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2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is in grave jeopardy due to multiple, cascading and intersecting crises. COVID-19, climate change and conflict predominate. Each of them, and their complex interactions, impact all of the Goals, creating spin-off crises in food and nutrition, health, education, the environment, and peace and security. To put the world on track to sustainability will require concerted action on a global scale.
END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

Goal 1 - No Poverty

More than 4 years of progress against poverty has been erased by COVID-19.

Rising inflation and impacts of war in Ukraine further derail progress.

Number of people living in extreme poverty in 2022:
- Pre-pandemic projection: 511 million
- Current projection: 615-620 million

Disaster-related deaths rose sixfold in 2022, largely as a result of the pandemic.

Unemployment cash benefits during the pandemic (2020):
- High-income countries: 52.2%
- Low-income countries: 0.8%

Working poverty rate rose for the first time in two decades.

Pushing an additional 8 million workers into poverty.
END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

CONFLICT, COVID-19, CLIMATE CHANGE AND GROWING INEQUALITIES ARE CONVERGING TO UNDERMINE FOOD SECURITY WORLDWIDE

ABOUT 1 IN 10 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ARE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER

NEARLY 1 IN 3 PEOPLE LACK REGULAR ACCESS TO ADEQUATE FOOD (2020)

SOARING FOOD PRICES AFFECTED 47% OF COUNTRIES IN 2020 (UP FROM 16% IN 2019)

149.2 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 SUFFER FROM STUNTING (2020)

TO REDUCE STUNTING IN CHILDREN BY 50% BY 2030, ANNUAL RATE OF DECLINE MUST DOUBLE (FROM 2.1 TO 3.0% PER YEAR)

UKRAINE CRISIS TRIGGERED FOOD SHORTAGES FOR THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE:

UKRAINE AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SUPPLY 30% OF WHEAT, 20% OF VEGETABLES AND 80% OF UNREFINED SUGAR TO THE WORLD.
Characteristics of the Committee

- Universal high-level policy guidance
- 6 weeks in depth discussions on development policies
- A strong focus on the 2030 Agenda
- Erosion of tradition of consensus
List of agenda items:

15. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development.

16. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development
   (e) Promoting investments for sustainable development.

17. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.

18. Sustainable development:
   (a) Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) Disaster risk reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (h) Harmony with nature;
   (i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
   (j) Combating sand and dust storms;
   (k) Sustainable mountain development.

19. Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

20. Globalization and interdependence:
   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;
   (b) International migration and development.
21. Groups of countries in special situations:
   (a) Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
   (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

22. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
   (a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);
   (b) Industrial development cooperation;
   (c) Women in development;
   (d) Human resources development;
   (e) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

23. Operational activities for development:
   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
   (b) South-South cooperation for development.

24. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

58. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

125. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

140. Programme planning.
Outcomes to watch for:

1. Poverty
2. Financial, food and energy crises
   - Possible fourth UN conference on FFD
   - Financial crises – debt
   - Food security
   - Energy – follow-up to GA high-level dialogue
3. Countries in Special Situations
   - Modalities of conferences on LLDCs and SIDS in 2024
   - Follow-up to Doha Programme of Action on LDCs and measures for food security in LDCs
4. DRR - review of implementation of Sendai Framework
5. Links to COPs on climate, biodiversity and desertification; UNEA report
6. ICT – WSIS, response to COVID-19 and use of digital technologies
7. Human resource development/education and health
8. UN development system operational activities
9. Follow up on New Urban Agenda
10. International migration and development