



GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2027

Open Call for Stakeholder Inputs to Inform the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report

*This call for inputs from stakeholders is convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs on behalf of **the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS)** appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to draft **the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)**.*

The 2027 GSDR will be the third in a series of quadrennial reports, aiming to strengthen the science-policy-society interface and serve as a robust, evidence-based tool to support policymakers in accelerating progress toward poverty eradication and sustainable development. As mandated by UN Member States, the 2027 GSDR will inform the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the SDG Summit in September 2027, providing scientific guidance on the state of sustainable development globally, addressing emerging challenges, and offering actionable recommendations for governments and other stakeholders to better understand and navigate the complex relationships among social, environmental and economic development objectives in the last three years of SDG implementation and beyond.

*To support the **'assessment-of-assessments' nature** of the GSDR, the IGS would like to launch this **Open Call for Stakeholder Inputs** to: 1) understand stakeholder expectations for the 2027 GSDR, including what characteristics would make the report most relevant and useful; 2) gather examples of good practices and lessons learned in SDG implementation from practitioners working to strengthen science-policy-society interfaces at all levels, including what works at the local level and where the gaps are; 3) identify additional peer-reviewed assessments to complement the IGS' own research.*

The pdf version of the open call is available <https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2026-02/Open%20Call%20For%20Stakeholder%20Inputs%20GSDR%202027.pdf>. Only responses submitted through this online form will be considered in the analysis of stakeholder inputs.

Deadline for submitting inputs: Tuesday, 31 March 2026, 6 p.m. ET.

A summary of key messages as well as all responses will be shared with the IGS to inform their work on the 2027 GSDR. For more information about the IGS and the 2027GSDR, please visit sdgs.un.org/gsdr2027

Before starting, please tell us a bit more about you...

In which region of the world are you based? *

Oceania

Which country do you reside in? *

This list includes United Nations Member States, and at the end, Non-member States having received a standing invitation to participate as Observers in the Sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintaining Permanent Observer Missions at Headquarters.

Australia

Which age group do you belong to? *

What is your gender? *

Which type of stakeholder are you? *

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

What is the name of your organization? *

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What is your job title in this organization? *

Editor, Lead Writer, and a Director

Please share the official website of your organization.

<https://realkm.com/>

Are you submitting this response on behalf of your organization or in your personal capacity? *

On behalf of my organization

Section 1

Understanding Stakeholder Expectations

The 2027 GSDR is expected to inform the SDG Summit in 2027 by providing scientific evidence on the state of sustainable development globally and ways to accelerate progress and address emerging challenges. The Report aims to offer actionable and evidence-based recommendations for governments and other stakeholders to drive integrated action across social, environmental and economic dimensions in the last three years to 2030 and beyond. This section is designed to understand stakeholders' expectations for the 2027GSDR.

Question 1. Please identify the top three priority issues where stronger scientific synthesis and policy-relevant guidance in the 2027 GSDR are most needed to support integrated SDG implementation. (Maximum 150 characters per issue, maximum three issues)

Issue One: *

Multiple knowledges engagement

Issue Two: *

Decolonization of knowledge

Issue Three: *

Knowledge societies

Question 2. What type of guidance do you wish to see in the 2027 GSDR about how countries can advance sustainable development by 2030 and beyond? *

To recognize explicitly that knowledge and knowledge management are of key importance to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Question 3. If you are asked to name one thing that the 2027 GSDR could do to strengthen the science-policy-society interface for SDG implementation, what would that be? *

To adopt the knowledge-based goals of the Agenda Knowledge for Development (4th Edition) (Brandner & Cummings, 2025).

Section 2

Identify evidence-based good practices and lessons learned from SDG implementation to inform the GSDR

This section aims to identify concrete examples of integrated SDG implementation including policy tools, institutional arrangements, or implementation strategies that link social, environmental and economic objectives. The IGS are especially seeking cases from experience where integrated approaches have delivered results, addressed barriers, or produced useful lessons for policymakers, particularly welcoming inputs from low-resource settings, countries in special situations, as well as grassroots organizations.

Question 4. Based on your experience, what is the main challenge that needs to be addressed to strengthen integrated approaches to SDG implementation? *

To be able to successfully address complex problems such as climate change and social inequality, we need to listen to all voices, and the widest range of actors. We need to access local knowledge and ensure that all views and needs are shared to achieve holistic and comprehensive responses that address the roots and target the real needs. In short, the multiple knowledges of the widest range of different actors needs to be involved in SDG implementation.

Question 4. Please share **ONE** good practice/case study/policy tool from your work illustrating integrated implementation of the SDGs.

Short summary about the good practice/case study/policy tool *

Sustainable Management of the Helidon Hills Project

Partners involved *

All stakeholders relevant to the Helidon Hills geographic area, including Australian Government, Queensland Government (an Australian State Government) agencies, local governments, non-government organizations, landholders, farmers, businesses, and industries.

Short summary of barriers faced and how they were overcome *

The approximately 250 landholders of the Helidon Hills were engaged in a range of pursuits including timber harvesting, sandstone mining, ecotourism, nature conservation, and farming. Some of these pursuits were competing or in direct conflict with each other. The area also has Aboriginal and European cultural heritage. Management policy for the area was the responsibility of various local governments and state government agencies. This divergent array of objectives and perspectives made it very difficult to find a way forward that would not be opposed by at least some of the landholders and/or land managers. These barriers were overcome through a facilitated process that engaged the multiple knowledges of all stakeholders in a constructive dialogue.

SDG result/impact achieved *

A long-lasting and widely support sustainable management plan which has addressed SDGs 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 17.

Relevant link *

<https://realkm.com/2023/11/28/case-studies-in-complexity-part-6-tacit-knowledge-engagement-and-sharing-and-deliberative-conversations-in-the-helidon-hills/>

Section 3

References to Peer-Reviewed Materials to Further Strengthen 2027GSDR's Scientific Base (Optional, Targeting Scientists and Researchers)

Considering the "assessment-of-assessments" nature of the GSDR, this section is designed for **scientists and researchers** to share scientific references that are relevant to the GSDR themes to complement the IGS' own research and strengthen the scientific base of the 2027GSDR. In providing the scientific references, please follow the UN Style Guide: <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/editorial-manual/footnotes/chap-04#H>

If and only if you are a scientist or a researcher, please share scientific references to recent peer-reviewed assessments, systematic reviews/meta-analyses, and major scientific syntheses relevant to the priority issues you have identified in Question 1 above. Please provide links if available.

Brandner, A. & Cummings, S. (Eds.) (2025). Agenda knowledge for development: Strengthening Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. Fourth edition. <https://k4dp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Agenda-Knowledge-for-Development-4th-edition.pdf>

Boyes, B., Cummings, S., Habtemariam, F. T., & Kemboi, G. (2023). 'We have a dream': proposing decolonization of knowledge as a sixth generation of knowledge management for sustainable development. *Knowledge Management for Development Journal*, 17(1/2), 17-41. <https://km4djournal.org/index.php/km4dj/article/view/548/673>.

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