

Informal Consultations on the Summit of the Future (14 Feb'23)

ABOUT: The first informal consultation with MS on the SOTF was held on 14 February 2023. The session was moderated by the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Namibia, who are the co-facilitators for the SOTF. The meeting opened with presentations from the co-chairs of HLAB on their upcoming report and was followed by interventions from MS and closing remarks by the SOTF co-facilitators.

HEADLINES

The co-facilitators conveyed that they would remain flexible and reiterated that the SOTF will be a MS-driven process. A draft roadmap for the SOTF preparatory processes in 2023 was shared for inputs from MS. The co-Chairs of the HLAB presented preliminary information on their upcoming report due to be released in mid-April, with one of the co-Chairs mentioning that “our recommendations will be bold, based on evidence and science, and will be a reflection of peoples’ voices worldwide”.

Common Themes (have not been repeated below) – The SOTF was seen as an opportunity by several MS to make history in finding solutions to the cross-cutting issues and turbocharge the SDGs as mentioned by the SG. While MS welcomed the publication of the Policy Briefs (PBs) to use them as one of their inputs into the SOTF preparatory discussions, there were repeated calls for the co-facilitators to remain open to additional tracks and proposals beyond the PBs and OCA. Given the significant number of non-OCA negotiating tracks already underway, there was near consensus among MS to not duplicate work and seek to rationalize the different tracks. Most MS reiterated that the SOTF is a MS-led process and that MS must define the scope, elements and processes of the SOTF as per [GA Resolution 76/307](#). MS differed in their positions on whether to start preparations for the SOTF in 2023. On one end, MS preferred for the SDG Summit to be the main focus of 2023 with substantive negotiations on the SOTF to be held in 2024 and on the other end, to start preparations for the SOTF in 2023 to achieve an ambitious outcome in 2024. A second area where MS positions differed was multistakeholder participation with some welcoming consultations with NGOs and others reiterating that the SOTF is a MS-driven and led process.

Highlights:

Namibian Co-Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The question of whether there will be an outcome document in the 2023 SOTF Ministerial will be negotiated and determined by the MS ✚ By the Ministerial we should be prepared at the minimum with the major building blocks of the SOTF and achieve a strong political commitment for a transformative Pact for the Future
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, HLAB Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ We will provide specific recommendations on reform of the UN Security Council to make it more representative of today’s world ✚ We suggest a Global Regional Transparency Mechanism led by the UN in collaboration with regional bodies to jointly analyze security trends, share information and build capacity
Pakistan on behalf of Like-Minded Group of Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ We have concerns about recommendations to change the role of the Trusteeship Council and the concept of the Emergency Platform
Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ We believe it is important for some delegations to have an outcome document for the preparatory Ministerial Meeting in 2023. The SOTF modality resolution does not refer to this. If there is an outcome document for the Ministerial, there should be a resolution mandating the same

Guatemala	✚ More geographic and gender representation is required in the selection and appointment process of the SG and other Executive heads of UN Entities
Brazil	✚ On the scope of the SOTF, the original tracks proposed in the OCA report need to be reformulated and adjusted for a more balanced package that contemplates the core interests and priorities of the Global South
Russia	✚ One of the problematic elements with the SOTF in our view is that the holding of multilateral dialogue on space would circumvent the relevant committee in UN Vienna
Stefan Löfven, Co-Chair of HLAB	✚ On Financing, we are at a point where we need to move from billions to trillions, we are expecting and will also propose a huge Investment Plan

RESOURCES

1. [Recording of the Meeting](#)
2. [GA Resolution 76/307](#)
3. [Letter from the President of the General Assembly](#)
4. [Draft Roadmap for the SOTF](#)

STATEMENTS

5. [Stefan Löfven, Co-Chair of HLAB](#)
6. [Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, HLAB Co-Chair](#)
7. Cuba on behalf of G77 and China – [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
8. [European Union](#)
9. [Egypt on behalf of the African Group](#)
10. [South Africa](#)
11. [Russian Federation](#)
12. [Bolivia \(Plurinational State of\)](#)