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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		0	
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		+0.65 (83%)	

### 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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 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>

<sup>4</sup> G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) September 24, 2009. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqué0925.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.<sup>5</sup>

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.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup>

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.<sup>9</sup>

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.<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup>

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

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<sup>5</sup> 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>

<sup>6</sup> 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>

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

<sup>8</sup> 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>

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

<sup>10</sup> 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>

<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup>

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.<sup>14</sup>

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.<sup>15</sup>

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.<sup>16</sup>

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.<sup>17</sup>

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.<sup>18</sup>

### **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.”<sup>19</sup>

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

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

<sup>14</sup> 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>

<sup>15</sup> 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>

<sup>16</sup> 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>

<sup>17</sup> 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>

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

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

## Definitions and Concepts

The High-Level Principles are summarized as follows<sup>20</sup>:

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.

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<sup>20</sup> G20 2023 Action Plan on accelerating progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 12 June 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. [http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/G20\\_2023\\_Action\\_Plan\\_for\\_SDG.pdf](http://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.”<sup>21</sup>

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

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

[http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>22</sup> 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.”<sup>23</sup>

“Accelerate” is understood to mean “to hasten the progress or development of something”<sup>24</sup>

“Progress” is understood to mean “movement to an improved or more developed state”<sup>25</sup>

“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.<sup>26</sup> 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.<sup>27</sup> 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.<sup>28</sup> 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.<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup> 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.

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

[http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

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

<sup>25</sup> Progress, Cambridge Dictionary. Access Date: March 9 2024.

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

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

<sup>27</sup> 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>

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

[http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

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

[http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>30</sup> G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) June 12 2023. Access Date: March 9, 2024. <http://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.<sup>31</sup> 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.<sup>32</sup> 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.<sup>33</sup> 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.<sup>34</sup> 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.<sup>35</sup> 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.<sup>36</sup> The dialogue included commitments to

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<sup>31</sup> 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>

<sup>32</sup> 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>

<sup>33</sup> 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>

<sup>34</sup> 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>

<sup>35</sup> 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>

<sup>36</sup> 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>

strengthen the bilateral partnership and support Argentina in undertaking climate issues and sustainable development.

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.<sup>37</sup> 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.<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39</sup> 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.<sup>40</sup> 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.<sup>41</sup> 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.<sup>42</sup> 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

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<sup>37</sup> 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>

<sup>38</sup> 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>

<sup>39</sup> 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>

<sup>40</sup> 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/>

<sup>41</sup> 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>

<sup>42</sup> 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](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news24_e/infac_25feb24_e.htm)

Global Women's Breakfast hosted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.<sup>43</sup> This 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.<sup>44</sup> 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.<sup>45</sup> This meeting consolidated objectives to promote and protect human rights and collaborate within international organization frameworks.

On 1 March 2024, Undersecretary of Environment of the Ministry of the Interior, Ana Lamas, attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).<sup>46</sup> 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.<sup>47</sup> 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.<sup>48</sup> 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.

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<sup>43</sup> 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>

<sup>44</sup> 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>

<sup>45</sup> 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>

<sup>46</sup> 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>

<sup>47</sup> 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>

<sup>48</sup> 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-expoagro-2024>

On 6 March 2024, Minister Mondino alongside Secretary Vilella and Secretary Pazo, led a multilateral delegation on the agro-bioindustrial industry.<sup>49</sup> 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 proposal on environmental pollution and sustainability.<sup>50</sup> This initiative achieved 17 Sustainable Development objectives.

On 18 March 2024, Undersecretary of Environment Ana Lamas met with representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).<sup>51</sup> 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.<sup>52</sup> 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.<sup>53</sup> 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.<sup>54</sup> 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.

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<sup>49</sup> 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>

<sup>50</sup> Sincontaminación por plásticos 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-sincontaminacionporplasticos-la-premisa-de-la-onu-en-argentina-en-lollapalooza-2024>

<sup>51</sup> 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>

<sup>52</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00233.html)

<sup>53</sup> 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/>

<sup>54</sup> 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>

On 11 April 2024, the Secretary of Environment, Tourism and Sports, Daniel Scioli and Undersecretary Lamas met with representatives of the World Bank.<sup>55</sup> 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.

On 18 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with a representative of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.<sup>56</sup> 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.<sup>57</sup> 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.<sup>58</sup> 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.<sup>59</sup> This public-private partnership entailed the collaboration of sustainable development projects including the incorporation of renewable energy and forest management.

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

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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<sup>55</sup> 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>

<sup>56</sup> 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>

<sup>57</sup> 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>

<sup>58</sup> 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>

<sup>59</sup> 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>

### **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 Albanese 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.<sup>60</sup> 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 Albanese 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).<sup>61</sup> 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.<sup>62</sup> 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.

On 27 February 2024, Australia, issued a joint statement endorsing principles for the research and development of G6 wireless communication systems.<sup>63</sup> 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.<sup>64</sup> 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,

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<sup>60</sup> \$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>

<sup>61</sup> \$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>

<sup>62</sup> 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>

<sup>63</sup> 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>

<sup>64</sup> 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>

seniors, and people with disabilities.<sup>65</sup> 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.<sup>66</sup> 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.

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### **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.

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).<sup>67</sup> 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.<sup>68</sup> 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.<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> \$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>

<sup>66</sup> 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>

<sup>67</sup> 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/>

<sup>68</sup> 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>

<sup>69</sup> 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>



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.<sup>70</sup> 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 centered 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.<sup>71</sup> 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.<sup>72</sup> This ultimately serves to bridge the digital divide by providing digital literacy sources and internet access, and harnessing AI potential in agriculture, health, and education sectors.

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.

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### **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.<sup>73</sup> These principles aim for open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, resilient, and secure connectivity. By endorsing these principles alongside other

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<sup>70</sup> 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>.

<sup>71</sup> 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>

<sup>72</sup> 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>.

<sup>73</sup> 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>

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 for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis can apply for benefits.<sup>74</sup> This would benefit Indigenous-owned businesses; corporations and not-for-profit organizations; Métis Settlements; and Indigenous research, academic, or educational institutions.

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.

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### **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 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.<sup>75</sup> 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.<sup>76</sup> 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.<sup>77</sup> The plan outlines six key areas with 17 major tasks, including cultivating high-

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<sup>74</sup> 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>

<sup>75</sup> 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](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/policywatch/202312/04/content_WS656d967cc6d0868f4e8e1e20.html).

<sup>76</sup> 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](http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202401/t20240131_1113592.html).

<sup>77</sup> 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-ihcxcy7348833.shtml>.

level digital talent, fostering digital competence in schools, and ensuring all citizens have equal access to resources to reduce the digital divide.

On 7 March 2024, China's General Office of the State Council released new guidelines to optimize payment services across the country.<sup>78</sup> 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.<sup>79</sup> 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.<sup>80</sup> 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.<sup>81</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> 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](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202403/08/content_WS65eaad91c6d0868f4e8e4d52.html).

<sup>79</sup> 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>.

<sup>80</sup> 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/>

<sup>81</sup> 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/>

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 migration, and multi-level governance of migration was examined using a cross-cutting approach and other thematic priorities of the French program.<sup>82</sup>

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.<sup>83</sup>

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. 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.<sup>84</sup>

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.<sup>85</sup> 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.<sup>86</sup> The government is also investing in climate friendly infrastructure and power

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<sup>82</sup> 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/>

<sup>83</sup> Building a Skilled Cyber Security Workforce in Europe: Insights from France, Germany and Poland, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, (Paris) 06 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=oe&itemContentType=book](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/3673cd60-en/index.html?itemId=/content/publication/3673cd60-en&_csp_=188cb5d3123ccbc2b12e30e8dd2e4c0a&itemIGO=oe&itemContentType=book)

<sup>84</sup> 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>

<sup>85</sup> 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>

<sup>86</sup> 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>

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.

On 16 April 2024, Federal Chancellor, Olaf Scholz visited China to discuss “Joint sustainable action.”<sup>87</sup>

On 22 April 2024, Federal Chancellor Scholz opened a trade fair in Germany.<sup>88</sup> 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 Scholz urged G20 members to adhere to their Paris Climate Agreement targets.<sup>89</sup> He also pledged financial support to poor countries and those suffering from climate change. Scholz emphasized the importance of investing in sustainable production and technology.

Germany has fully complied with its commitments towards collection 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.

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.<sup>90</sup> 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.<sup>91</sup> The new model will promote environmental restoration, cultural preservation and community empowerment to guide its approaches to sustainable travel and tourism.

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<sup>87</sup> “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>

<sup>88</sup> 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>

<sup>89</sup> 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>

<sup>90</sup> 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>)

<sup>91</sup> 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>)

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.<sup>92</sup> 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.<sup>93</sup> 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.<sup>94</sup>

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.<sup>95</sup>

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.<sup>96</sup> The goal was to enhance 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.<sup>97</sup> 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.

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<sup>92</sup> 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/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1997896>)

<sup>93</sup> 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>)

<sup>94</sup> 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>)

<sup>95</sup> 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](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html))

<sup>96</sup> 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>)

<sup>97</sup> 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>)

On 27 February 2024, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, and MakeMyTrip signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signifying their public-private partnership.<sup>98</sup> 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.<sup>99</sup> 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.<sup>100</sup> 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.<sup>101</sup>

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.

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### **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.

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<sup>98</sup> 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-a-and-makemytrip-forge-historic-partnership>)

<sup>99</sup> 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>

<sup>100</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html)

<sup>101</sup> 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>

On 5 February 2024, Indonesia spearheaded the establishment of an alliance of countries at the United Nations in New York.<sup>102</sup> 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).<sup>103</sup> 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), dispatched aid consisting of 10 million doses of Bivalent oral polio vaccine to Afghanistan.<sup>104</sup> 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.<sup>105</sup> 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.<sup>106</sup> 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.<sup>107</sup> This decision was made during discussions in Hanoi, Vietnam, emphasizing the need for both countries to reduce trade barriers and

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<sup>102</sup> "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>

<sup>103</sup> 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>

<sup>104</sup> 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>.

<sup>105</sup> 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>

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<sup>106</sup> 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>

<sup>107</sup> 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>



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.

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.

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### **Italy: 0**

Italy 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 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.<sup>108</sup> 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.<sup>109</sup> 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.<sup>110</sup> 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.

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<sup>108</sup> 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-etioopia-ripartono-progetti-su-cooperazione-adattamento>

<sup>109</sup> COP28: il MASE aderisce al Fondo Amazzonia 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-amazzonia-con-cinque-milioni>

<sup>110</sup> 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>

On 7 December 2023, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Maria Tripodi met with Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Michael Tene.<sup>111</sup> The meeting aimed to reaffirm 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.<sup>112</sup> 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+.<sup>113</sup> 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.<sup>114</sup> 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.<sup>115</sup> 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.<sup>116</sup> 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.

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<sup>111</sup> 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/](https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/12/incontro-tra-il-sottosegretario-tripodi-e-il-vice-segretario-generale-dellasean-michael-tene/)

<sup>112</sup> 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>

<sup>113</sup> 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/](https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2023/12/sviluppo-il-nuovo-strumento-del-fondo-rotativo-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo/)

<sup>114</sup> 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/>

<sup>115</sup> 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/](https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/the-joint-communicue-issued-by-the-g7-trade-ministers-on-7-february-2024/)

<sup>116</sup> 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/](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/)

On 27 February 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with Croatia's Prime Ministers Andrej Penković.<sup>117</sup> 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 economic partnerships, including G7 commitments to promote sustainable economic growth.<sup>118</sup> 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.<sup>119</sup> 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.<sup>120</sup> 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.<sup>121</sup> 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.<sup>122</sup> This trilateral meeting engaged perspectives on sustainable development and reaffirmed commitments to promoting sustainable industrial growth.

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<sup>117</sup> 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\\_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/italy-croatia-joint-declaration/](https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/italy-croatia-joint-declaration/)

<sup>118</sup> 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>

<sup>119</sup> 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/>

<sup>120</sup> 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>

<sup>121</sup> 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>

<sup>122</sup> 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>

On 15 April 2024, the G7 Italian Presidency alongside the United Nations Development Programme met with Director General of the African Union Commission Fathallah Sijilmassi.<sup>123</sup> 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.

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance engaged in the Multilateral Development Banks Callable Capital Exercise meeting.<sup>124</sup> 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 President of the Tunisian Republic Kais Saied. This meeting included the signing of three agreements to bolster the sustainable development of Tunisia.<sup>125</sup> 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.<sup>126</sup> 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 transitionary outcomes.

On 19 April 2024, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani attended the G7 meeting of Foreign Ministers on "Addressing global challenges, promoting partnerships."<sup>127</sup> 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.<sup>128</sup> The bilateral meeting entailed dialogue regarding the

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<sup>123</sup> 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>

<sup>124</sup> 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/>

<sup>125</sup> 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>

<sup>126</sup> 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>

<sup>127</sup> 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\\_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/04/g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-communique-capri-april-19-2024-addressing-global-challenges-fostering-partnerships/](https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/04/g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-communique-capri-april-19-2024-addressing-global-challenges-fostering-partnerships/)

<sup>128</sup> 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>

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.<sup>129</sup> This meeting included reaffirmed bilateral commitments to strengthen technological sectors such as the applications of artificial intelligence.

On 30 April 2024, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security signed the Joint Declaration of the G7 countries.<sup>130</sup> 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.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to promoting Sustainable Development Goals. 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 0.

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### **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.<sup>131</sup> 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.<sup>132</sup>

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

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<sup>129</sup> 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>

<sup>130</sup> 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>

<sup>131</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/page1_001532_00001.html)

<sup>132</sup> 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>

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.<sup>133</sup>

On 20 February, 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.<sup>134</sup>

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.<sup>135</sup>

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 significant contributions since its establishment in 1988.<sup>136</sup> 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.<sup>137</sup> This event enhances domestic partnerships to implement the 2030 SDGs Agenda.

On 10 April 2024, Prime Minister Fumio 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.<sup>138</sup>

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

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<sup>133</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/pageite_000001_00186.html)

<sup>134</sup> 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](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html)

<sup>135</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html)

<sup>136</sup> 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>

<sup>137</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/pagew_000001_00487.html)

<sup>138</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html)

transformations through public engagement and announcing the implementation of new domestic socio-economic policies.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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### **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.<sup>139</sup> 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.<sup>140</sup> This strong action agreement seeks to leverage capacities to tackle “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.<sup>141</sup> 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.<sup>142</sup> 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.<sup>143</sup>

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<sup>139</sup> 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>

<sup>140</sup> 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>

<sup>141</sup> 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>

<sup>142</sup> [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](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5689/view.do?seq=319619)

<sup>143</sup> 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>

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.<sup>144</sup> 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.”<sup>145</sup> 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.<sup>146</sup> This strong action might generate potential policy solutions towards economic and social goals for multiple economies.

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.

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### **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. 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.<sup>147</sup>

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<sup>144</sup> 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](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/republic-korea-20th-joint-committee-european-union-takes-place-seoul_en)

<sup>145</sup> 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>.

<sup>146</sup> 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/oece-en/brd/m\\_21596/view.do?seq=760618](https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/oece-en/brd/m_21596/view.do?seq=760618)

<sup>147</sup> Announce the Sustainable Tourism Project at the Islas Marias 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>



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.

On 22 January 2024, Russia and Vietnam resumed flights to promote tourism between the countries.<sup>148</sup>

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.<sup>149</sup>

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.<sup>150</sup>

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government drafted legislative amendments to offer more tax exemptions for the Era Technopolis, a centre for innovation.<sup>151</sup>

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government announced the allocation of RUB 1 billion to develop ski complexes for tourists.<sup>152</sup>

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.<sup>153</sup>

On 26 February 2024, Russia increased the number of openings for certain types of personnel training.<sup>154</sup>

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<sup>148</sup> 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/>)

<sup>149</sup> 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/>)

<sup>150</sup> 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/>

<sup>151</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

<sup>152</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

<sup>153</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50942/>

<sup>154</sup> 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/>

On 26 February 2024, the Russian government announced an allocation of over RUB 6 billion to assist in retraining workers.<sup>155</sup>

On 27 February 2024, the Russian government announced the creation of a tourist route in the occupied territory of Crimea.<sup>156</sup>

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.<sup>157</sup>

On 15 March 2024, the Russian government allocated RUB 12 billion for the long-term assistance for the elderly.<sup>158</sup>

On 5 April 2024, the Russian government promised to raise the limits on mortgages for specialists in information technology by RUB 200 billion.<sup>159</sup>

On 8 April 2024, the Russian government announced the subsidization of housing in the east of the country.<sup>160</sup>

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. Russia has also invested significantly into the promotion of Russian culture and tourism. It 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.

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### **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

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<sup>155</sup> 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/>

<sup>156</sup> 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/>

<sup>157</sup> 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/>

<sup>158</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51110/>

<sup>159</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51260/>

<sup>160</sup> 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/>

Climate Change Conference.<sup>161</sup> 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.<sup>162</sup> 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.<sup>163</sup> 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.<sup>164</sup> 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.<sup>165</sup> 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.<sup>166</sup> 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.

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<sup>161</sup> 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>

<sup>162</sup> 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>

<sup>163</sup> 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>

<sup>164</sup> 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>

<sup>165</sup> 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>

<sup>166</sup> 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.<sup>167</sup> 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.<sup>168</sup> The dialogue entailed potential investment to promote sustainable industrial development and the clean energy transition.

On 15 January 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, attended the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.<sup>169</sup> 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.<sup>170</sup> 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.<sup>171</sup> 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.<sup>172</sup> 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

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<sup>167</sup> 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>

<sup>168</sup> 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>

<sup>169</sup> 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>

<sup>170</sup> 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>

<sup>171</sup> 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>

<sup>172</sup> 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.<sup>173</sup> 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.<sup>174</sup> 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, Abdul Rahman bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Fadhli, attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.<sup>175</sup> During this multilateral session, Minister Al-Fadhli 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.<sup>176</sup>

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.<sup>177</sup> 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 Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad signed two development agreements with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz.<sup>178</sup> The agreements financed USD101 million for hydropower stations, fortifying opportunities for sustainable development.

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<sup>173</sup> 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>

<sup>174</sup> 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>

<sup>175</sup> 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>

<sup>176</sup> 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>

<sup>177</sup> 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>

<sup>178</sup> 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>

On 2 April 2024, the Royal Commission for AlUla signed a partnership agreement with the Cultural Heritage Administration of China's Henan Province.<sup>179</sup> The partnership aimed to strengthen bilateral information sharing to enhance tourism and sustainable development.

On 15 April 2024, Prince Faisal participated in the Gulf Cooperation Council – Central Asia Strategic Dialogue second ministerial meeting.<sup>180</sup> 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 Saudi Fund for Development signed a development loan agreement with the government of Saint Kitts and Nevis for USD40 million.<sup>181</sup> 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 United Nations General Assembly Sustainability Week.<sup>182</sup> This event reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to SDGs through Al-Khateeb's open invitation to collaborate on the Red Sea Projects.

On 18 April 2024, the Saudi Fund for Development signed a USD50 million development loan agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.<sup>183</sup> 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.<sup>184</sup> 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.<sup>185</sup> 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, the Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development, Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the President of the African Development Bank, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina.<sup>186</sup> This agreement promotes bilateral participation in

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<sup>179</sup> 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>

<sup>180</sup> 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>

<sup>181</sup> 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>

<sup>182</sup> 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>

<sup>183</sup> 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>

<sup>184</sup> 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>

<sup>185</sup> 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>

<sup>186</sup> 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>

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.<sup>187</sup> This aims to focus attention on sustainable development to repair desertification and environmental restoration and includes multilateral participation for environmental conservation.

On 28 April 2024, the Minister of Commerce, Dr. 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.<sup>188</sup> 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, Eng. Soltan Al-Jurais attended the 11th Asia Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference.<sup>189</sup> 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.<sup>190</sup> 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.<sup>191</sup> 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.<sup>192</sup> This bilateral meeting included dialogues pertaining to international development to support Saudi'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.<sup>193</sup> This public-private partnership aims to bolster Saudi Arabian tourism with a focus on promoting sustainable development and innovation.

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<sup>187</sup> المملكة والأمم المتحدة تطلقان حملة الإعلان عن اليوم العالمي للبيئة لمكافحة التصحر واستعادة الأراضي المتدهورة 28 April 2024. 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>

<sup>188</sup> 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>

<sup>189</sup> 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>

<sup>190</sup> خبراء دوليون: تقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي توفر (45%) من استهلاك الطاقة في إنتاج المياه 30 April 2024. 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>

<sup>191</sup> 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>

<sup>192</sup> 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>

<sup>193</sup> 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>

Saudi Arabia has fulfilled its commitments to pursuing 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.

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### **South Africa: 0**

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to take collective action to effectively and timely implement the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles.

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.<sup>194</sup> It was developed with multiple stakeholders, aligning national priorities with the SDGs.

A significant discussion regarding digital transformation occurred during the SDGs Dialogue on 12 September 2023. 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.<sup>195</sup> The dialogue emphasised the need for sustainable development to guide all developmental efforts.

Moreover, on 10 September 2023, South Africa played a crucial role in advocating for the African Union's membership in the G20. This move is intended to strengthen global economic governance and ensure that African countries can influence decisions on key issues affecting the continent.<sup>196</sup> 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.

Although 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.

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<sup>194</sup> Sustainable Development Goals | United Nations in South Africa, United Nations, 12 September 2023. Accessed on 7 May 2024. [<https://southafrica.un.org/en/sdgs>] (<https://southafrica.un.org/en/sdgs>)

<sup>195</sup> Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation on Sustainable Development Goals dialogue, South African Government, 12 September 2023. Accessed on 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za>

<sup>196</sup> President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes membership of the African Union in the G20," South African Government, 10 September 2023. Accessed on 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/president-cyril-ramaphosa-welcomes-membership-african-union-g20-10-sep-2023>



## **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.<sup>197</sup> 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.

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.<sup>198</sup> 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 Erdogan 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.<sup>199</sup> 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 Erdogan 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.

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 like Türkiye that are strategically located and have turmoil in surrounding countries in the region. Thus, fostering the stability of the country through defense serves as the platform for development. Furthermore, research and development/innovation play integral roles in infrastructure development, healthcare, and defense systems.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

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<sup>197</sup> Dort Fuze Projesinin Tedariki İçin İmzalar Atıldı, *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>

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### **United Kingdom: 0**

The United Kingdom 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, 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.<sup>200</sup> This framework includes a comprehensive monitoring and reporting system that is essential for evaluating the UK's ongoing commitment to sustainable development.

The UK's structured approach to SDG reporting efforts demonstrate its 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.

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### **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 (GATF) initiative in the Dominican Republic.<sup>201</sup> 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.<sup>202</sup> 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.<sup>203</sup>

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<sup>203</sup> 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>)

On 21 February 2024, Secretary of State Antony Blinken attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.<sup>204</sup> 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.<sup>205</sup> 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 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.<sup>206</sup>

On 9 March 2024, the Biden Administration announced its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget proposal, compiling requests for funding to address domestic and global concerns.<sup>207</sup> 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.<sup>208</sup> 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

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<sup>204</sup> 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/>)

<sup>205</sup> 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. ([www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-argentine-foreign-minister-diana-mondino-at-a-joint-press-availability/](https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-argentine-foreign-minister-diana-mondino-at-a-joint-press-availability/))

<sup>206</sup> 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/>)

<sup>207</sup> 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/>)

<sup>208</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html))

Coordinator Matza met with government officials and private sector partners to discuss potential infrastructure projects and financing opportunities.<sup>209</sup>

The United States 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. 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.

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### **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. This strong-action plan reaffirms commitments to “socially inclusive, gender responsive and nature positive climate and development action” across the globe.<sup>210</sup>

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. This strong action commitment is an inclusive approach to tackling some environmental objectives in the High-Level principles.<sup>211</sup>

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 and Montenegro, and clean energy in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina. This strong-action mobilization of finances shows progress towards meeting environmental objectives in the High-Level Principles.<sup>212</sup>

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.

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<sup>209</sup> 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/>)

<sup>210</sup> 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>

<sup>211</sup> 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>

<sup>212</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6364)

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. The EUR4.28 million contributions by the European Union is a strong action that addresses all three overarching pillars of the commitment.<sup>213</sup>

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. This strong action plan promotes high-impact investments from both public, and private sectors that can address environmental and economic objectives in Indonesia.<sup>214</sup>

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.

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<sup>214</sup> 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](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/node/440896_id?s=168)