

LET'S GET BACK ON TRACK TO TO ACHIEVE THE SDGs

PUSH FOR
GREATER UK
ACTION TO
DELIVER THE
GLOBAL GOALS!

The 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit took place on 18-19 September in New York, marking the halfway point of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. World leaders gathered to review progress of the goals and to guide the actions needed to achieve them by 2030. With multiple and interconnected crises slowing progress towards the SDGs, this summit represented a critical opportunity to get back on track. And yet the pledges made by the UK were still lacking the urgency needed to accelerate action and deliver on their commitments. As we move into the second half of the 2030 Agenda, the UK must re-establish itself as a leader of the SDGs and take action to ensure their delivery both domestically and internationally.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

The [SDGs](#) are 17 global goals that were adopted by United Nations Member States in 2015 as part of the broader [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). They act as a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet”. The SDGs are universal targets for all countries, not just those in receipt of development assistance, and include targets to end poverty and hunger, ensure quality education for all and achieve gender equality.

The UK showed a promising start, but little follow through

The UK played a prominent role in the formation of the SDGs, pushing for a universal framework and to reach those most in need. However the UK has since shown a disappointing [lack of commitment](#) to the SDGs, with little progress made on the targets laid out. In fact, just this year the UK [blocked agreement](#) on proposals that advocated for accelerating progress on the SDGs, threatening the ability for the world to take the critical action needed to achieve them by 2030.

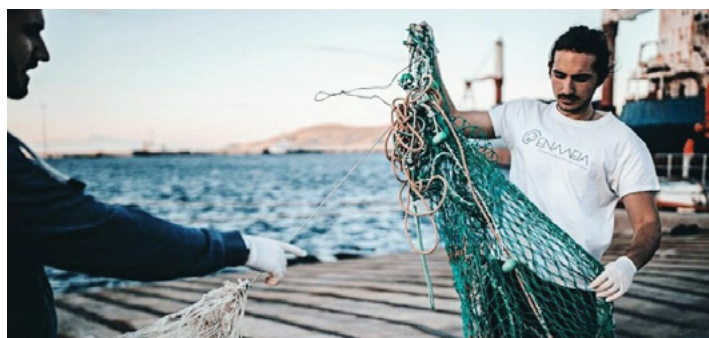
Outcomes from the SDG Summit

Rishi Sunak is the first UK Prime Minister not to attend the UN General Assembly in a decade, reinforcing the perception that the UK's commitment to international development is waning. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly attended the UN SDG Summit and announced the [UK's pledges](#) which included funding to improve the global financial system, as well as new UK support for education and climate preparedness. The commitments however are [“lagging behind”](#) the bold action needed to accelerate progress.



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UK'S ABILITY TO DELIVER
THE SDGs BY 2030.**

*Lefteris Aparakis founded [Mediterranean CleanUp \(MCU\)](#) in 2016 to teach fishermen how to fish more sustainably. Aparakis' project works towards SDGs 4, 8, 12, 13 and 14, and is funded for the next five years.
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Why should UK MPs know about the goals?

The SDGs lack strong accountability, which is one of the reasons they are so off track. Without accountability mechanisms, the goals rely on long term, sustained political will. MPs play an important role in ensuring the UK stays true to its word. Knowing that their constituents care about the SDGs means they are more likely to put pressure on the Government. On 19 October there will be a parliamentary debate on the SDGs and it is crucial that MPs attend to discuss the Summit outcomes and the UK's role in meeting the SDGs in the next 7 years.

Talking points for your letter:

- All 17 Sustainable Development Goals are at risk of not being met, with most severely off track at the halfway point. With the COVID-19 pandemic, effects of climate change and conflict, progress on some of the goals that had been made has even been reversed.
- UK leadership on the SDGs is important for its legitimacy in the field of international cooperation. The UK Government was an important player in shaping the SDGs; now it is crucial they do their part to actually see them through.
- MPs must ensure the UK stays on course with its global commitments. MPs are encouraged to attend the SDGs debate in Parliament hosted by Vicky Ford MP on 19 October. They should contact hannah.frisch@results.org.uk for more information and a briefing.
- The UK should take on board Bond's [recommendations](#) to achieve the SDGs, which include urging a greater commitment to tackling inequality, using evidence-based solutions to meet the SDGs and implementing a greater system of accountability and transparency.

TAKE ACTION!



Talk to your MP about the Sustainable Development Goals, why they are important and what the Government should be doing differently.



1. Write to your MP requesting a meeting with them to talk about the global goals. Urge them to attend the parliamentary debate on 19 October.

2. Prepare for the meeting using this [agenda template](#) and consider inviting other group members along for support.



3. Meet with your MP and brief them on how we are off-track to meet the SDGs.

4. Ask them to write to Development Minister Andrew Mitchell MP to adopt the [recommendations outlined by Bond](#) for the next period of action on the SDGs.

For support and to let us know that you've taken the action, email:
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