourism businesses to enhance their environmental sustainability, thereby boosting the competitiveness and marketability of Australia's attractions. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to promote sustainable tourism.

On 29 April 2024, the Australian Government introduced a \$1.4 million program to strengthen the tourism workforce in regional New South Wales, targeting young people, First Nations Australians, seniors, and people with disabilities.⁸⁰ This initiative supports Australia's commitment under the G20 2030 Action Plan to promote inclusive economic growth and sustainable employment, fully complied with the SDGs by 2030.

On 3 May 2024, Australia committed AUD492 million to the Asian Development Fund for the 2025-2028 pledging round. This funding, managed by the Asian Development Bank, aims to support transformative development projects across the Indo-Pacific region.⁸¹ It focuses on providing grants to lower-income developing countries to help reduce poverty and enhance the quality of life. This commitment reinforces Australia's role in regional development and cooperation, fully complying with its commitment to international cooperation in achieving the SDGs.

Australia has fully committed to the development and implementation of the SDGs through the G20 2030 Action Plan. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to bolster the tourism industry by building a strong, secure, and skilled workforce.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arian Ng

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

⁷⁸ Joint Statement Endorsing Principles for 6G: Secure, Open, and Resilient by Design, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Barton) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-endorsing-principles-6g-secure-open-and-resilient-design>

⁷⁹ Boosting sustainable tourism, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 15 March 2024, Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/boosting-sustainable-tourism>

⁸⁰ \$1.4 million program to boost visitor economy workforce in regional NSW, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 29 April 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/14-million-program-boost-visitor-economy-workforce-regional-nsw>

⁸¹ Australia's Asian Development Fund pledge delivers for the region, Ministry of International Development and the Pacific (Canberra) 03 May 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/australias-asian-development-fund-pledge-delivers-region>

On 26 January 2024, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to developing tourism in a sustainable way at the 27th Ibero-American Conference of Tourism Ministers and Entrepreneurs (CIMET).⁸² CIMET allowed for representatives from Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba, Nicaragua and Guatemala to present incentives and development plans in tourism, as well as investment from Spanish businesses in Latin America. Notably, Brazil emphasised the importance of encouraging sustainable tourism in an economically, environmentally, and culturally aware manner.

On 26 January 2024, Brazil's National Council for Industrial Development launched new industrial policy with development goals centered around innovation and sustainability.⁸³ This policy is expected to directly improve Brazilian quality of life, stimulating productive and technological development. BRL 300 billion in financing was allocated to the new industrial policy until 2026; another BRL 194 billion were incorporated from different sources as well to support this initiative.

On 5 February 2024 to 9 February 2024, Brazil hosted the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) to share knowledge regarding their domestic digital transformation.⁸⁴ During meetings, stakeholders such as the National Telecommunications Agency, Brazilian Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, and BEREC Chairs and Vice-Chairs discussed the regulation of artificial intelligence, digital markets and cybersecurity. Representatives from Brazil and Europe presented recent regulatory developments and exchanged strategies for the digital revolution, prioritizing inclusion and connectivity.

On 21 February 2024 and 22 February 2024, the Brazilian Presidency recognized the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a privileged partner for the first time, enabling the organization to contribute to the work of G20.⁸⁵ Following an initial meeting with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, UNESCO's Director-General Audrey Azoulay took part in the meeting of foreign ministers in Rio de Janeiro. Discussions centred on responses to international tensions and reforming global governance. This initiative showcases Brazil's leadership in coordinating collaborative efforts, exemplifying commitment to enhancing partnerships.

On 20 March 2024, Brazil put forth an anti-poverty and anti-hunger agenda to the G20 delegation.⁸⁶ The Brazilian administration proposed launching a Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty in November 2024, during the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, which demonstrates their dedication to prioritizing this issue through the G20 forum.

On 9 April 2024, the Brazilian National Telecommunications Agency (Anatel), UNESCO, and the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment (MRE) signed a technical agreement during the "Inteligência Artificial e o Futuro da Conectividade: uma Visão Coletiva" event.⁸⁷ This ultimately serves to bridge

⁸² In Madrid, Brazil reaffirms its commitment to developing tourism in a sustainable way, HotéisRio (Rio De Janeiro) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://hoteisrio.com.br/en/news/in-madrid-brazil-reaffirms-its-commitment-to-developing-tourism-in-a-sustainable-way/>

⁸³ Brazil launches new industrial policy with development goals and measures up to 2033, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/01/brazil-launches-new-industrial-policy-with-development-goals-and-measures-up-to-2033>

⁸⁴ BEREC delegation learns about digital transformation in Brazil, BEREC (Riga) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.berec.europa.eu/en/news-publications/news-and-newsletters/berec-delegation-learns-about-digital-transformation-in-brazil>

⁸⁵ G20: Audrey Azoulay in Rio for foreign ministers' meeting, UNESCO (Paris) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/g20-audrey-azoulay-rio-foreign-ministers-meeting>.

⁸⁶ Brazil Lays Down Anti-Poverty Agenda to the G20, Wilson Center (Washington) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 4 May 2024. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/brazil-lays-down-anti-poverty-agenda-g20>

⁸⁷ Anatel, UNESCO, and the Brazilian government join forces to close the digital divide, Geneva Internet Platform Digital Watch (Geneva) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 4 May 2024. <https://dig.watch/updates/anatel-unesco-and-the-brazilian-government-join-forces-to-close-the-digital-divide>.

the digital divide by providing digital literacy sources and internet access, and harnessing AI potential in agriculture, health, and education sectors.

On 9 October 2024, President Lula enacted the Fuel of the Future law which empowers programs to foster research, production, trade, and use of biofuels with the goal of promoting the decarbonization of the transportation and mobility matrices.⁸⁸ This marks an important step for the future of renewable energy in the country.

On 17 October 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' secretary for Climate, Energy, and Environment, Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's national secretary for Climate Change, Ana Toni, presented the themes that Brazil will aim to support at COP 29.⁸⁹ Brazil will focus on the National Adaptation Plan as well as the Carbon Market system, both aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Brazil has consistently mobilized affordable and accessible financing to support developing countries, highlighted tourism and culture for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity, recognized its role in digital transformation, and played a leading role in fostering international cooperation.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Amelia Hui

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 27 February 2024, Canada, issued a joint statement endorsing principles for the research and development of 6G wireless communication systems.⁹⁰ These principles aim for open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, resilient, and secure connectivity. By endorsing these principles alongside other countries, Canada demonstrates its full commitment to advancing 6G technology in alignment with global standards and collaborative efforts. Canada has fully complied with the commitment to the shared principles for 6G development.

On 12 March 2024, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, announced a new designated funding stream up to CAD 7.39 million under the Low Carbon Economy Fund's Indigenous Leadership Fund. Eligible applicants who are not already included in the funding streams

⁸⁸ Lula enacts Fuel of the Future law: "Brazil will drive the world's largest energy revolution", Planalto (Brasilia) 9 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/10/lula-enacts-fuel-of-the-future-law-201cbrazil-will-drive-the-worlds-largest-energy-revolution201d>

⁸⁹ Financing the Paris Agreement and the carbon market must be the focus of COP29 discussions in Baku, Planalto (Brasilia) 18 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/10/financing-the-paris-agreement-and-the-carbon-market-must-be-the-focus-of-cop29-discussions-in-baku>

⁹⁰ Joint Statement Endorsing Principles for 6G: Secure, Open, and Resilient by Design, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Barton) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-endorsing-principles-6g-secure-open-and-resilient-design>

for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis can apply for benefits.⁹¹ This would benefit Indigenous-owned businesses; corporations and not-for-profit organizations; Métis Settlements; and Indigenous research, academic, or educational institutions.

On 16 April 2024, the executive director at Clean Energy Canada, Mark Zacharias, announced the CAD800 million budget allocated to the new Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program.⁹² The program aims to support the installation of energy efficiency retrofits for low-to-median income households. Additionally, CAD73.5 million will be provided to renew and modernize existing energy efficiency programs and to revitalize the development of stricter building codes to further reduce emissions and lower energy consumption, thereby improving the affordability of utility bills along with reducing carbon emissions.

On 19 April 2024, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau highlighted that over CAD4.6 billion will be spent on a package of measures to strengthen Canada's research and innovation.⁹³ Investing in research and innovation will create more quality jobs, especially in innovation and technology, thereby enhancing Canada's production possibility frontier. Of this investment, CAD2.6 billion will be directed towards research grant funding, scholarships, and fellowships to support researchers. Additionally, CAD1.3 billion will be invested to keep post-secondary education affordable, and CAD734 million is planned to support research infrastructures and institutes. This investment in innovation and research is expected to increase human capital and drive sustainable economic development.

On 9 May 2024, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson announced the installation of a new broadband infrastructure in Wellington County as part of the commitment to expanding high-speed internet access to communities across the province.⁹⁴ The Ontario government is investing nearly CAD4 million to connect rural communities across the province to high-speed internet by the end of 2025 under the High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy, the largest single investment in high-speed internet in Canadian history.⁹⁵ Wellington County is one specific example of this initiative. The Canada's Connectivity Strategy will strengthen rural communities by ensuring that people can work and live where they choose from, thus this strategy facilitates an inclusive path to economic growth.

On 31 May 2024, Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez, announced up to CAD51.2 million for 19 digital infrastructure projects under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF).⁹⁶ The NTCF is a Canadian government program that aims to support economic growth and development by facilitating

⁹¹ Government of Canada supports Indigenous climate action with new funding stream under the Indigenous Leadership Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2024/03/government-of-canada-supports-indigenous-climate-action-with-new-funding-stream-under-the-indigenous-leadership-fund.html>

⁹² A budget for building homes- and clean-energy-powered affordability, Clean Energy Canada (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://cleanenergycanada.org/a-budget-for-building-homes-and-clean-energy-powered-affordability/>.

⁹³ Strengthening Canadian research and innovation, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Victoria) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/04/19/strengthening-canadian-research-and-innovation>

⁹⁴ Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Service in Wellington Country (Ontario) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1004564/canada-and-ontario-increasing-access-to-high-speed-internet-service-in-wellington-county>

⁹⁵ High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/high-speed-internet-canada/en/canadas-connectivity-strategy/high-speed-access-all-canadas-connectivity-strategy#a>

⁹⁶ Advancing Supply Chain Digitalization Nineteen digital infrastructure projects funded under the National Trade Corridors Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 May 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2024/05/advancing-supply-chain-digitalization-nineteen-digital-infrastructure-projects-funded-under-the-national-trade-corridors-fund.html>

trade and transportation corridors across Canada through investing in critical infrastructure projects such as airports, ports, railways, access roads, and transportation facilities, thus enhancing efficiency, connectivity, and the movement of goods and people.

On 12 September 2024, Ahmed Hussen, Minister of International Development, and Andy Harrington, Executive Director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, announced that Canada is providing CAD100 million over 4 years to the organization for emergency food and nutrition assistance.⁹⁷ The aim is to reduce global food insecurity and help those in need get access to essential food and nutrition services. This funding will provide critical assistance to the world's most vulnerable populations.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gordunysus

China: 0

China has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 4 December 2023, China scrapped the entry visa requirement for travelers from Spain, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy and Malaysia so visitors are now able to travel visa-free to China for up to 15 days.⁹⁸ This trial period regarding visas is an attempt to boost inbound tourism for China and prompt “people-to-people exchanges.” It marks an important move for China in “the high-level opening up” to the world.

On 29 January 2024 to 31 January 2024, China hosted the World Digital Education Conference in Shanghai to focus on the application, sharing, and innovation of digital technology.⁹⁹ During this event, ministers and chairmen hosted discussions regarding the importance of digitization in education. Domestically, they highlighted uses of big data and artificial intelligence, accessibility and inclusion in quality education resources, and approaches to strengthening good practices and ethics in digital realms. Internationally, they emphasized China's commitment to developing the International Institute for STEM Education of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the state's significant contributions to enhancing global digital education.

On 22 February 2024, China launched a new program to increase national digital literacy intended to yield results by the end of 2024. The initiative is a joint effort by major governmental bodies in China, and sets a broad framework that aims to create a more comprehensive digital literacy and skill development system.¹⁰⁰ The plan outlines six key areas with 17 major tasks, including cultivating high-level digital talent, fostering digital competence in schools, and ensuring all citizens have equal access to resources to reduce the digital divide.

⁹⁷ Minister Hussen announces multi-year funding of Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help feed people affected by humanitarian crises, Global Affairs Canada (Toronto) 12 September 2024. Access Date: 21 October 2024

⁹⁸ Europeans flock to China with visa-free access, The State Council – The People's Republic of China (Beijing) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/policywatch/202312/04/content_WS656d967cc6d0868f4e8e1e20.html.

⁹⁹ 2024 World Digital Education Conference opens in Shanghai, Ministry of Education – The People's Republic of China (Shanghai) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024.

http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202401/t20240131_1113592.html.

¹⁰⁰ China launches initiative to boost national digital literacy, China News – Global Times (Beijing) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.ecns.cn/news/sci-tech/2024-02-22/detail-ihcxcacy7348833.shtml>.

On 7 March 2024, China's General Office of the State Council released new guidelines to optimize payment services across the country.¹⁰¹ By facilitating the use of cash and currency exchanges while incentivizing institutions to consider diversified payment options, China aims to provide higher-quality and more effective services for senior citizens and foreign visitors.

On 14 March 2024, China expanded its visa-free travel policy to include six additional European countries: Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, and Luxembourg.¹⁰² This will allow ordinary passport holders to travel in China for up to 15 days.

On 26 April 2024, the International Horticultural Exhibition 2024 Chengdu began with particular consideration to sustainable principles through management, ecological conservation, industry, city, and culture.¹⁰³ Some notable points include realising the goal of “integrated industry-city and city-park development,” and promoting distinctive cultural aspects like Sichuan Bamboo Weaving and Sichuan Chinese Penjing.

China has partially complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. They have consistently mobilized affordable and accessible financing to support developing countries, and highlighted tourism and culture for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity. Notably, China performs very well in their recognition and progress in the role of digital transformation; however, they fall short on enhancing G20 cooperation and partnership.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Amelia Hui

France: 0

France has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 18 January 2024, France and Norway signed a partnership to enhance existing cooperation on green industrial transformation between the two countries. This partnership seeks to address shared challenges in sustainable development by leveraging the strengths of both countries. The partnership is structured around three prongs: structured dialogue on carbon capture and storage, structured dialogue on renewable energy, and structural dialogue on critical raw materials. This agreement also emphasizes the importance of cooperation between states and both countries' intention to regularly exchange views on current issues and developments in national and European policies.¹⁰⁴

On 23 January 2024, France chaired the 14th Summit of the Global Forum of Migration and Development. As chair, France facilitated discussion of the effects of climate change on human mobility and highlighted the cultural heritage acquired through migration. The protection of rights of migrants, diasporas, labour migration, links between migration and culture and discourse surrounding

¹⁰¹ China unveils measures to optimize payment services, The State Council – The People's Republic of China (Beijing) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202403/08/content_WS65eaad91c6d0868f4e8e4d52.html.

¹⁰² China's Visa-Free Policies: Latest Updates, China Briefing (Shanghai) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/china-visa-free-travel-policies-complete-guide>.

¹⁰³ Expo 2024 Chengdu's commitment to sustainability, International Association of Horticultural Producers (Oxfordshire) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://aiph.org/expo-2024-chengdu-sustainable-development-action-plan/>

¹⁰⁴ France and Norway sign a strategic partnership on green industrial transformation, Regjeringen (Oslo) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024 <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/dep/nfd/nyheter/2024/france-and-norway-sign-a-strategic-partnership-on-green-industrial-transformation/id3022184/>

migration, and multi-level governance of migration was examined using a cross-cutting approach and other thematic priorities of the French program.¹⁰⁵

On 6 February 2024, the French government established digital transformation through the creation of cyber security education and training. Recognizing the ever-growing importance of cybersecurity in today's world, this initiative seeks to prepare France for emerging digital challenges. Through job postings and a range of educational programs, France committed to developing a skilled workforce aimed to bridge the cyber security skills gap to address digital divides.¹⁰⁶

France has partially complied with the agreement towards collective action and implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate the progress of the SDGs. Of the four components of the plan outlined, France has recognized the role of digital transformation and the need to address digital divides, highlighting the crucial role of tourism for sustainable socio-economic development, and enhancing G20 cooperation and partnerships to implement the 2030 Agenda. France does not fully comply as they lack affordable financing for developing countries.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Trevor Cheb

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 17 of February 2024, all online platforms that operate in Germany must publish their justifications for content moderation.¹⁰⁷

On 1 March 2024, the Federal Cabinet adopted an amendment to the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act, which would allow asylum seekers to receive certain benefits in the form of a payment card.¹⁰⁸ This would make it easier for the government to get money to one of the most disadvantaged groups in Germany.

On 20 March 2024, the Federal Cabinet has adopted the National Reform Programme 2024. According to the programme, the German government is increasing job availability and helping citizens with gaining qualifications.¹⁰⁹ The government is also investing in climate friendly infrastructure and power while funding the digitalization of the economy, infrastructure, and education. The purpose of this programme is to facilitate cooperation within the European Union, including other G20 members.

¹⁰⁵ 14th Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), chaired by France, France Diplomacy (Geneva) 23 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/14th-summit-of-the-global-forum-on-migration-and-development-gfmd-chaired-by/>

¹⁰⁶ Building a Skilled Cyber Security Workforce in Europe: Insights from France, Germany and Poland, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/3673cd60-en/index.html?itemId=/content/publication/3673cd60-en&_csp_=188cb5d3123ccbc2b12e30e8dd2e4c0a&itemIGO=oecd&itemContentType=book

¹⁰⁷ The impact of the Digital Services Act on digital platforms, European Commission 3 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-impact-platforms>

¹⁰⁸ Payment card for refugees, The Federal Government (Berlin) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/payment-card-refugees-2264566>

¹⁰⁹ National Reform Programme 2024, The Federal Government (Berlin) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/national-reform-programme-2024-2266400>

On 16 April 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited China to discuss “Joint sustainable action.”¹¹⁰

On 22 April 2024, Chancellor Scholz opened a trade fair in Germany.¹¹¹ The purpose of the fair was to examine digitalization and slow climate change.

On 26 April 2024, Germany co-hosted the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, where Chancellor Scholz urged G20 members to adhere to their Paris Climate Agreement targets.¹¹² He also pledged financial support to poor countries and those suffering from climate change. He emphasized the importance of investing in sustainable production and technology.

On 15 June 2024, Germany, as part of the G7, agreed to increase support for sustainable development in African countries.¹¹³ Germany also pledged to move away from fossil fuels faster.

On 17 July 2024, Germany announced its 2025 budget, with a focus on investments in affordable housing, digital infrastructure and education, and climate action.¹¹⁴

On 8 October 2024, Germany hosted the sixth Climate and Security Conference at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.¹¹⁵ The conference brought together high-level politicians, climate security experts, and international organizations. The focus was on the link between the climate crisis and security goals with emphasis on the contributions that the security industry can provide to help induce peace and stabilize volatile regions.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment towards collective action and the implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. Germany has clearly committed itself to the fulfilment of its Sustainable Development Goals, only occasionally lacking follow-through. Germany has taken strong, tangible action in economic and environmental spheres and has encouraged other G20 countries to do the same. Germany’s momentum is somewhat stalled in the social sphere, but it is nonetheless working to financially support its citizens.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joseph Oberfeld

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

¹¹⁰ “Joint sustainable action”, The Federal Government (Berlin) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024.

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-trip-to-china-2271576>

¹¹¹ Future trends presented at the leading industry trade fair, The Federal Government (Berlin) 22 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/hannover-messe-2024-2273476>

¹¹² Limiting climate change is proving successful, The Federal Government (Berlin) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/petersberg-climate-dialogue-2024-2274898>

¹¹³ Setting the course for addressing global challenges, The Federal Government (Berlin) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-summit-in-apulia-2292554>.

¹¹⁴ Federal Cabinet adopts 2025 draft budget and growth initiative, The Federal Government (Berlin) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/2025-budget-growth-initiative-2299754>.

¹¹⁵ The climate crisis is the biggest security policy challenge of our times: The sixth Climate and Security Conference at the Federal Foreign Office, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/KlimaEnergie/berlin-climate-and-security-conference/2679148>

On 13 December 2023, India hosted the Global Partnership on AI [artificial intelligence] Summit, resulting in the adoption of the New Delhi resolution by 29 members.¹¹⁶ The declaration acknowledges the need to harness new opportunities and mitigate the risks arising from the development and deployment of AI. It promotes the collaborative effort of member states on AI, focusing on the inclusivity of countries from the Global South.

On 11 January 2024, the Tourism Minister of Goa, Rohan Khaunte announced Goa's new model of Regenerative Tourism.¹¹⁷ The new model will promote environmental restoration, cultural preservation and community empowerment to guide its approaches to sustainable travel and tourism.

On 19 January 2024, the Government of India endorsed the Global Good Alliance for Gender Equity and Equality, launched at the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland.¹¹⁸ The alliance is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and will be housed by the CII Centre for Women Leadership. It is supported by over 10,000 partners from industries worldwide, with the WEF as a 'network partner' and Invest India as an 'institutional partner'. It aims to bring together practices, knowledge and investment in areas of women's health, education and enterprise, building on India's commitment to women-led development.

On 13 February 2024, the Government of India signed an Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement on the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor with the United Arab Emirates. The agreement aims to promote bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the ports, maritime and logistics sectors.¹¹⁹ It is part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment, founded by the G7 in 2023 to narrow the infrastructure gap in developing countries and accelerate progress on the SDGs.¹²⁰

On 20 February, the Government of India signed loan agreements with the Japan International Cooperation Agency to receive official development assistance (ODA) loans of up to JPY232,209 million for 9 developmental projects. These include the Project for Promoting Start-up and Innovation in Telangana, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road, and others. The agreement enhances bilateral relations and mutual development, supporting India's fulfilment of the SDGs.¹²¹

On 21 February, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.¹²² The goal was to enhance

¹¹⁶ Goa unveils new 'Regenerative Tourism' model, Gomantak Times (New Delhi) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/gpai-summit-2023-29-nations-adopt-new-delhi-resolution/articleshow/105969434.cms?from=mdr>)

¹¹⁷ Goa unveils new 'Regenerative Tourism' model, Gomantak Times (New Delhi) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.gomantaktimes.com/my-go/travel-adventure/goa-unveils-new-regenerative-tourism-model>)

¹¹⁸ Launch of "Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality" by India at World Economic Forum Annual Meeting Davos 15-19 January 2024, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. (<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1997896>)

¹¹⁹ Cabinet greenlights framework agreement for India-UAE Economic Corridor, Economic Times (New Delhi) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/cabinet-greenlights-framework-agreement-for-india-uae-economic-corridor/108465684>)

¹²⁰ Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) & India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37091>)

¹²¹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html)

¹²² Visit of MoS Shri V. Muraleedharan to Brazil for the G20 Foreign Minister's Meeting, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37641>)

cooperation between G20 members and address issues of global concern. On the sidelines, he also held bilateral meetings with partner countries of the Global South.

On 22 February, Minister Muraleedharan attended the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Standalone Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.¹²³ IBSA was created to enhance trilateral cooperation in sectoral areas, providing a framework for South-South Cooperation. Ministers agreed to leverage international cooperation to ensure food security and nutrition and promote the IBSA Fund, among other issues. They highlighted the need to strengthen means for full implementation of the SDGs, including capacity building, transfer of technology, grants and concessional finance from developed countries and revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. They urged developed countries to fully honor their ODA commitments.

On 27 February 2024, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, and MakeMyTrip signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signifying their public-private partnership.¹²⁴ The MoU outlines a series of innovative initiatives for Goa tourism, ensuring sustainable and regenerative tourism practices.

On 4 March 2024, NITI Aayog, the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, organised the ‘National Conference on Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals’ together with the Government of Rajasthan as its host and technical partners UN Development Programme and the UN in Jaipur, India.¹²⁵ The conference aimed to encourage states to take stock of SDGs localisation, exchange experiences on institutionalising the SDGs at the subnational level, explore national and sub-national level finance and accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

On 7 March 2024, Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar held the 16th Japan-India Foreign Minister’s Strategic Dialogue with Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa.¹²⁶ They discussed topics of bilateral relations, including promoting cooperation in the area of defense equipment and technology, as well as an extension of the “Japan-India Tourism Exchange Year” to be implemented in 2024.

On 24 April 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 6th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure hosted in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi reiterated the global success of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, founded by India in 2019 and now composed of 39 countries and seven organisations. The initiative strengthens global climate resilience by mobilizing accessible financing for developing countries.¹²⁷

On 18 May 2024, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Sir Philip Barton, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Commonwealth and Development reaffirmed their commitment to conclude a mutually

¹²³ Ministerial Declaration: IBSA Standalone Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs (Rio de Janeiro) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37655>)

¹²⁴ Government of Goa and MakeMyTrip forge historic partnership, Hotelier India (New Delhi) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.hotelierindia.com/business/government-of-go-and-makemytrip-forge-historic-partnership>)

¹²⁵ NITI Aayog spearheads ‘National Conference to Accelerate Sustainable Development Goals’ in partnership with Government of Rajasthan, UNDP and UN, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2012074>

¹²⁶ 16th Japan-India Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html

¹²⁷ PM addresses 6th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, NarendraModi.in (New Delhi) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.narendramodi.in/prime-minister-narendra-modis-remarks-during-international-conference-on-disaster-resilient-infrastructure-581750>

beneficial free trade agreement at the annual UK-India Strategic Dialogue in London.¹²⁸ This agreement will strengthen their bilateral relationship and make progress towards the 2030 Roadmap.

On 8 July 2024, Prime Minister Modi attended the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit in Russia, at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin.¹²⁹ The leaders affirmed the continued strengthening of their bilateral partnership, including cooperation in trade, investments, security, energy, and technology. This enhances bilateral relations and mutual development in the G20.

On 12 July 2024, NITI Aayog released SDG India Index 2023-24, the country's primary tool to measure and track national progress on the SDGs.¹³⁰ The index resulted in a composite score of 71, up from 66 in 2020-21 and 57 in 2018. This indicates India's significant progress in goal areas such as poverty eradication, decent work, economic growth, climate action and life on land.

India has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. India took steps to enhance G20 cooperation by signing agreements with member states and establishing various partnerships with the private sector. India has addressed the role of digital transformation and sustainable tourism with the implementation of domestic policies.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 5 February 2024, Indonesia spearheaded the establishment of an alliance of countries at the United Nations in New York.¹³¹ This initiative is aimed at bolstering the global response to tuberculosis, ensuring that efforts to handle the disease are consistently applied across the globe.

On 29 February 2024, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa (Portugal Chamber of Commerce and Industry).¹³² This agreement marks a significant step in enhancing the business and trade relations between the two countries, facilitating increased collaboration and investment opportunities.

On 7 March 2024, the Indonesian Government, through the Indonesian Agency for International Development (Indonesia Aid)/Lembaga Dana Kerja Sama Pembangunan Internasional (LDKPI),

¹²⁸ India, UK reaffirm FTA commitment at strategic Dialogue, The Hindu Times (New Delhi) 18 May 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. (<https://www.thehindu.com/business/india-uk-reaffirm-fta-commitment-at-strategic-dialogue/article68189390.ece>)

¹²⁹ Joint Statement following the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37940/Joint+Statement+following+the+22nd+IndiaRussia+Annual+Summit>.

¹³⁰ Release of SDG India Index 2023-24, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2032857>.

¹³¹ "Indonesia Leads Establishment of Global Alliance at UN to Combat Tuberculosis," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 05 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5733/berita/indonesia-leads-establishment-of-global-alliance-at-un-to-combat-tuberculosis>

¹³² Strengthening Cooperation, Indonesian and Portugal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Signs MoU," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5784/berita/strengthening-cooperation-indonesian-and-portugal-chamber-of-commerce-and-industry-signs-mou>

dispatched aid consisting of 10 million doses of Bivalent oral polio vaccine to Afghanistan.¹³³ This action demonstrates Indonesia's active role in supporting global health initiatives and addressing urgent health crises.

On 8 March 2024, Universitas Negeri Malang from Indonesia and Fiji National University formalized their commitment for strengthening academic collaboration in the fields of research, innovation, and technology development between Indonesia and Fiji by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.¹³⁴ This agreement serves as a concrete step towards strengthening the research and academic collaboration between the two countries, aiming to foster knowledge exchange, joint research projects, and academic mobility.

On 15 March 2024, Indonesia announced a new initiative to foster cooperation and capacity building for a sustainable bamboo industry with Fiji.¹³⁵ This collaboration aims to enhance sustainable economic growth, environmental conservation, and strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

On 3 May 2024, Indonesia and Vietnam agreed to target a bilateral trade volume of USD 18 billion by 2028, an increase from the previous goal of USD 15 billion.¹³⁶ This decision was made during discussions in Hanoi, Vietnam, emphasizing the need for both countries to reduce trade barriers and swiftly conclude agreements on food security. Additionally, they aim to optimize the function of the Joint Committee on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation to enhance collaboration. This move reflects a strong commitment to deepen economic ties and foster regional cooperation.

On 8 October 2024, the Indonesian government announced plans to provide humanitarian assistance to Yemen, Sudan, Palestine and Vietnam, in light of the natural disasters and armed conflicts they are facing.¹³⁷ The aid will total USD 1 million. This is part of an ongoing effort from Indonesia to assist its neighbours in times of crises.

On 9 October 2024, Secretary of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency, Rustian and Australian Deputy Ambassador to Indonesia, Gita Kamath signed an agreement to extend their disaster risk management preparedness and humanitarian cooperation until 2027.¹³⁸ The cooperation is expected to be broader and more effective going forward. This partnership will enhance Indonesia's

¹³³ Indonesia Sends 10 Million Polio Vaccine Doses to Afghanistan," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 07 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5799/berita/indonesia-sends-10-million-polio-vaccine-doses-to-afghanistan>.

¹³⁴ Strengthening Research and Academic Collaboration between Indonesia and Fiji: Universitas Negeri Malang (UM) signs MoU with Fiji National University (FNU)," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 08 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5804/berita/strengthening-research-and-academic-collaboration-between-indonesia-and-fiji-universitas-negeri-malang-um-signs-mou-with-fiji-nation>

Indonesia Initiates Cooperation and Capacity Building for Sustainable Bamboo Industry with Fiji," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta). Publication Date: 15 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5810/berita/indonesia-initiates-cooperation-and-capacity-building-for-sustainable-bamboo-industry-with-fiji>

¹³⁵ Indonesia Initiates Cooperation and Capacity Building for Sustainable Bamboo Industry with Fiji," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta). Publication Date: 15 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5810/berita/indonesia-initiates-cooperation-and-capacity-building-for-sustainable-bamboo-industry-with-fiji>

¹³⁶ Indonesia-Vietnam Target Bilateral Trade of USD 18 Billion by 2028, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta) 24 April 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5871/berita/indonesia-vietnam-target-bilateral-trade-of-usd-18-billion-by-2028>

¹³⁷ Indonesia to send humanitarian aid to Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, Vietnam, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/328790/indonesia-to-send-humanitarian-aid-to-yemen-sudan-palestine-vietnam>

¹³⁸ Indonesia, Australia extend disaster preparedness program to 2027, Antara News (Jakarta) 9 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/328910/indonesia-australia-extend-disaster-preparedness-program-to-2027>

preparedness from disasters, while also strengthening humanitarian cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. They have consistently initiated and supported global partnerships, highlighted the importance of shared responsibility in achieving the SDGs, recognized its role in fostering international cooperation, and played a leading role in addressing global challenges through actionable commitments.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ng Arian Man Lok

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 2 December 2023, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto and Ethiopia's Minister for Planning and Development Fitsum Assefa signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding at the Conference of the Parties 28.¹³⁹ This bilateral agreement outlines a renewed commitment to energy security priorities. In addition, the act approved six projects and relaunched four projects regarding carbon emission reductions and adaptation, entailing financial investment of EUR7.2 million.

On 3 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security signed its membership of the Amazon Fund, investing EUR5 million at the Conference of the Parties 28.¹⁴⁰ The fund aims to support public and private bodies in the Amazon region to plan and implement sustainable development frameworks and support multilateral partnerships in environmental cooperation.

On 4 December 2023, the Minister of Environment and Energy Security, Vannia Gava, attended the multilateral Res4Africa and GSE event titled "Gearing up Africa's energy transition by conducive policy and legislative frameworks." during the Conference of the Parties 28.¹⁴¹ During this event, Minister Gava announced a contribution of EUR5 million to the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa Special fund. This contribution aims to promote financial and development inclusion for African countries.

On 7 December 2023, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Maria Tripodi met with Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Michael Tene.¹⁴² The meeting aimed to reaffirm

¹³⁹ COP28: memorandum Italia-Etiopia, ripartono progetti su cooperazione per adattamento, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-memorandum-italia-etiofia-ripartono-progetti-su-cooperazione-adattamento>

¹⁴⁰ COP28: il MASE aderisce al Fondo Amazonia con cinque milioni, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 3 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-il-mase-aderisce-al-fondo-amazonia-con-cinque-milioni>

¹⁴¹ COP28, Vice Ministro Gava a side event 'Res4Africa': da MASE 5 milioni a Sustainable Energy Fund, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 4 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/cop28-vice-ministro-gava-side-event-res4-africa-da-mase-5-milioni-sustainable-energy-fund>

¹⁴² Incontro tra il Sottosegretario Tripodi e il Vice Segretario General dell'ASEAN, Michael Tene, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 7 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/12/incontro-tra-il-sottosegretario-tripodi-e-il-vice-segretario-generale-dellasean-michael-tene/

multilateral commitments to Southeast Asian development through sustainable development initiatives. The discussion focused on increasing food security, energy transition and the prevention and management of natural disasters in Southeast Asia.

On 9 December 2023, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto Fratin and Peru's Minister of Energy and Mines Albina Ruiz Ríos signed a Memorandum of Understanding.¹⁴³ This agreement entails the expansion of bilateral cooperation regarding the Rio Conventions, Convention on Biological Diversity and sustainable development objectives outlined in the 2030 Agenda.

On 13 December 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Ministry of Economy and Finance announced DEVELOPMENT+.¹⁴⁴ This instrument is a part of the Rotating Fund for Development Cooperation aimed at encouraging investments in sustainable development of partner countries in the Italian Cooperation.

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Tourism participated in the European D3HUB project initiation meeting.¹⁴⁵ The D3HUB project aims to create a multilateral, European competence centre to support tourist destinations in transition to more sustainable tourism and management.

On 7 February 2024, the Presidency engaged in a multilateral, virtual meeting with the G7 Trade Ministers.¹⁴⁶ The goal of this meeting was to reaffirm G7 and World Trade Organization trade-related commitments, including sustainable development and inclusive growth.

On 12 February 2024, the Italian Agency for Development Coordination announced a EUR180 million Tender Notice.¹⁴⁷ This will be allocated to sustainable development programs in Africa and other countries. This initiative commits to Italy's contributions in achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals.

On 27 February 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Penković.¹⁴⁸ This bilateral engagement aimed to reaffirm commitments to sustainable development, by outlining a framework for collaboration to pursue long-term sustainability of fishing and sustainable consumption patterns.

On 2 March 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. This bilateral meeting included discussions on delivering sustainable prosperity and a recommitment to

¹⁴³ Cooperazione, firmato a Dubai il nuovo accordo Italia -- Perù, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 9 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cooperazione-firmato-dubai-il-nuovo-accordo-italia-peru>

¹⁴⁴ SVILUPPO +, il nuovo strumento del Fondo Rotativo per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 13 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2023/12/sviluppo-il-nuovo-strumento-del-fondo-rotativo-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo/

¹⁴⁵ D3HUB KOM – Maiorca 22-23 gennaio 2024, Ministero del Turismo (Rome) 30 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ministeroturismo.gov.it/24740-2/>

¹⁴⁶ The Joint Communiqué issued by the G7 Trade Ministers on 7 February 2024, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/the-joint-communicue-issued-by-the-g7-trade-ministers-on-7-february-2024/

¹⁴⁷ Pubblicato in Gazzetta ufficiale il bando su cooperazione allo sviluppo per 180 milioni di Euro, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 12 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/pubblicato-in-gazzetta-ufficiale-il-bando-su-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-per-180-milioni-di-euro/

¹⁴⁸ Dichiarazione congiunta, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/italy-croatia-joint-declaration/

economic partnerships, including G7 commitments to promote sustainable economic growth.¹⁴⁹ Furthermore, it established the Canada-Italy Roadmap for Enhanced Cooperation, which will promote a bilateral shift in promoting sustainable development goals.

On 15 March 2024, Undersecretary of State for technological Innovation Alessio Butti chaired the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Industry, Technology and Digital.¹⁵⁰ This meeting concluded a multilateral declaration on the use of collaborative digital governance including artificial intelligence to promote sustainable growth through the Hiroshima Artificial Intelligence Process.

On 17 March 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.¹⁵¹ The bilateral dialogues included the implementation of the Mattei Plan for Africa, which entailed subsequent bilateral agreements, including a financial package of EUR100 million for sustainable development.

On 21 March 2024, Chair of the Italian National Tourist Board Alessandra Priante alongside Andorra's Prime Minister Xavier Zamora, Minister of Tourism, Jordi Torres and Spain's Secretary of State for Tourism Rosanna Murillo attended the World Congress on Mountain Tourism in Andorra.¹⁵² This multilateral meeting aimed to create strategies on sustainable tourism development such as diversification, technological innovation and nature conservation. This meeting including the establishment of a permanent working table.

On 8 April 2024, Minister of Business and Made in Italy Adolfo Urso met with France's Minister for Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire and Germany's Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck.¹⁵³ This trilateral meeting engaged perspectives on sustainable development and reaffirmed commitments to promoting sustainable industrial growth.

On 15 April 2024, the Italian G7 Presidency alongside the United Nations Development Programme met with Director General of the African Union Commission Fathallah Sijilmassi.¹⁵⁴ These parties were joined by other representatives of the African Union. These dialogues entailed plans to strengthen collaboration on Artificial Intelligence for sustainable development and addressing technological divides.

¹⁴⁹ Joint Statement from Prime Minister Trudeau and Prime Minister Meloni, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 2 March 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/joint-statement-prime-minister-trudeau-and-prime-minister-meloni/25138>

¹⁵⁰ G7: Ministerial Declaration on Industry, Technology, and Digital, Dipartimento per la trasformazione digitale (Rome) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://innovazione.gov.it/notizie/articoli/en/g7-ministerial-declaration-on-industry-technology-and-digital/>

¹⁵¹ Rafforzamento del partenariato strategico Ue-Egitto e attuazione del Piano Mattei, il Presidente Meloni al Cairo, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio de Ministri (Rome) 17 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-presidente-della-repubblica-araba-d-egitto-al-sisi/25260>

¹⁵² ENIT AT THE WORLD CONGRESS ON MOUNTAIN TOURISM IN ANDORRA: INTERNATIONAL MEETING TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES ON SUSTAINABILITY AND DESEASONALISATION, Agenzie Nazionale del Turismo (Rome) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.enit.it/en/enit-at-the-world-congress-on-mountain-tourism-in-andorra>

¹⁵³ France, Italy and Germany call to foster the development of green and digital technologies to enhance european competitiveness and productivity, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/france-italy-and-germany-call-to-foster-the-development-of-green-and-digital-technologies-to-enhance-european-competitiveness-and-productivity>

¹⁵⁴ The G7 Presidency partners with UNDP Africa to advance AI for sustainable development, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/the-g7-presidency-partners-with-undp-africa-to-advance-ai-for-sustainable-development>

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance engaged in the Multilateral Development Banks Callable Capital Exercise meeting.¹⁵⁵ This multilateral meeting aimed to provide innovative dialogue in regard to expanding the Multilateral Development Banks financing capacity. This reaffirms Italy's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals through the acquisition of equitable financing.

On 17 April 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Tunisian Republic Kais Saied. This meeting included the signing of three agreements to bolster the sustainable development of Tunisia.¹⁵⁶ The first agreement included awarded a financial package to Tunisia to support renewable energy industries and sustainable energy objectives. The second agreement supported a financial package for Tunisia's small and medium-sized enterprises. The final agreement included a collaborative framework for higher education matters.

On 17 April 2024, Ms Priante of the Italian National Tourist Board attended a European Union Dialogue.¹⁵⁷ This dialogue aimed to explore the European Union Tourism route with a focus on green transition and sustainability. She engaged with ideas to expand public-private partnerships to achieve transitional outcomes.

On 19 April 2024, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani attended the G7 meeting of Foreign Ministers on "Addressing global challenges, promoting partnerships."¹⁵⁸ The multilateral dialogue included a plan to mobilize USD600 billion by 2017 to invest into global infrastructure and investment. Furthermore, the ministers launched two initiatives, the Blue Dot Network and the Finance to Accelerate the Sustainable Transition Infrastructure to mobilize increased private financing.

On 22 April 2024, Minister Urso met with Minister of Communication and Information Technologies of the Arab Republic of Egypt Amr Talaat.¹⁵⁹ The bilateral meeting entailed dialogue regarding the oversight of the Mattei Plan for Africa. This included discussions on the digital economy development through construction of an Artificial Intelligence Hub for Sustainable Development in Egypt.

On 23 April 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with United States of America's Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.¹⁶⁰ This meeting included reaffirmed bilateral commitments to strengthen technological sectors such as the applications of artificial intelligence.

¹⁵⁵ L'Italia con altri paesi e membri G7 rinnova impegno per ammodernamento ed efficientamento finanziario delle Banche Multilaterali di Sviluppo, Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/LItalia-con-altri-paesi-e-membri-G7-rinnova-impegno-per-ammodernamento-ed-efficientamento-finanziario-delle-Banche-Multilaterali-di-Sviluppo/>

¹⁵⁶ Visita in Tunisia, le dichiarazioni alla stampa del Presidente Meloni, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/visita-tunisia-le-dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-del-presidente-meloni/25458>

¹⁵⁷ CONFERENCE TOURISM: CHALLENGING CONVENTIONS AT EU DIALOGUE 2024 WITH ENIT, Agenzia Nazionale del Turismo (Rome) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.enit.it/en/conference-tourism-challenging-conventions-at-eu-dialogue-2024-with-enit>

¹⁵⁸ Comunicato della riunione dei Ministri degli Esteri del G7 (Capri, 19 aprile, 2024) – Affrontare le sfide globali, promuovere i partenariati, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 19 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/04/g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-communique-capri-april-19-2024-addressing-global-challenges-fostering-partnerships/

¹⁵⁹ Urso, con Egitto per realizzare Hub su Intelligenza Artificiale per i Paesi africani, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 22 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/urso-con-egitto-per-realizzare-hub-su-intelligenza-artificiale-per-i-paesi-africani>

¹⁶⁰ Incontro con il Segretario al Commercio degli Stati Uniti d'America, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-segretario-al-commercio-degli-stati-uniti-damerica/25493>

On 30 April 2024, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security signed the Joint Declaration of the G7 members.¹⁶¹ This supported the ratification of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction agreement and entailed a financial package of USD34 billion from the Council of the Global Environment Fund to bolster sustainability projects.

On 10 May 2024, Minister Urso met Deputy Minister Valentino Valentini and the United Arab Emirates' Minister of Economy, Abdulla bin Touk Al Marri.¹⁶² This bilateral meeting aimed to outline investment goals regarding collaboration on renewable energy and development of artificial intelligence and consolidated the Mattei Plan.

On 22 May 2024, Deputy Minister Valentini met with France's Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, Marina Ferrari at the Paris VivaTech show during the Paris Expo Porte de Versailles.¹⁶³ This event included discussions regarding artificial intelligence development and technological innovation

On 27 May 2024, Minister Urso signed a joint declaration with Tunisia's Minister of Communication Technology, Nizar Ben Neji.¹⁶⁴ The bilateral agreement aimed to strengthen collaborative initiatives in artificial intelligence and digital transition research for sustainable development, under the Mattei Plan.

On 5 June 2024, Minister of Economy and Finance, Giancarlo Giorgetti virtually participated in the Stimulus Leaders Group for the Stimulus Plan for Sustainable Development.¹⁶⁵ This meeting reaffirmed Italy's commitment to sustainable development through dialogues on multilateral financing strategies and financial inclusion of at-risk countries.

On 13 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with US President Joe Biden and representatives of the United States private financial, energy, technological sectors at the Apulia Summit.¹⁶⁶ This meeting aimed to strengthen financing coordination for sustainable development along the Lobito Corridor amongst other sustainable development projects in Kenya.

¹⁶¹ G7, BARBARO: Grande successo per l'Italia: adottata la dichiarazione congiunta BBNJ sulla biodiversità marina, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/notizie/g7-barbaro-grande-successo-litalia-adottata-la-dichiarazione-congiunta-bbnj-sulla>

¹⁶² Italia-EAU, Urso vede Al Marri, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 10 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/italia-eau-urso-vede-al-marri-pronti-53-progetti-per-potenziati-investimenti-emiratini-in-italia>.

¹⁶³ Valentini (Mimit) a Vivatech Parigi: "con IA possibile aumentare produttività, governo sostiene transizione digitale imprese", Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 22 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/valentini-mimit-a-vivatech-parigi-con-ia-possibile-aumentare-produttivita-governo-sostiene-transizione-digitale-imprese>.

¹⁶⁴ Piano Mattei: Urso firma a Tunisi protocollo Italia-Tunisia su sviluppo digitale, focus su IA e connettività, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/piano-mattei-urso-firma-a-tunisi-protocollo-italia-tunisia-su-sviluppo-digitale-focus-su-ia-e-connettivita>.

¹⁶⁵ Onu, Giorgetti conferma impegno presidenza G7 per obiettivi sviluppo sostenibile Paesi poveri, Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/Onu-Giorgetti-conferma-impegno-presidenza-G7-per-obiettivi-sviluppo-sostenibile-Paesi-poveri/>.

¹⁶⁶ G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Side Event Co-Chair Statement, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/g7-partnership-global-infrastructure-and-investment-side-event-co-chair-statement/25992>.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with President of the World Bank Group Ajay Banga during the Apulia Summit.¹⁶⁷ This bilateral meeting included dialogues regarding the progress of co-financing initiatives for Italy's development framework in the Mattei Plan for Africa.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the President of Algeria, Abdelmadjid Tebboune.¹⁶⁸ This dialogue aimed to strengthen bilateral partnerships in sustainable development projects, including energy, agriculture and industrial sectors. The meeting focused on public and private partnerships including the participation of Italian agro-industrial group, Bonifiche Ferraresi SpA and Algerian partners in a bilateral sustainable agriculture project.

On 20 June 2024, Minister Tajani participated in the Protecting Our Future – The Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation to launch the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator initiative.¹⁶⁹ The event was organized by France, the African Union and the Global Vaccine Alliance. The initiative is a financing mechanism to promote expedited vaccine development in Africa. Minister Tajani announced Italy's financial contribution of USD150 million.

On 24 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Singapore's President, Tharman Shanmugaratnam.¹⁷⁰ The meeting aimed to strengthen bilateral commitments to investments and cooperation on advancing critical aspects of the SDGs including artificial intelligence and renewable energy.

On 28 June 2024, Minister Tajani chaired the fourth meeting of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation in which financing of EUR300 million was approved for global development projects.¹⁷¹ Additionally, the Committee established two new offices of the Agency of Development Cooperation in Kampala, Uganda and Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The financing project aimed to envelope two new countries, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

On 4 July 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with Finland's President Alexander Stubb.¹⁷² This bilateral meeting included dialogues regarding strategic commitments to global development, notably the progress of the Mattei Plan.

¹⁶⁷ G7 Summit: President Meloni meets with the President of the World Bank Group, Ajay Banga, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/g7-summit-president-meloni-meets-president-world-bank-group-ajay-banga/26023>.

¹⁶⁸ Vertice G7, incontro bilaterale Meloni – Tebboune, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 15 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-g7-incontro-bilaterale-meloni-tebboune/26013>.

¹⁶⁹ Tajani a Parigi all'evento "Protecting Our Future – The Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation", Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/06/tajani-a-parigi-allevvento-protecting-our-future-the-global-forum-for-vaccine-sovereignty-and-innovation/.

¹⁷⁰ Meeting with the President of the Republic of Singapore, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/node/26085>.

¹⁷¹ Il Vice Presidente del Consiglio e Ministro degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, On. Antonio Tajani, alla quarta riunione del 2024 del Comitato Congiunto per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 28 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024.

¹⁷² Incontro con il Presidente della Repubblica di Finlandia, Governo Italiano Presidenze del Consiglio dei Ministeri (Rome) 4 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-presidente-della-repubblica-di-finlandia/26168>.

On 8 July 2024, the Government of Italy contributed EUR5 million in core resources to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).¹⁷³ This financing is critical to sustaining UNDP's functioning and international development plans in tangent with the SDGs.

On 8 July 2024, Director General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stefano Gatto, and Mozambique's Minister of Economy and Finance, Ernesto Tonela, signed an agreement for the Construction and Equipment of the Manica Agri-Food Centre.¹⁷⁴ This agreement ensured EUR38 million in financing to resources to strengthen food security, sustainable agriculture and female entrepreneurship. Included objectives are underlined by the SDGs.

On 9 July 2024, Minister Tajani facilitated the delivery of a newly developed scanner to Cyprus.¹⁷⁵ This scanner was developed to navigate emergency aid to Gaza as a part of the Italian government initiative titled "Food for Gaza." This promotes the SDGs through the promotion of food security and closing the digital divide.

On 9 July 2024, Minister of Universities and Research Anna Bernini hosted the ministerial meeting of the Group of Seven on science and technology in Bologna, Italy.¹⁷⁶ This multilateral meeting created a forum to discuss strategies of promoting global technological excellence and contributed towards progress of sustainable development and efforts of closing the digital divide.

On 3 October 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Sadyr Japarov, at Palazzo Chigi. Several bilateral agreements were signed that aim to increase cooperation in the fields of justice and culture, and to strengthen collaboration in areas of common interest.¹⁷⁷ They also discussed the main issues on the regional and international arena. The visit confirms Italy's commitment to continue to collaborate with Central Asian states.

Italy has fully engaged in actions and collaboration to promote the SDGs. Objectives must require more clarity including metrics for effectiveness. Furthermore, Italy's foreign direct investment remains focused in a selective geographical region. Italy has actively participated in international partnerships and collaborations.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

¹⁷³ L'Italia collabora con l'UNDP per affrontare le cause alla radice delle sfide dello sviluppo globale, Centro di Regionale di Informazione delle Nazioni Unite (Brussels) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://unric.org/it/litalia-collabora-con-lundp-sulle-sfide-dello-sviluppo-globale/>.

¹⁷⁴ Piano Mattei per l'Africa, Mozambico: firma dell'Accordo per il CAAM, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/piano-mattei-lafrica-mozambico-firma-dellaccordo-il-caam/26190>.

¹⁷⁵ Food for Gaza: consegnato a Cipro scanner di ultima generazione per agevolare transito degli aiuti di emergenza., Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 9 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/07/food-for-gaza-consegnato-a-cipro-scanner-di-ultima-generazione-per-agevolare-transito-degli-aiuti-di-emergenza/.

¹⁷⁶ Ricerca, al via il G7 Scienza e Tecnologia: dall'intelligenza artificiale alla biodiversità, Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (Rome) 9 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.mur.gov.it/news/martedi-09072024/ricerca-al-il-g7-scienza-e-tecnologia-dallintelligenza-artificiale-alla>.

¹⁷⁷ President Meloni meets with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, The presidency of the Council of Ministers (Roma) 3 October 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-president-kyrgyz-republic/26718>

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including its High-Level Principles..

On 19 December 2023, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida held the 14th meeting of the SDGs Promotion Headquarters at the Prime Minister's Office. The meeting consisted of discussions regarding the second revision to Japan's SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles.¹⁷⁸ In a speech, Kishida reiterated his focus on building a sustainable economic and social system under his "New Capitalism" policy, which compiles investments in human capital and promotes Japan's green and digital transformation.

On 3 February 2024, Minister for Digital Transformation Taro Kono hosted the Ministerial Session on the Future of Data Governance in Asia and Operationalization of "Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT)" in Singapore. The meeting included discussions on the progress of DFFT and future collaborations on the sustainable and inclusive development of data governance in Asia. The session strengthened cooperation between Japan and the Asian countries, recognizing the necessity of global digital transformation.¹⁷⁹

On 20 February 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency signed loan agreements with the Government of India to provide Official Development Assistance loans of up to JPY232,209 million for nine developmental projects. These include the Project for Promoting Start-up and Innovation in Telangana, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road, and others. The agreement enhances bilateral relations and mutual development, demonstrating Japan's commitment to mobilizing accessible funding for developing countries.¹⁸⁰

On 21 February 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The goal was to enhance cooperation between G20 countries and address issues of global concern. Ms. Kamikawa restated Japan's commitment to working with its partners in the international community, including the Brazilian G20 Presidency.¹⁸¹

On 7 March 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa held the 16th Japan-India Foreign Minister's Strategic Dialogue with Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. They discussed topics of bilateral relations, including promoting cooperation in the area of defense equipment and technology, as well as an extension of the "Japan-India Tourism Exchange Year" to be implemented in 2024.¹⁸²

On 10 March 2024, the Government of Japan donated USD5 million to the Pan-American Highway for Digital Health Initiative, led by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Pan American Health Organization. This initiative aims to enhance digital health services in Latin America and the Caribbean. The donation was made through the Japan Special Fund at the IDB, which has made

¹⁷⁸ 持続可能な開発目標 (SDGs) 推進本部会合 (第14回) 及び第7回「ジャパンSDGsアワード」表彰式の開催 (結果), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 19 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate/Analyst. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/page1_001532_00001.html

¹⁷⁹ Ministerial Session on the Future of Data Governance in Asia and Operationalisation of "Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT)" held, Digital Agency (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.digital.go.jp/en/a33b6016-1b77-4c69-a7bb-5b6d0cd97d52-en>

¹⁸⁰ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 25 April 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html

¹⁸¹ G20 Foreign Minister's Meeting (Summary), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/pageite_000001_00186.html

¹⁸² 16th Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html

significant contributions since its establishment in 1988.¹⁸³ It demonstrates Japan's commitment to mobilizing accessible funding to developing countries.

On 20 March 2024, the Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability held the "Youth-led 'Action and Transformation' Summit for the Future." The event aimed to strengthen youth networks and promote youth participation in dialogue surrounding the SDGs, acting as a kick-off event to advance discussions towards Japan's Voluntary National Review for 2025. Deputy Director-General Hideki Kusakabe of the International Cooperation Bureau participated in the event alongside expert and youth panellists.¹⁸⁴ This event enhances domestic partnerships to implement the 2030 SDGs Agenda.

On 10 April 2024, Prime Minister Kishida made an official visit to Washington DC to meet with President Joe Biden. At the summit they reaffirmed their commitment to the US-Japan bilateral partnership, including defence cooperation and private sector-led two-way investment to lead global economic growth.¹⁸⁵

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Japan took steps to mobilize accessible financing for developing countries and worked to strengthen G20 cooperation through engagement in bilateral dialogue. Japan recognized the importance of sustainable and digital transformations through public engagement and announcing the implementation of new domestic socio-economic policies.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 1 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment announced that Korea will participate in five global initiatives led by the United Arab Emirates covering renewable energy and energy efficiency, mutual recognition of hydrogen certification systems, agriculture and food, health, and multi-level cooperation.¹⁸⁶ This strong and multilateral action shows Korea's progress towards their environmental goals.

On 20 February 2024, the Korea International Cooperation Agency and the U.S. Agency for International Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to advance shared global development goals in India.¹⁸⁷ This strong action agreement seeks to leverage capacities to tackle

¹⁸³ Japan Becomes First Official Donor of Pan-American Highway for Digital Health Initiative, Pan American Health Organization (Washington) 10 March 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/10-3-2024-japan-becomes-first-official-donor-pan-american-highway-digital-health-initiative>

¹⁸⁴ 次世代のSDGs推進プラットフォーム」による「ユースによる未来に向けた「行動と変革」のサミット」の開催, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate/Analyst. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/pagew_000001_00487.html

¹⁸⁵ Japan-US Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html

¹⁸⁶ Gov't to join 5 UAE-led global initiatives on climate change, Korea.net (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 May. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Society/view?articleId=243052>

¹⁸⁷ United States and Republic of Korea Expand Cooperation in India to Advance Shared Development Goals, U.S. Agency for International Development (New Delhi) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/india/press-releases/feb-27-2024-united-states-and-republic-korea-expand-cooperation-india-advance-shared-development-goals>

“women’s economic empowerment, disaster and climate resilience, digital literacy, and opportunities for trilateral cooperation with the Government of India.”

On 29 February 2024, Prime Minister Han Duck-Soo announced a budget allocation of KRW6.3 trillion for official development assistance (ODA), a fund organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that is tasked with coordinating aid policy for developing countries.¹⁸⁸ This strong-action policy shows an increased ODA commitment that can aid progress towards economic and social objectives in developing countries.

On 14 March 2024, Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave a speech at the Global Engagement and Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development where he highlighted the country’s capacity to support SDG goals by acting as a bridge between Global North and South, advancing global public goods, and initiating new global norms and standards.¹⁸⁹ This less than strong action reaffirms Korea’s commitment to tackling the SDGs.

On 20 March 2024, the government of Korea and the Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean renewed their cooperation agreement to enhance education, vocational training, digital inclusion, resilient investments in renewable energy, and productive integration of older persons.¹⁹⁰ The strong action aims to help the region pursue sustainable, and inclusive growth through tackling economic and social issues.

On 21 March 2024, representatives from Korea and the European Union held their 20th Joint Committee where they reiterated their commitment to multilateralism, and their cooperation with other G20 members.¹⁹¹ This less than strong action reaffirms cooperative actions to address the SDGs.

On 17 April 2024, the Finance Ministers of Japan, Korea, and the United States held a trilateral meeting that reaffirmed their commitment to work together to “evolve the multilateral development banks and strengthen other international financial institutions to better respond to key global challenges.”¹⁹² This less than strong action demonstrates a cooperative commitment towards some economic-orientated High-level Principles.

On 25 April 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Korea and the OECD agreed to start a multi-year research program focused on securing fiscal sustainability, fiscally efficient elderly poverty alleviation policies and international comparison of tax expenditures and budget expenditures.¹⁹³ This strong action might generate potential policy solutions towards economic and social goals for multiple economies.

¹⁸⁸ S. Korea's ODA budget set at record high of 6.3 tln won in 2024 (Seoul) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240229003100315>

¹⁸⁹ [Incumbent] Keynote Speech by H.E. Mr. Cho Tae-yul Minister of Foreign Affairs / Global Engagement and Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5689/view.do?seq=319619

¹⁹⁰ Republic of Korea and ECLAC Renew their Cooperation Agreement with Emphasis on Education and the Labor Market, the Energy Transition and Ageing in the Region, Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (Santiago) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.cepal.org/en/news/republic-korea-and-eclac-renew-their-cooperation-agreement-emphasis-education-and-labor-market>

¹⁹¹ Republic of Korea: 20th Joint Committee with the European Union takes place in Seoul, European Union External Action (Seoul) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/republic-korea-20th-joint-committee-european-union-takes-place-seoul_en

¹⁹² Japan-Republic of Korea-United States Trilateral Ministerial Joint Press Statement, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2264>.

¹⁹³ Amb. CHOI attends the launch ceremony for “OECD-Korea Joint Research on Long-Term Sustainability of Public Finance,” Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the ORganisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/oeecd-en/brd/m_21596/view.do?seq=760618

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to take strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles. Korea has initiated multiple collaborative policies with other countries and international organizations. These policies are both inclusive and collaborative.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tyler Dela Cruz Carriaga

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 20 February 2024, the Secretariat of the Navy, the Ministry of the Government of Mexico, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Ministry of Tourism of the State of Nayarit, and Airbnb joined forces to promote sustainable tourism development in the Islas Marias Biosphere Reserve. Implemented projects, like Adaptur and Kuxatur, aim at adapting to climate change and conserving the region's biodiversity.¹⁹⁴ The alliance aims to focus on heritage management for sustainable tourism, strengthening of services that promote responsible tourism, and dissemination strategies to establish the Islas Marias as a premier destination in Mexico.

On 22 September 2024, Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena participated in the Summit of the Future at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.¹⁹⁵ The summit was focused on the multilateral system with a focus on addressing international challenges. Bárcena reinforced Mexico's commitment to multilateralism as a tool to achieve equitable, inclusive and sustainable development.

Mexico has partially complied with its commitments towards collective action and the implementation of the 2030 G20 Action Plan. Out of the four parameters outlined, Mexico successfully complied with one of them. Mexico has highlighted the crucial role of tourism as a means for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity. However, Mexico falls short in other areas of the action plan. Mexico has failed to acknowledge the role of digital technology in bridging the digital divide, has not mobilized affordable financing to support developing countries, and could improve in its approach to strengthening G20 cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Trevor Cheb

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

¹⁹⁴ Announce the Sustainable Tourism Project at the Islas Marías Tourist Center in Mexico, SECTUR, TURIIMAR, UNESCO, SECTUR Nayarit, and Airbnb, UNESCO, (Mexico City) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 14th March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/announce-sustainable-tourism-project-islas-marias-tourist-center-mexico-sectur-turiimar-unesco>.

¹⁹⁵ Mexico promotes multilateralism and fair, inclusive, and sustainable development at UN Summit of the Future, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 22September 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-promotes-multilateralism-and-fair-inclusive-and-sustainable-development-at-un-summit-of-the-future?idiom=en>

On 22 January 2024, Russia and Vietnam resumed flights to promote tourism between the countries.¹⁹⁶

On 27 January 2024, Russia and China cooperated on a “Made in Russia” festival in Shenyang to promote cultural exchange, opening the Cultural Cross Year of Russia and China.¹⁹⁷

On 6 February 2024, Russia implemented the Internet Access project, with the objective of improving telecommunications infrastructure, particularly in areas that are not well connected and schools.¹⁹⁸

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government drafted legislative amendments to offer more tax exemptions for the Era Technopolis, a centre for innovation.¹⁹⁹

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government announced the allocation of RUB 1 billion to develop ski complexes for tourists.²⁰⁰

On 21 February 2024, the Russian government amended the rules for financing projects to allow certain regions to obtain financing for the construction of infrastructure for companies at technology parks.²⁰¹

On 26 February 2024, Russia increased the number of openings for certain types of personnel training.²⁰²

On 26 February 2024, the Russian government announced an allocation of over RUB 6 billion to assist in retraining workers.²⁰³

On 27 February 2024, the Russian government announced the creation of a tourist route in the occupied territory of Crimea.²⁰⁴

On 28 February 2024, Russia and Iran signed an agreement to cooperate on science and technology in power generation, which includes the digitalization of electrical grids.²⁰⁵

¹⁹⁶ Dmitry Chernyshenko: Resuming flights between Russia and Vietnam to promote business, tourism, and cultural exchange, The Russian Government (Moscow) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. (<http://government.ru/en/news/50673/>)

¹⁹⁷ China’s Shenyang hosts the first Made in Russia festival and fair, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 January 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. (<http://government.ru/en/news/50706/>)

¹⁹⁸ Mikhail Mishustin holds strategic session on implementing socioeconomic development initiatives: digital transformation and construction, The Russian Government (Moscow) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50789/>

¹⁹⁹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

²⁰⁰ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

²⁰¹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50942/>

²⁰² Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 26 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50974/>

²⁰³ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 26 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50974/>

²⁰⁴ Mikhail Mishustin holds a strategic session to discuss the deputy prime ministers’ oversight of the federal districts, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50978/>

²⁰⁵ Alexander Novak holds 17th meeting of Russian-Iranian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, The Russian Government (Moscow) 28 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51000/>

On 15 March 2024, the Russian government allocated RUB 12 billion for the long-term assistance for the elderly.²⁰⁶

On 5 April 2024, the Russian government promised to raise the limits on mortgages for specialists in information technology by RUB 200 billion.²⁰⁷

On 8 April 2024, the Russian government announced the subsidization of housing in the east of the country.²⁰⁸

On 2 of May 2024, the Russian government approved a nine-year investment plan to develop the Baikal-Amur and Trans-Siberian railways.²⁰⁹

On 4 June 2024, the Russian government, alongside the other members of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, approved the improvement of transportation infrastructure between the countries on the Council.²¹⁰

On 8 July 2024, Russia vowed to continue expanding its transportation infrastructure, including a high-speed rail.²¹¹

On 15 July 2024, the Russian government promised investment into childcare services for families, healthcare, and education.²¹²

Russia has partially complied with its commitment on the SDGs. It has a clear commitment to addressing the rising importance of digital technology and the digital divides it creates, as well as improving infrastructure. Russia has done little to cooperate with other G20 members to address challenges emerging from the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Russia has failed to mobilize financing to aid developing countries.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Joseph Oberfeld

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 4 December 2023, Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadhil participated in a dialogue alongside the President of the New Development Bank Dilma Rousseff at the 2023 United Nations

²⁰⁶ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51110/>

²⁰⁷ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51260/>

²⁰⁸ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51275/>

²⁰⁹ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51510/>

²¹⁰ Meeting of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, The Russian Government (Moscow) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51756/>

²¹¹ Mikhail Mishustin chairs a strategic session on the Efficient Transport System and Unmanned Aircraft Systems national projects, The Russian Government (Moscow) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52051/>

²¹² Mikhail Mishustin chairs strategic session on the Youth and Children and Family national projects, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52118/>

Climate Change Conference.²¹³ This conversation included ideas on the significance of high-impact investments and how they support innovative solutions to climate change.

On 6 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture attended the Korea International Water Week.²¹⁴ This multilateral conference aimed to focus on the creation of long-term water solutions that are consistent with the SDGs outlined in the United Nations framework. The Ministry consolidated its own commitments to this framework with the Saudi Vision 2030.

On 11 December 2023, Saudi Arabia engaged in the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.²¹⁵ Saudi Arabia engaged with the conference through the construction of the Saudi Green Initiative Pavilion and the Blue Zone pavilion, both which served to encourage dialogue on climate change issues and a carbon-free transition.

On 13 December 2023, Deputy Minister for Policies and Economic Planning Rakan Alsheikh emphasized the Ministry of Economy and Planning's monitoring and evaluation methods during his attendance at the Operational Excellence Conference.²¹⁶ This entailed the Ministry's cooperation to improve Operational Excellence Projects to achieve sustainable economic growth.

On 13 December 2023, Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal Alibrahim participated in the Global Labour Market Conference.²¹⁷ Organized by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, the conference sought to strategize resilience methods for the international labour market, including ideas about sustainable economies.

On 19 December 2023, Minister Alibrahim met with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations, Li Junhua.²¹⁸ The discourse encompassed international efforts to address global issues and reaffirm the partnership between Saudi Arabia and the United Nations. In addition, the dialogue included strategies to achieve sustainable development goals in consideration of the Saudi Vision 2030.

²¹³ Environment" participates in the" Korea International Water Week 2023 to contribute to developing inspiring solutions to water challenges regionally and internationally, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 6 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News7862020.aspx>

²¹⁴ Environment" participates in the" Korea International Water Week 2023 to contribute to developing inspiring solutions to water challenges regionally and internationally, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 6 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News7862020.aspx>

²¹⁵ Deputy Minister for Policies and Economic Planning Highlights MEP Efforts in Operational Excellence in Financial Sector during OPEXsa Conference, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 13 December 2023. Access Date:15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Operational-Excellence-in-the-Financial-Sector.aspx>.

²¹⁶ Saudi Minister of Economy and Planning participates in Riyadh's Global Labor Market Conference, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Global-Labor-Market-Conference.aspx>

²¹⁷ Minister of Economy and Planning and Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the UN discuss the Kingdom's efforts in achieving sustainable development goals, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 19 December 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/MEP-and-UN-Official-Discuss-Kingdom's-Sustainable-Development-Goals.aspx>

²¹⁸ HE Minister of Economy and Planning Meets with Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 10 January 2024. Access Date:15 March 2024.

<https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-Meets-with-Director-General-of-the-UN-Industrial-Development-Organization.aspx>

On 9 January 2024, Vice Minister Ammar Nagadi and Professor Richard Barker of the International Sustainability Standards Board engaged in bilateral discussions.²¹⁹ This discussion included updates on recent Environmental, Social, and Governance developments in Environmental, Social, Governance and improvements to Saudi Arabia’s sustainability practices.

On 10 January 2024, Minister Alibrahim engaged in a bilateral meeting with the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Gerd Müller.²²⁰ The dialogue entailed potential investment to promote sustainable industrial development and the clean energy transition.

On 15 January 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, attended the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.²²¹ This meeting served as a forum for bilateral and multilateral discourse to strategize solutions to global challenges including a session on building sustainability in the Middle East and North Africa.

On 17 January 2024, the Government of Saudi Arabia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation to promote Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 mission.²²² The agreement encompasses suggestions for cooperation over 19 policy areas entailing ideas for low-carbon transition.

On 18 January 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed a cooperation agreement with UpLink, an open innovation platform of the World Economic Forum.²²³ The establishment of this bilateral partnership includes two agreements, “Catalyzing Innovation for an Ocean Positive Economy” and “Catalyzing Innovation for a Positive Circular Carbon Economy.” These agreements entail the creation of innovation ecosystems to promote solutions to sustainable development challenges.

On 18 January 2024, Minister Alibrahim met with Managing Partner of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners Jakob Baruël Poulsen at the 2024 World Economic Forum.²²⁴ The meeting entailed conversations regarding collaboration on renewable energy and infrastructure objectives.

On 22 January 2024, the Government of Saudi Arabia hosted the “Universities and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Targets and Practices” Conference with the United Nations Institute for

²¹⁹ The Kingdom concludes its participation in WEF AM 2024 with announcement to host WEF Special Meeting in Riyadh, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 15 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/The-Kingdom-concludes-its-participation-in-WEF-AM-2024-with-announcement-to-host-WEF-Special-Meeting-in-Riyadh.aspx>

²²⁰ OECD and Saudi Arabia sign MoU to deepen co-operation and support reforms, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/oecd-and-saudi-arabia-sign-mou-to-deepen-co-operation-and-support-reforms.htm>

²²¹ Saudi Arabia expands partnership with World Economic Forum’s UpLink Platform to catalyze breakthrough innovations, achieve sustainable development goals, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-expands-partnership-with-World-Economic-Forums-UpLink-platform.aspx>

²²² HE Minister of Economy and Planning meets with Managing Partner, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-meets-with-Managing-Partner-Copenhagen-Infrastructure-Partners.aspx>

²²³ UNITAR AND CIFAL SAUDI ARABIA LEAD CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (Geneva) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://unitar.org/about/news-stories/news/unitar-and-cifal-saudi-arabia-lead-conference-sustainable-development-goals>

²²⁴ Saudi Arabia Officially Joins the International Coffee Organization, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 20 February 2024. Access date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2050984>

Training and Research.²²⁵ This conference aimed to consolidate global academic institutions and reaffirm strategies for fostering sustainable development through education.

On 20 February 2024, the Saudi Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz, signed an agreement incorporating the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia into the International Coffee Organization.²²⁶ This agreement aims to engage in initiatives that promote productivity, quality and sustainability of coffee-producing countries.

On 29 February 2024, the Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen AlFadley, attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.²²⁷ During this multilateral session, Minister AlFadley reaffirmed the commitment to sustainable development through international partnerships and an open invitation to important environmental events.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Alibrahim convened with Chief Executive Officer of Global Partnership for Education Laura Frigenti to discuss efforts to transform the education sector in promoting sustainable economic growth.²²⁸

On 4 March 2024, the First International Conference on Sand and Dust Storms was hosted in Riyadh by the Saudi National Center for Meteorology, the World Meteorological Organization and the Sand and Dust Storm Warning Regional Center.²²⁹ This multilateral conference served as a forum for strategic collaboration including a discussion session focused on the development of an international cooperation framework that would align with SDGs.

On 22 March 2024, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad signed two development agreements with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz.²³⁰ The agreements financed USD101 million for hydropower stations, fortifying opportunities for sustainable development.

On 2 April 2024, the Royal Commission for AlUla signed a partnership agreement with the Cultural Heritage Administration of China's Henan Province.²³¹ The partnership aimed to strengthen bilateral information sharing to enhance tourism and sustainable development.

²²⁵ Minister Al-Fadhli: The Kingdom's environmental initiatives have contributed to enhancing the ability to address contemporary environmental challenges at the regional and international levels, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News8542020.aspx>

²²⁶ HE Minister of Economy and Planning discusses with the CEO of Global Partnership for Education the Kingdom's efforts in transforming the education sector to achieve sustainable economic growth, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-discusses-with-the-CEO-of-Global-Partnership-for-Education.aspx>

²²⁷ Minister Al-Fadhli: The Kingdom's environmental initiatives have contributed to enhancing the ability to address contemporary environmental challenges at the regional and international levels, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News8542020.aspx>

²²⁸ HE Minister of Economy and Planning discusses with the CEO of Global Partnership for Education the Kingdom's efforts in transforming the education sector to achieve sustainable economic growth, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-discusses-with-the-CEO-of-Global-Partnership-for-Education.aspx>

²²⁹ First International Conference on Sand and Dust Storms Calls for Global Collaboration, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2060715>

²³⁰ SFD Signs Two Development Loan Agreements Worth \$101 Million to Support Pakistan Clean Energy Sector, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2071737>

²³¹ AlUla Royal Commission Signs Strategic Partnership with China's Henan Province, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 2 April 2024. Access date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2077368>

On 15 April 2024, Prince Faisal participated in the Gulf Cooperation Council – Central Asia Strategic Dialogue second ministerial meeting.²³² The meeting aimed to fortify multilateral partnerships to cooperate on strengthening artificial intelligence within a sustainable and circular economy and digitalization.

On 16 April 2024, the SFD signed a development loan agreement with the government of Saint Kitts and Nevis for USD40 million.²³³ The agreement aimed to bolster renewable energy sector in the country by financing the expansion of a power plant project, facilitating the sustainable energy transition.

On 16 April 2024, Minister of Tourism Ahmed bin Aqeel Al-Khateeb led the Saudi Arabian delegation at the UN General Assembly Sustainability Week.²³⁴ This event reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to SDGs through Minister Al-Khateeb's open invitation to collaborate on the Red Sea Projects.

On 18 April 2024, the SFD signed a USD50 million development loan agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.²³⁵ The objective of this financing is to enhance sustainability and resilience to improve infrastructure adaptation to climate change effects, reaffirming Saudi Arabia's commitment to sustainable development goals.

On 24 April 2024, Deputy Governor of the Saudi General Authority for Foreign Trade for International Organizations and Agreements Fareed bin Saeed Al-Asaly participated in the second meeting of the Trade and Investment Working Group.²³⁶ The meeting focused on strategizing for sustainable development for women's participation, investment agreements and multilateral trade.

On 27 April 2024, Saudi Arabia as a member of the Islamic Development Bank approved USD418 million to fund new development projects.²³⁷ These projects committed to supporting the SDGs and focus on renewable energy. This funding agreement aimed to provide funding to Tajikistan, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Turkey.

On 28 April 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina.²³⁸ This agreement promotes bilateral participation in sustainable international development, notably financing of development projects in African developing countries.

On 28 April 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture declare World Environment Day with the United Nations Environment Programme.²³⁹ This aims to focus attention on sustainable

²³² Joint Statement Issued Following GCC-Central Asia Strategic Dialogue Second Ministerial Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2083189>

²³³ Saudi Fund for Development Signs \$40 Million Developmental Loan Agreement to Support Energy Sector in Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2085066>

²³⁴ Tourism Minister Leads Saudi Delegation at UNGA Sustainability Week, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2085044>

²³⁵ SFD Signs \$50 Million Developmental Loan Agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2086191>

²³⁶ IsDB Approves \$418 Million to Boost Clean Energy, Food Security, and Transport in Tajikistan, Benin, Cote 'd Ivoire, Türkiye, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 27 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2090776>

²³⁷ Saudi Delegation Participates in Second Meeting of Trade and Investment Working Group during Brazil's Presidency of G20, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092398>

²³⁸ SFD, AfDB Sign MoU to Promote Sustainable Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092598>

²³⁹ المملكة والأمم المتحدة تطلقان حملة الإعلان عن اليوم العالمي للبيئة لمكافحة التصحر واستعادة الأراضي المتدهورة، Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9002020.aspx>

development to repair desertification and environmental restoration and includes multilateral participation for environmental conservation.

On 28 April 2024, Minister of Commerce Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, met with Malaysia's Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Tengku Zafrul Abdul Azisz, Korea's Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Lee Chang-Yang and Tanzania's Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade Ashatu Kijaji at the World Economic Forum Special Meeting.²⁴⁰ This multilateral meeting included discussions about partnership capacities to enhance sustainable development objectives.

On 30 April 2024, Acting Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Social Development for Social Development Soltan Al-Jurais attended the 11th Asia Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference.²⁴¹ The conference served as a forum for strengthening multilateral dialogue on "Government-Cooperative Partnership for Cooperative Resilience, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth in Asia Pacific & MENA [Middle East and North Africa] Region."

On 30 April 2024, the Advisor to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture Yousri Matar facilitated the Third Saudi Water Forum 2024.²⁴² This event provided a space for dialogues on the use of artificial intelligence in water conservation to support the SDGs.

On 30 April 2024, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center launched a funding package to the Lives and Livelihoods Fund, organized by the Islamic Development Bank Group.²⁴³ The fund aims to acquire financing required to support sustainable development projects across the member countries.

On 30 April 2024, the Vice Minister of Economy and Planning, Ammar Nagadi, met with the Under Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Haoliang Xu.²⁴⁴ This bilateral meeting included dialogues pertaining to international development to support Saudi Arabia's objectives of SDGs.

On 30 April 2024, the Saudi Tourism Investment Company signed an investment agreement with the Tamimi-AWN Alliance company and Royal Commission for Yanbu.²⁴⁵ This public-private partnership aims to bolster Saudi Arabian tourism with a focus on promoting sustainable development and innovation.

On 6 May 2024, the SFD and the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office signed a joint cooperation arrangement.²⁴⁶ This agreement entailed a bilateral commitment to advance development issues and enhance the international development capacity of relevant organizations.

²⁴⁰ Commerce Minister Meets with Ministers and Officials at the World Economic Forum, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092606>

²⁴¹ Joint Statement on Energy Cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Uzbekistan, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2095319>

²⁴² خبراء دوليون: تقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي توفر (45%) من استهلاك الطاقة في إنتاج المياه, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9082020.aspx>

²⁴³ KSrelief Signs Charter of IsDB-affiliated Lives and Livelihoods Fund, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093780>

²⁴⁴ Vice Economy Minister Receives UNDP Under-Secretary-General, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093835>

²⁴⁵ Baheej, Royal Commission for Yanbu Sign Investment Agreements at Future Hospitality Summit, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093751>

²⁴⁶ Saudi Fund for Development and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office Join Forces to Advance Global Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2096804>.

On 7 May 2024, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom concluded the Strategic Dialogue on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance.²⁴⁷ This forum opened dialogue regarding the coordination of joint aid delivery to fulfil the SDGs to maximum impact.

On 8 May 2024, Minister AlFadley met the Republic of Senegal's Prime Minister, Othman Sonko.²⁴⁸ This meeting reaffirmed bilateral commitments to supporting further coordination to enhance agricultural and food security development.

On 13 May 2024, Minister AlFadley met with Kenya's Minister of Treated Water and Irrigation during the Tenth World Water Forum.²⁴⁹ This bilateral conversation included strategizing on sustainable water management and water financing.

On 19 May 2024, Minister AlFadley attended the Tenth World Water Forum in Indonesia. During the meeting, he met with Florica Funck, Director General of the Environment Department of the European Union; Amy Khor, Minister of First State for Sustainability and Environment of Singapore; Giuseppe Serra, Deputy Minister of Environmental Transformation and Demographic Challenge in Spain; Saroj Kumar, Director of the Water Sector at the World Bank; and the representative of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Special Envoy for Water in the Dutch government.²⁵⁰

On 22 May 2024, Governor of the Saudi Central Bank Ayman Al-Sayari alongside members of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Finance attended the Joint Annual Meetings of Arab Financial Institutions.²⁵¹ These discussions aimed to enhance coordination efforts of Arab financial institutions to fortify plans in fulfilling sustainable development goals.

On 23 May 2024, Secretary General of the Digital Cooperation Organization, Deemah AlYahya met with Egypt's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Dr. Amr Talaat and Secretary General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit.²⁵² This meeting reaffirmed the organization's multilateral commitments to promoting Egypt's digital transformation strategy and promoting Sustainable Development Goals through public-private partnerships.

On 26 May 2024, Minister of Finance Mohammed Bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan attended the third meeting of the G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.²⁵³ Minister Al-Jadaan participated in multilateral dialogues on issues of Artificial Intelligence and its use to strengthen sustainable development through equitable financing needs.

²⁴⁷ Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom Conclude High-Level Strategic Dialogue on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2097678>.

²⁴⁸ المملكة والسنغال تتفقان على تعزيز التعاون في مجالات الزراعة والأمن الغذائي, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9182020.aspx>.

²⁴⁹ وزير "البيئة" يعقد اجتماعات ثنائية مع الجزائر وكينيا على هامش المنتدى العالمي العاشر للمياه, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9312020.aspx>.

²⁵⁰ وزير "البيئة" يعقد اجتماعات ثنائية على هامش المنتدى العالمي العاشر للمياه في إندونيسيا, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 19 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9282020.aspx>.

²⁵¹ SAMA Governor Heads Saudi Delegation to Joint Annual Meetings of Arab Financial Institutions, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2108259>.

²⁵² DCO Secretary General Meets with Egyptian Minister of Communications and IT, Arab League Secretary General, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2109293>.

²⁵³ Al-Jadaan Participates in Third G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2110399>.

On 4 June 2024, the Saudi Delegation led by Governor of the Communications, Space and Technology Commission, Mohammed Saud Al-Tamimi attended the International Telecommunication Union Council.²⁵⁴ Their participation aimed to strengthen international cooperation in the information and communication technologies and supporting the digital transition in developing countries.

On 5 June 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture organized the World Environment Day initiative with the United Nations Environment Programme.²⁵⁵ This aimed to enhance strategies regarding sustainable agricultural systems in the region and the world.

On 6 June 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD approved of a development loan agreement with El Salvador's Minister of Finance, Jerson Posada.²⁵⁶ The loan amounting to USD83 million aims to fund water treatment and power generation projects, fulfilling advancement towards SDGs.

On 7 June 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD committed the first development loan worth USD103 million with the Vice Minister of Finance and Public Credit of Nicaragua, Bruno Gallardo.²⁵⁷ The agreement aims to support developmental plans and strengthen future sustainable development goals.

On 12 June 2024, Minister AlFadley met with Tajikistan's President, Emomali Rahmon.²⁵⁸ The bilateral dialogues entailed plans to strengthen development initiatives regarding the environmental, water and agricultural industries.

On 26 June 2024, Minister Al-Jadaan attended the Development Forum and Ministerial Council meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.²⁵⁹ A tripartite agreement signed by Minister Al-Jadaan, Director-General of the Organization Fund, and Somalia's Minister of Finance, Bihi Iman supporting Somalia's economy recovery. This agreement reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals through the promotion of financial inclusion and accessible financing.

On 26 June 2024, the Saudi Export-Import Bank and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund signed a memorandum of understanding.²⁶⁰ This agreement aimed to reaffirm commitment to support development initiatives and the introduction of Saudi non-oil exports in mutual markets to promote global sustainable development efforts.

On 28 June 2024, Deputy Governor of the General Authority of Foreign Trade for International Organizations and Agreements, Fareed bin Saeed Al-Asaly participated in the Third Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting.²⁶¹ This meeting allowed for G20 relationships to be strengthened

²⁵⁴ Saudi Delegation participates in the ITU Council 2024, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2116324>.

²⁵⁵ المملكة تدشن فعاليات اليوم العالمي للبيئة بمشاركة محلية ودولية واسعة.. وتؤكد على ضرورة التكاتف لمواجهة تدهور الأراضى والتصحر والجفاف, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9612020.aspx>.

²⁵⁶ SFD Signs First Development Loan Agreement worth \$83 Million to Support Water and Energy Generation in El Salvador, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2117852>.

²⁵⁷ SFD Signs \$103 Million Agreement to Construct, Equip Hospital in Nicaragua, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2118347>.

²⁵⁸ المملكة وطاجيكستان تبحثن تعزيز فرص التعاون في قطاعات البيئة والمياه والصناعات الغذائية, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 12 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9712020.aspx>.

²⁵⁹ Finance Minister Concludes Participation in OPEC Development Forum, Ministerial Council Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2129843>.

²⁶⁰ Saudi EXIM Bank Signs MOU with OPEC Fund for International Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2129601>.

²⁶¹ Saudi Arabia's Delegation Participates in TIWG's 3rd Meeting During Brazilian G20 Presidency 2024, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2130369>.

through dialogue on the G20 framework priorities, including sustainable development in investment agreements and accessible financing.

On 30 June 2024, the Islamic Development Bank approved an allocation of USD368.98 million for development projects in Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Suriname.²⁶² These projects aimed to promote sustainable development with focus on infrastructure, health, education and energy sectors. The investment will be allocated by USDD165 million to Türkiye, USD47.98 million to Suriname and USD156.3 million to Turkmenistan.

On 4 July 2024, the Saudi Contractors Authority participated in the Türkiye-Saudi Arabia Construction Forum.²⁶³ This meeting provided a forum for bilateral dialogue to reaffirm cooperation regarding infrastructural and sustainable development.

On 8 July 2024, the Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadel Alibrahim attended the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.²⁶⁴ This multilateral meeting served as a forum to assess international efforts and progress regarding the Sustainable Development Goals under the 2030 Agenda. The Ministry held an event titled “Stimulating Local Efforts for the SDGs” which reaffirmed their commitment to promoting multilateral partnerships.

On 8 July 2024, Minister AlFadley and Governor of the General Authority for Food Security, Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al-Fares met with Thailand’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mars Sangiambunsa.²⁶⁵ This meeting reaffirmed cooperative partnerships regarding progress in food security and environmental development and strengthened bilateral commitments to achieving food security and afforestation.

On 11 July 2024, the Saudi Water Authority signed a collaborative agreement with the World Bank.²⁶⁶ This agreement entails documentation of the authority’s expertise regarding water development and knowledge-sharing with developing countries to enhance global sustainable development efforts. This will be achieved by utilizing research capacities of the Water Technologies Innovation Institute and Research Advancement.

On 17 July 2024, the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority alongside the International Center for Artificial Intelligence Research and Ethics and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization signed a tripartite agreement.²⁶⁷ This agreement aimed to enhance the center’s capacities of promoting global artificial intelligence development by classifying it as a Category II institution under the purview of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO).

On 20 July 2024, the King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity “Mawhiba” and UNESCO Lidia Arthur Brito signed a partnership agreement between Saudi Arabia

²⁶² IsDB Allocates \$368.98 Million for Development Projects in Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Suriname, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2130857>.

²⁶³ Saudi Contractors Authority Delegation Seeks to Enhance Cooperation at Türkiye-Saudi Arabia Construction Forum, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2133572>.

²⁶⁴ Saudi Arabia to Participate in 2024 UN-High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2134757>.

²⁶⁵ Kingdom, Thailand discuss strengthening bilateral work in agriculture, food security and environment, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 July 2024

²⁶⁶ Saudi Water Authority Signs Collaboration Agreement with World Bank, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2136965>.

²⁶⁷ Tripartite Agreement of Saudi Government, UNESCO and ICAIRE Boosts Interest of the Wise Leadership in Regulating AI Ethics Globally, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2140348>.

and UNESCO.²⁶⁸ The partnership aimed to advance innovation and sustainable development through shared commitments to education throughout Arab countries.

On 22 July 2024, Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadel Alibrahim participated in the G20 Development Ministers' Meeting session titled "Ensuring Access to Water".²⁶⁹ This session reaffirmed multilateral commitments to identifying solutions to scarcity of freshwater resources, sanitation, human development and global health improvement.

On 22 July 2024, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef visited Brazil's Butantan Institute.²⁷⁰ The Butantan Institute focuses on vaccine development and production of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. Minister Alkhorayef strengthened bilateral public and private partnerships with Brazil and reaffirmed commitments to sustainable development through continued vaccine and pharmaceutical development.

On 5 September 2024, Saudi Ambassador to Tunisia Abdulaziz bin Ali Al-Saqr, Tunisian Minister of Health Mustapha Ferjani, and the SFD Director-General of Operations for Arab Countries Eng. Bandar bin Abdullah Al-Obeid signed a contract to construct and equip the King Salman bin Abdulaziz University Hospital in Tunisia.²⁷¹ The funding totals SAR85 million and will aid to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and bridge the development gap while stimulating economic activity. This funding is another in a long history of soft loans to Tunisia totalling SAR 1.23billion.

On 7 October 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD signed a memorandum of cooperation with Dr. Fahad bin Saad Abu Mouti, the Head of the Founding Team of the Global Water Organization.²⁷² This memorandum will focus on establishing a mechanism for international development and cooperation through the financing of water projects worldwide. This will contribute to the sustainable development goals of various countries.

Saudi Arabia has fulfilled its commitments to pursuing the SDGs by engaging through its engagement in multilateralism through partnerships and international conferences. It actively fosters international trade relationships to uphold this commitment, engaging in constant progress to achieve this.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

²⁶⁸ Mawhiba Signs Strategic Partnership with UNESCO to Foster STEM Education in Arab States, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 20 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://spa.gov.sa/en/N2141708>.

²⁶⁹ Minister of Economy and Planning Participates in the 'Ensuring Access to Water and Sanitation' Session Held During the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting in Brazil, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024.

²⁷⁰ Industry, Mineral Resources Minister Discusses Localization of Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Industry, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2142954>.

²⁷¹ The Saudi Fund for Development Witnesses the Signing of the Contract for the Construction of the King Salman University Hospital In Tunisia, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 5 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n802>

²⁷² Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Signs a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Global Water Organization to Support Water Projects Worldwide, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 7 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n815>

South Africa has actively promoted the SDGs through various national and international forums. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for South Africa, finalised for 2020-2025, is a crucial example of this commitment. It was developed with multiple stakeholders, aligning national priorities with the broader SDGs.²⁷³

On 12 September 2023, a significant discussion regarding digital transformation occurred during the SDGs Dialogue.²⁷⁴ This event brought together various stakeholders, including government departments, civil society, and the private sector, to discuss strategies for accelerating SDG achievement in South Africa. The dialogue emphasised the need for sustainable development to guide all developmental efforts.

On 10 September 2023, South Africa played a crucial role in advocating for the African Union's membership in the G20.²⁷⁵ This action intended to strengthen global economic governance and ensure that African countries can influence decisions on key issues affecting the continent. This indicates South Africa's efforts to enhance G20 cooperation and partnerships, particularly in representing and advancing the interests of the Global South.

Despite these efforts, there remains a gap in explicitly addressing the mobilisation of affordable and accessible financing and the significant role of tourism and culture as vehicles for achieving the SDGs, as outlined in the Goa Roadmap for Tourism. The available documentation and activities suggest substantial engagement in two of the four required New Delhi Summit commitment components.

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action to effectively and timely implement the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. While South Africa has demonstrated leadership in enhancing cooperation among G20 members and prioritised sustainable development through various national initiatives, further efforts are required to meet all components of the G20 commitment fully.

Thus, South Africa receives a 0.

Analyst: Sinan Amin Nabel

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 3 February 2024, the Minister of National Defense Yasar Guler announced the launch of the serial production contract of the four missile projects initiated in line with the needs of the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) has been signed.²⁷⁶ He further highlighted that these products will be valuable contributions to the Land Forces, which conduct intense and comprehensive activities, thus helping in combating terrorism in the region.

²⁷³ Sustainable Development Goals | United Nations in South Africa, United Nations, 12 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://southafrica.un.org/en/sdgs>.

²⁷⁴ Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation on Sustainable Development Goals dialogue, South African Government, 12 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za>.

²⁷⁵ President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes membership of the African Union in the G20," South African Government, 10 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/president-cyril-ramaphosa-welcomes-membership-african-union-g20>.

²⁷⁶ Dort Fuze Projesinin Tedariki Icin Imzalar Atildi, Hurriyet (Istanbul) 3 February 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduyus. Access Date: 28 February 2024. <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/ekonomi/dort-fuze-projesinin-tedariki-icin-imzalar-atildi-42400576>

On 6 February 2024, the Minister of Trade, Omer Bolat, announced on the one-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that struck mainly south-east of Türkiye a financial support package worth TRL 400 million for small businesses and craftsmen in the earthquake-affected areas of Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Malatya, and Adiyaman.²⁷⁷ In addition to rebuilding efforts in the earthquake-ravaged areas, Halkbank has provided subsidized financing support of TRL 2.2 billion with a 50% interest rate discount to businesses in the region, aiming to revitalize the local economy. Minister Bolat further articulated that the work on export credit and insurance support will continue for exporters in the earthquake-stricken regions. Moreover, renovation activities for around 650,000 heavily and moderately damaged residences are progressing rapidly. Over 200,000 contracts have been awarded to date, with construction advancing swiftly on many of these homes.

On 2 March 2024, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan visited Antalya to open a hospital with most advanced medical technologies and with a capacity of 1500 beds, thus significantly contributing to the city's development.²⁷⁸ The city hospital system is a new type of healthcare service, representing the government's significant investment in healthcare infrastructure. It aims to improve access to high-quality medical services and overall health outcomes for the population. This translates to a healthier workforce, enhancing development. Moreover, President Erdoğan declared that “with the vision of the Turkish Century, we have aimed for greater goals. Our aim is no longer to catch up with developed countries, but to take our place among the leading ones.” Additionally, as a tourist city, Antalya is expected to attract even more tourists for medical services as well.

On 21 March 2024, the Turkey Digital Transformation Office announced a new integrated service for compulsory military duties, launched on the e-government gateway, thus increasing efficiency in the process.²⁷⁹ Türkiye's advancements and role in digital transformation can be also demonstrated by the Head of the Higher Education Council, Erol Özvar, announcing plans to implement new artificial intelligence-focused programs in universities for the 2024 and 2025 academic years. Additionally, Türkiye is undertaking significant projects in the realm of digital transformation, such as the deployment of 5G technology and the Türksat 5A and 5B satellites to enhance broadcasting and internet capabilities. Other advancements include the development of smart cities and investments in automation and artificial intelligence. Digital transformation efforts continue to progress in the fields of transportation, healthcare, and infrastructure.²⁸⁰

On 25 March 2024, Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Ersoy announced the dates for the Türkiye Cultural Road Festival 2024.²⁸¹ This festival is designed to celebrate Türkiye's rich cultural heritage and stunning geography. It aims to emphasize the importance of integrating culture, art, and tourism into sustainable growth strategies, showcasing how these elements can work together to drive progress.²⁸² Türkiye's Ministry of Culture and Tourism, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme and Anadolu Efes, positions tourism as a path to sustainable development

²⁷⁷ Ticaret Bakanı Bolat'tan Deprem Bölgesine Finansman Desteği Müjdesi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Ticaret Bakanlığı (Ankara) 6 February 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduysus. Access Date: 28 February 2024.

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/haberler/ticaret-bakani-bolattan-deprem-bolgesine-finansman-destegi-mujdesi>

²⁷⁸ Cumhurbaşkanı Erdoğan, Antalya Şehir Hastanesinin Açılışını Gerçekleştirdi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 2 March 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduysus. Access Date: 28 February 2024.

<https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-102751/cumhurbaşkanı-erdogan-antalya-sehir-hastanesinin-acilisini-gerceklestirdi.html>

²⁷⁹ A New Integrated Service for the Compulsory Military Launched At the E-Government Gateway, Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Digital Transformation Office (Ankara) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024.

<https://cbddo.gov.tr/en/announcements/6733/askerligim-butunlesik-hizmeti-e-devlet-kapisi-nda-acildi>

²⁸⁰ Turkish higher education announces AI programs for 2024-25, Daily Sabah. 30 November 2023. Access Date:

<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/education/turkish-higher-education-announces-ai-programs-for-2024-25>

²⁸¹ About the Sustainable Tourism Program, Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency. Access Date 26 June 2024.

<https://tga.gov.tr/en/safe-and-sustainable-tourism/sustainable-tourism-program/about-the-sustainable-tourism-program>

²⁸² 2024 Yılı Türkiye Kültür Yolu Festivali Baslıyor (Ankara) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduysus.

Access Date 25 May 2024. <https://basin.ktb.gov.tr/TR-368607/2024-yili-turkiye-kultur-yolu-festivalleri-basliyor.html>

through the “Future is in Tourism Project.” Initiatives like the Lavender Scented Village Project, where Türkiye’s 93% share of lavender comes from, create local entrepreneurship opportunities, especially for women, thus generating revenue, employment, and increased community involvement.²⁸³ Türkiye aims to increase certified tourism rentals and boost visitor numbers from 56.7 million to 77 million within five years, with an estimated target revenue of reaching 100 billion dollars by 2028 because of this project.

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Türkiye provides credit assistance to families and businesses affected by earthquakes, while rapid infrastructure developments are underway. Additionally, investments in healthcare infrastructure and defense are crucial for inclusive and sustainable development. Investments in the defense sector and technology are crucial for countries such as Türkiye that are strategically located. Thus, fostering the stability of the country through defense serves as the platform for development. Furthermore, research and innovation play integral roles in infrastructure development, healthcare, and defense systems.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gorduyus

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 26 January 2024, the UK’s Office for National Statistics provided an updated framework for tracking the country’s progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.²⁸⁴ This framework includes a comprehensive monitoring and reporting system that is essential for evaluating the UK’s ongoing On 15 February 2024, the UK government hosted the "Technology for Climate Action" event at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, showcasing how digital and technological advancements are integrated into the government's sustainability efforts. 151 The event highlighted significant contributions from various sectors towards reducing environmental impacts through innovation and sustainable technology practices.

On 7 October 2024, a delegation from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs arrived in Guatemala 7 to assess the progress of the UK’s Biodiverse Landscapes Fund.²⁸⁵ The fund aims to protect biodiversity, reduce poverty while addressing the impacts of climate change while maintaining Guatemalan environmental priorities until 2029. The delegation also shared plans for addressing environmental issues such as the loss of flora and fauna.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action to effectively and timely implement the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. The UK's structured approach to SDG reporting, its emphasis on integrating sustainability into digital and technology projects, and its participation in international sustainability efforts demonstrate its

²⁸³ Future is in Tourism, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. (n.d.). Access Date 23 June 2024. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/future-tourism-0>.

²⁸⁴ Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals - GOV.UK (London) 15 February 2024. Access date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementing-the-sustainable-development-goals/implementing-the-sustainable-development-goals--2>

²⁸⁵ UK delegation visits Guatemala to reinforce environmental cooperation, British Embassy Guatemala City (London) 7 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-delegation-visits-guatemala-to-reinforce-environmental-cooperation>

commitment. However, a full compliance score cannot be justified without comprehensive evidence addressing all specific components of the New Delhi Summit's commitments.

Thus, the UK receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sinan Amin Nabel

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 12 December 2023, the USAID Enterprises for Development, Growth and Empowerment (EDGE) Fund announced USD1.4 million in funding for a new Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation initiative in the Dominican Republic.²⁸⁶ This will empower small- and medium-sized enterprises and women-owned businesses to capitalize on nearshoring opportunities and enhance trade.

On 12 December 2023, the Carnegie Africa Program organized a stocktaking event for the Digital Transformation with Africa (DTA) initiative, launched at the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit hosted by President Joe Biden in December 2022.²⁸⁷ The review found that DTA had invested USD82 million in year one, with a focus on Digital Economy and Infrastructure, Human Capital Development, and Digital Enabling Environment.

On 22 December 2023, the Pandemic Fund announced a grant envelope of USD500 million for its second round of funding to assist low- and middle-income countries scale up efforts to prepare for future pandemics.²⁸⁸

On 21 February 2024, Secretary of State Antony Blinken attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.²⁸⁹ The goal was to enhance cooperation between G20 members and address issues of global concern such as food insecurity, climate change, workers' rights and geopolitical instability.

On 23 February 2024, Secretary Blinken participated in a joint press availability with Argentine Foreign Minister Diana Mondino after meeting in Buenos Aires.²⁹⁰ They discussed issues including economic partnership, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and improving security in Haiti, thereby enhancing the US-Argentine partnership.

On 6 March 2024, the Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF) announced the appointment of nine global leaders in digital inclusion to its first Advisory Council. WiDEF, launched by Vice President Kamala Harris in March 2023, is a joint effort between USAID and the Bill and Melinda

²⁸⁶ EDGE Fund Initiative with the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, U.S Embassy in Chile (Santiago) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://cl.usembassy.gov/edge-fund-initiative-with-the-global-alliance-for-trade-facilitation/>

²⁸⁷ Tracking Progress of the U.S. Digital Transformation With Africa Initiative, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/03/11/tracking-progress-of-u.s.-digital-transformation-with-africa-initiative-pub-91947/>

²⁸⁸ The Pandemic Fund Announces Second Round of Funding with Half-a-Billion-Dollar Envelope, The World Bank (Washington) 22 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2023/12/22/the-pandemic-fund-announces-second-round-of-funding-with-half-a-billion-dollar-envelope>

²⁸⁹ United States Engagement with the G20, US Department of State (Washington) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-engagement-with-the-g20-2/>

²⁹⁰ Secretary Anthony J. Blinken And Argentine Foreign Minister Diana Mondino At a Joint Press Availability, US Department of State (Buenos Aires) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-argentine-foreign-minister-diana-mondino-at-a-joint-press-availability/>

Gates Foundation to accelerate progress on closing the gender digital divide. Members represent the private sector, civil society, government, and research communities to inform WiDEF strategy.²⁹¹

On 9 March 2024, the Biden Administration announced its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget proposal, compiling requests for funding to address domestic and global concerns.²⁹² It requested USD 3 billion for strategic climate investments that support bilateral, plurilateral and global programs and initiatives to reduce emissions. It also requested USD250 million for the Partnership for Global Investment and Infrastructure, which aims to mobilize funding to support the infrastructure needs of low- and middle-income countries.

On 10 April 2024, President Joe Biden welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for an official visit to the White House in Washington DC.²⁹³ At the summit they reaffirmed their commitment to the US-Japan bilateral partnership, including defence cooperation and private sector-led two-way investment to lead global economic growth.

On 11 April 2024, the Department of State and Airbnb announced its partnership to support binational tourism with a focus on cross-cultural connections and economic opportunity in rural areas. The Department's International Visitor Leadership Program will bring Japanese tourism and hospitality professionals to the United States to collaborate with American peers and study best practices in rural tourism. This program

On 24 April 2024, Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Helaina Matza travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to advance ongoing efforts to facilitate strategic infrastructure investments in logistics and green transportation, critical minerals supply chains, and accelerate clean energy transformation in agriculture and clean fuel sectors. Acting Special Coordinator Matza met with government officials and private sector partners to discuss potential infrastructure projects and financing opportunities.²⁹⁴

On 8 July, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York.²⁹⁵ Jonathan Shrier, US Deputy Representative to ECOSOC, delivered remarks demonstrating its commitments to accelerate progress of the 2030 Agenda, including investments in global food security, global health and private sector investment.²⁹⁶ This indicates the United States' commitment to mobilizing accessible funding for the SDGs.

On 17 July, Secretary Blinken hosted the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (Americas Partnership) Foreign Affairs track Ministerial meeting, bringing together representatives from 11 partner countries. They discussed plans to collaborate on supply chain resiliency, develop sustainable and high-standard infrastructure, improve access to the digital economy, expand entrepreneurship

²⁹¹ Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF) Announces Advisory Council Members, CARE International (N/A) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.care.org/news-and-stories/press-releases/women-in-the-digital-economy-fund-widef-announces-advisory-council-members/>

²⁹² FY 2025 Budget: Deliver Solutions for Shared Global Challenges, US Department of State (Washington) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/fy-2025-budget-deliver-solutions-for-shared-global-challenges/>

²⁹³ Japan-US Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. (https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html)

²⁹⁴ Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Matza's Travel to Brazil, U.S. Department of State (Washington) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. (<https://www.state.gov/acting-special-coordinator-for-the-partnership-for-global-infrastructure-and-investment-matzas-travel-to-brazil-2/>)

²⁹⁵ Ahead of Summit of the Future, countries commit to accelerate their delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations (New York) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://hlpf.un.org/2024>.

²⁹⁶ Remarks at the Opening Session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), United States Mission to the United Nations (Washington) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://usun.usmission.gov/remarks-at-the-opening-session-of-the-high-level-political-forum-hlpf/>.

opportunities, and advance clean energy goals.²⁹⁷ This meeting enhances bilateral relationships within the G20.

On 9 October 2024, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez travelled to Serbia to meet with President Aleksandar Vučić and other officials in order to advance the Minerals Security Partnership Forum which develops diverse and sustainable critical minerals supply chains while promoting trade and economic opportunities with the United States.²⁹⁸ His visit furthered the relationship between the two countries and highlighted the United States mission to will further develop economic, critical minerals, and energy cooperation in Serbia and throughout Europe.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. The US has taken action to mobilize financing to support developing countries in socio-economic development, while addressing the role of addressing digital divides through funded initiatives. The US encouraged G20 cooperation by participating in bilateral meetings with member states and reiterating its partnerships.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 3 December 2023, The European Investment Bank, and eight other multilateral development banks published a joint statement that presented concrete actions to enhance climate outcomes measurement, strengthen country-level collaboration, and increase co-financing and private sector engagement.²⁹⁹ This strong-action plan reaffirms commitments to “socially inclusive, gender responsive and nature positive climate and development action” across the globe.

On 5 December 2023, The European Union and the Government of Belgium announced a EUR25 million funding commitment to the Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) Facility to fund community-level adaptations to climate-vulnerable countries including Mozambique, Solomon Islands, Uganda and Tanzania.³⁰⁰ This strong action commitment is an inclusive approach to tackling some environmental objectives in the High-Level principles.

On 13 December 2023, the European Commission announced a EUR680 million investment package to fund five flagship projects in the Western Balkans to improve sustainable transportation in Albania

²⁹⁷ Americas Partnership Ministerial, U.S Department of State (Washington) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.state.gov/briefings-foreign-press-centers/americas-partnership-ministerial>.

²⁹⁸ Under Secretary Fernandez’s Travel to Serbia, US Department of State (Washington) 9 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.state.gov/under-secretary-fernandezs-travel-to-serbia/>

²⁹⁹ COP28: Multilateral Development Banks boost joint action on climate and development, European Investment Bank (Dubai) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-490-cop28-multilateral-development-banks-boost-joint-action-on-climate-and-development>.

³⁰⁰ The European Union and Belgium commit Euro 25M for adaptation with LoCAL (Dubai) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.uncdf.org/article/8551/the-european-union-and-belgium-commit-euro-25m-for-adaptation-with-local>.

and Montenegro, and clean energy in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.³⁰¹ This strong-action mobilization of finances shows progress towards meeting environmental objectives in the High-Level principles.

On 21 March 2024, representatives from Korea and the European Union held their 20th Joint Committee where they reiterated their commitment to multilateralism, and their cooperation with other G20 members. This less than strong action reaffirms cooperative actions to address the SDGs.

On 25 March 2024, the European Union and departments of the Philippine government unveiled ‘The Disaster Risk Reduction Enhancement at the Local Level Technical Assistance’ Program, which aims to reinforce local governments in the Philippines, in enhancing their disaster risk reduction and management.³⁰² The EUR4.28 million contributions by the European Union is a strong action that addresses all three overarching pillars of the commitment.

On 25 April 2024, the European Union Delegation to Indonesia, and Indonesia’s Ministry of Investment unveiled the “Attraction Plan for EU Investment in Indonesia” to attract investments in sectors in renewable energy, circular economies, and smart cities.³⁰³ This strong action plan promotes high-impact investments from both public, and private sectors that can address environmental and economic objectives in Indonesia.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to take strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles. The European Union’s has initiated multiple collaborative policies with other members and international organizations. These policies are both inclusive and collaborative.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tyler Dela Cruz Carriaga

³⁰¹ European Commission announces additional €680 million investment package for the Western Balkans under the Economic and Investment Plan, European Commission Press Corner (Brussels) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6364.

³⁰² PH, EU Launches Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Program to Enhance LGUs Readiness Capacities, Press and information team of the Delegation to Philippines (Manila) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/philippines/ph-eu-launch-disaster-risk-reduction-and-management-program-enhance-lgus-readiness-capacities_en

³⁰³ Indonesia and EU launch the Attraction Plan for EU Investment in Indonesia and strengthen investment cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam (Jakarta) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/node/440896_id?s=168.