

**SCHEDULE OF UN ACTIVITIES
THAT MAY OF INTEREST TO ISA MEMBERS**

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Event	Description	Date / location	For more information
Le Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030 et la contribution des universités <i>[in French]</i>	Dans le cadre de l'initiative Impact académique des Nations Unies (UNAI), une série d'ateliers virtuels est organisée sur les Objectifs de développement durable pour montrer ce que les universités du monde entier ont fait dans leurs domaines respectifs, en faveur du Programme de développement durable.	2 February 2023 10:00 – 11:30 GMT -5 Online event	Le Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030 et la contribution des universités United Nations
Workshop on promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic	In its resolution 49/19, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human to convene a three-day workshop that will bring together key stakeholders for a discussion on practical ways to further enhance and strengthen the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.	6–8 February 2023 10:00 – 12:00 & 15:00 – 17:00 Tempus, Palais des Nations, Geneva & online platform (Zoom)	https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/meetings/2023/workshop-promoting-and-protecting-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-within
Closing ceremony of the Education is Peace Project	The UNESCO Beirut Office, in cooperation with King Salman Center Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief), is organizing a closing ceremony for the Education is Peace project. The closing ceremony aims to review the project's objectives, activities, major achievements and results, and future aspirations in view of building	9 February 2023 11:00 – 12:00	https://en.unesco.org/events/closing-ceremony-education-peace-project

	on the project outcomes and originating new activities and projects related to education for peace.	Beirut, Lebanon	
Documentary Screening, Nations United: Urgent Solutions for Urgent Times	Nations United is a special, first of its kind film, created by the United Nations on its 75th Anniversary and to mark five years since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals. In the midst of a pandemic radically transforming our world, Nations United tells the story of the world as it is, as it was, and as it could be. It focuses on the solutions and action we need to tackle poverty, inequality, injustice and climate change. Featuring the UN Secretary-General António Guterres and UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, Malala Yousafzai, Don Cheadle, Michelle Yeoh, Forest Whitaker, Thandie Newton, Sugata Mitra and an exclusive performance from Grammy nominated singer Burna Boy, and a new version of a previous UN performance by multi-Grammy award winning artist, Beyoncé.	10 February 2023 17:30 – 19:30 EST Centre for Social Innovation, Toronto, Canada	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/documentary-screening-nations-united-urgent-solutions-for-urgent-times-tickets-516995737167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1
Learning from PEER: The journey towards comprehensive sexuality education	UNESCO, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the GEM Report will co-host a webinar to discuss the latest evidence on how sexuality education is designed and delivered in different education systems based on 50 new country GEM Report PEER profiles.	15 February 2023 14:00 – 15:15 Online event	https://www.unesco.org/gem-report/en/articles/learning-peer-journey-towards-comprehensive-sexuality-education
Threading your way out of the policy tangle: coordination for a sustainable and circular textile value chain	The textile value chain is complex and highly international – impacts from policies enacted in one region reverberate across the global value chain. This event will therefore address the role of policymakers in shifting to a sustainable and circular textile value chain. Policymakers should consult with and coordinate key stakeholders to set ambitious and effective sustainability policy that embed the principles of just transition; provide a predictable and clearly enforced policy environment and consider impacts beyond own borders, particularly in low and middle income supplier countries. New business models should be designed and supported to avoid replicating the same environmental, social, and regional impacts that linear business models created, with policymaking playing a key role to help industry leapfrog. The session will bring together governments and industry representatives from different regions to discuss the impact of emerging policies and strategies on the global value chain, as well as opportunities for more systematic policy coordination and engagement between policy makers and voluntary textile industry initiatives.	15 February 2023 13:00 – 14:00 CET Online event	https://www.unep.org/events/online-event/threading-your-way-out-policy-tangle-coordination-sustainable-and-circular
CIES 2023 Annual Conference	The GEM Report team will convene a series of in-person panel discussions and on-line presentations at the 2023 CIES annual conference. Highlights will include: - Launch of the 2024 GEM Report Concept Note on leadership and education. - Discussions on the evolving role of non-state actors in education with the 2022 South Asia Report partners.	14–22 February 2023	https://www.unesco.org/gem-report/en/articles/cies-2023-annual-conference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation on national SDG4 benchmarks, driving greater progress towards SDG 4 targets by 2030 by fostering country ownership of the agenda and improving data collection for the goal. - Spotlight on basic education completion and foundational learning in Africa - Presentation of 2022 GEM Report findings on the role of non-state actors in early childhood education and care. 	Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington D.C, USA	
Half-day general discussion on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems	<p>At its 84th session, scheduled to be held in Geneva from 6 to 24 February 2023, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will hold a half-day of general discussion on “Equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems” within the framework of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The half-day of general discussion will be organized by OHCHR.</p> <p>The purpose of the half-day of general discussion is to prepare the elaboration by the Committee of a General Recommendation on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems. The aim of the general recommendation will be to provide guidance to States parties to the Convention on the measures they should adopt to ensure full compliance with their obligations to respect, protect and fulfil women’s human right to equal and inclusive representation in decision-making systems.</p>	22 February 2023 15:00–18:00 Palais des Nations, Geneva	https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2023/half-day-general-discussion-equal-and-inclusive-representation-women-decision
Day of General Discussion on General Comment on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Sustainable Development	The Committee is currently in the process of developing a General Comment on economic, social and cultural rights and sustainable development. This General Comment will address challenges of achieving sustainable development in light of planetary boundaries and limited natural resources, while also respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights, particularly the rights in the Covenant. The Day of General Discussion will serve as final step in the Committee’s process of consulting with relevant stakeholders before producing a first draft of the General Comment following numerous consultations held since 2020 (see background).	24 February 2023	https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2023/day-general-discussion-general-comment-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-and
5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5)	<p>The Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to accelerate sustainable development in the places where international assistance is needed the most - and to tap the full potential of the Least Developed Countries helping them make progress on the road to prosperity.</p> <p>This year's theme is From Potential to Prosperity where over five days of the LDC5 Conference in Doha, world leaders will gather with the private sector, civil society, parliamentarians, and young people to advance new ideas, raise new pledges of support, and spur delivery on agreed commitments, through the Doha Programme of Action. It is expected that at the Conference, specific initiatives and concrete</p>	5–9 March 2023 Doha, Qatar	https://www.unep.org/events/conference/5th-united-nations-conference-least-developed-countries-ldc5

	deliverables will be announced that will address LDC-specific challenges including the climate crisis and environmental degradation.		
67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)	<p>The sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to contribute to the session.</p> <p>The outcome of the Commission's consideration of the priority theme during its 67th session will take the form of agreed conclusions, to be negotiated by all Member States.</p>	<p>6–17 March 2023</p> <p>New York, USA</p> <p>Registration open until 27 January 2023!</p>	<p>https://www.unep.org/events/conference/67th-session-commission-status-women-csw</p>
<p>ISA SPECIAL SESSION CSW67</p> <p>Feminist Approaches to Justice: Empowerment of Women and Girls in the Digital Age</p>	<p>Session sponsored by the International Sociological Association mirroring the priority theme this year for CSW67</p>	<p>10 March 2023 08:30 EST</p> <p>Church Center of the United Nations, 8th floor, New York, USA</p> <p>Registration open until 27 January 2023!</p>	<p>https://www.unwomen.org/en/cs/w</p>
<p>ISA SPECIAL SESSION CSW67</p> <p>Feminist Approaches to Justice: Rural Women and Girls and a Just Society</p>	<p>Session sponsored by the International Sociological Association mirroring the review theme this year for CSW67</p>	<p>15 March 2023 10:00 – 12:00 EST</p> <p>Virtual panel - on Zoom through the NGOCSW platform WHOVA</p> <p>Registration open until 27 January 2023!</p>	<p>https://www.unwomen.org/en/cs/w</p>
UN 2023 Water Conference	<p>Billions of people worldwide still live without safely managed drinking water and sanitation, even though access to both services has long been defined as a human right. Water and poverty are closely linked. Without water, there is no development, and without development, it is impossible to eradicate poverty from the Earth.</p>	<p>22–24 March 2023</p> <p>New York, USA</p>	<p>https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023</p>

	The UN 2023 Water Conference is expected to adopt the Water Action Agenda as a main outcome representing voluntary commitments of countries and stakeholders to meet the global water-related goals and targets. The Conference will open on 22 March marking the World Water Day 2023.		
Regional Stakeholder Consultations: advancing solutions towards a nature-positive trade	Trade plays a significant role in fueling economic growth and development. While increasing evidence associates trade with negative impacts on biodiversity and people, in an economy with over 50% of the global GDP dependent upon nature, trade can and should also be part of the solution to protect and restore nature and promote sustainable development. Responding to advance solutions for a nature-positive trade, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is hosting a Series of Regional Stakeholders Consultations in 2023, convening a diversity of stakeholders to discuss regional priorities and challenges, and identify opportunities for the region to move towards a sustainable trading system and value chains of agricultural commodities, in harmony with nature and supportive of a sustainable socio-economic development. The Consultations will take place in a hybrid format.	27–28 March 2023 San Paulo, Brazil	https://www.unep.org/events/conference/regional-stakeholder-consultations-advancing-solutions-towards-nature-positive
International Day of Zero Waste 2023	The United Nations General Assembly on 14 December 2022 proclaimed 30 March as the International Day of Zero Waste, to be observed annually. The Day is aimed at promoting zero-waste initiatives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations Environment Programme and UN-Habitat are expected to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Zero Waste.	30 March 2023	https://www.unep.org/events/un-day/international-day-zero-waste-2023
Open-ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older people	The Chair of the General Assembly Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons, invites Members of the Working Group, “A” status National Human Rights Institutions, non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Status and previously accredited organizations to the Working Group, as well as United Nations Funds, Programmes, Specialized Agencies and other UN Entities, to provide: Substantive inputs on the two focus areas of the thirteenth session, namely "Right to Health and Access to Health Services" and “Social Inclusion”; Substantive inputs, in the form of normative content for the development of a possible international standard on the protection of the rights of older persons to “Economic Security” and the "Contribution of Older Persons to Sustainable Development.”	3–6 April 2023 UN Headquarters, New York, USA	https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/thirteenthsession.shtml
ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023	The UN Economic and Social Council’s (ECOSOC) 2023 Youth Forum will take place in April 2023, during ECOSOC’s 2023 session. The Youth Forum is an annual initiative of the ECOSOC President, which has evolved into a key platform where young people can contribute to policy discussions at the UN through their collective ideas, solutions, and innovations.	18–20 April 2023 New York City, USA	https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/ecosoc-youth-forum

<p>4th Global Conference of the One Planet network's Sustainable Food Systems Programme - THE TRANSFORMATION WE NEED</p>	<p>The conference will be virtually broadcasted via livestream, open to everyone. In addition, a limited number of participants representing national and sub-national governments, civil society organizations, farmers associations, scientific organizations, UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS) Coalitions, youth organizations and a range of further food systems actors will be invited to participate in person in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. The conference will contribute to the 2023 Stocktaking Moment of the UN Food Systems Summit follow-up process, by focusing on how food systems need to be transformed to overcome the multiple deeply rooted and interlinked crises of climate, biodiversity, conflict, energy, prices, hunger, malnutrition, and health to achieve the SDGs.</p>	<p>24–27 April 2023</p> <p>Ha Noi, Vietnam & online</p>	<p>https://www.unep.org/events/conference/4th-global-conference-one-planet-networks-sustainable-food-systems-programme</p>
<p>24th session of the Working Group on the Right to Development</p>	<p>At this session, the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development will continue reviewing progress made in the implementation of the right to development. It will hold an interactive dialogue with the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the right to development and the Special Rapporteur on the right to development and consider the second revised draft convention on the right to development.</p>	<p>15–19 May 2023</p> <p>Palais des Nations, Conference Room XX, Geneva / Hybrid</p>	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2023/24th-session-working-group-right-development</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity 2023</p>	<p>Biological diversity is often understood in terms of the wide variety of plants, animals and microorganisms, but it also includes genetic differences within each species — for example, between varieties of crops and breeds of livestock — and the variety of ecosystems (lakes, forest, deserts, agricultural landscapes) that host multiple kind of interactions among their members (humans, plants, animals). Biological diversity resources are the pillars upon which we build civilizations. Fish provide 20 per cent of animal protein to about 3 billion people. Over 80 per cent of the human diet is provided by plants. As many as 80 per cent of people living in rural areas in developing countries rely on traditional plant-based medicines for basic healthcare. But loss of biodiversity threatens all, including our health. It has been proven that biodiversity loss could expand zoonoses - diseases transmitted from animals to humans- while, on the other hand, if we keep biodiversity intact, it offers excellent tools to fight against pandemics like those caused by coronaviruses.</p>	<p>22 May 2023</p>	<p>https://www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day</p>
<p>World Environment Day 2023</p>	<p>World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world.</p>	<p>5 June 2023</p>	<p>https://www.unep.org/events/un-day/world-environment-day-2023</p>
<p>ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2023</p>	<p>The UN Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2023 will take place in June 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, during ECOSOC's 2023 session.</p>	<p>21–23 June 2023</p> <p>Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/humanitarian-affairs-segment</p>

	The Humanitarian Affairs Segment enables Member States, UN entities, humanitarian and development partners, the private sector, and affected communities to discuss emerging and pressing humanitarian issues.		
Global launch of the 2023 GEM Report on technology and education	The 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report on technology and education will be launched on Wednesday 26 July in Montevideo, in an event hosted by Fundación Ceibal and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.	26 July 2023 15:00 – 17:00 Montevideo, Uruguay (hybrid event)	https://www.unesco.org/gem-report/en/articles/global-launch-2023-gem-report-technology-and-education
Asia Pacific Adaptation Forum (8th APAN Forum)	Considered Asia-Pacific's largest and longest-standing gathering of adaptation practitioners to share information, knowledge and best practices in adaptation and resilience-building, the APAN Forum is the biennial flagship event of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network Secretariat, hosted within the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The 8th APAN Forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, the Korea Environment Institute – Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change and Incheon Metropolitan City as part of the Korea Global Adaptation Week (KGAW) 2023. Representatives from governments, financing institutions, academia and research, international organisations, UN agencies, civil society organisations, youth organisations and the private sector, among others, will participate in the 8th APAN Forum to work together to build and strengthen partnerships across sectors for adaptation action. The Forum will also provide a space to reflect on the Cop27 outcomes and highlight regional lessons learnt, needs and challenges to serve as inputs into Cop28 discussions to be held at Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2023.	28 August – 1 September 2023 Incheon City, Republic of Korea	https://www.unep.org/events/conference/asia-pacific-adaptation-forum-8th-apan-forum