

# Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2019

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Every day, new evidence emerges of humanity's harmful impact on the environment, reflected in extreme weather conditions, growing air pollution, declining ocean health, vanishing natural habitats and the "biological annihilation" of wildlife. Compounded by economic inequality and uncertainty, as well as geopolitical tensions, these challenges pose unprecedented risks to economy, society and politics.

Yet the world is not standing still in the wake of disaster. Every day, new citizens' movements are forming that challenge the status quo; new coalitions between business, government and civil society are emerging to transform markets, business models and consumer mindsets; and new scientific breakthroughs and technologies are maturing to change the game on environmental and social collaboration.

**The Sustainable Development Impact Summit is the World Economic Forum's annual meeting for integrating and leveraging the best examples of public-private cooperation, systems thinking and Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to progress the Sustainable Development Agenda.**

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement provide the architecture for resolving the world's challenges by fundamentally shifting the way society produces, consumes and operates. Realizing this opportunity requires the cooperation of multiple stakeholders, worldwide.

Taking place during the UN General Assembly, the summit engages the most relevant and influential leaders across business, government, civil society, NGOs and academia to collaborate and address the world's most pressing problems, following four thematic tracks:

- **Transforming Markets** How to place human and environmental health at the core of market systems and value chains
- **Accelerating Climate Action** How to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees through innovative partnerships and smart technologies
- **Financing Sustainable Development** How to mobilize investment for the 2030 Agenda
- **Mobilizing Action for Inclusive Societies** How to bolster local entrepreneurship and innovation to make growth more equitable

# Forum digital tools

Download the [TopLink app](#) on your mobile device to view event information, receive live updates, connect with other participants, and access curated news and insights from leading sources.

Check out the Forum's [Strategic Intelligence platform](#), a new suite of innovative digital tools designed to help leaders make sense of complex global challenges and inform their organizational strategies. The platform includes a unique, interactive data visualization tool that lets users identify the connections among the forces that are shaping the world. Get expert insights on the go by downloading the new Strategic IQ app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) on your mobile device.

## Frequently asked questions

### When will the summit take place?

The **official programme** will take place on 23-24 September. In addition, the Forum will feature select sessions by members and partners taking place between 21 and 27 September ("**affiliated programme**"). Sessions targeting specific Forum communities will take place throughout the week, from 23-27 September ("**community programme**"). Please refer to the schedule below for a comprehensive overview.

### Where will the summit take place?

Sessions will be taking place at different venues. Official sessions will take place at Convene at 730 Third Avenue. Community sessions will take place at both Convene and the World Economic Forum's New York office:

#### Convene

730 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

#### World Economic Forum Office

350 Madison  
New York, NY 10017

Affiliated sessions will take place in different locations in New York. Please remember to refer to the programme to discover each specific session venue. Please also note that transfers will not be organized from/to the airport, or between venues.

### Where can I find additional information about the programme?

Visit [TopLink](#) to contribute to the agenda and receive programme updates, participant information and meeting highlights.

### What is the registration deadline?

Participation in the Sustainability Development Impact Summit is by invitation. The deadline for registration is 16 September 2019.

### Where will I stay?

Participants are kindly asked to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

### Do I need a visa?

Please check with your nearest US embassy or consulate for visa requirements. The Forum is unable to help with visa applications.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact your Forum engagement manager (as indicated in your meeting invitation or TopLink account page under Your Profile) or [impactsummit@weforum.org](mailto:impactsummit@weforum.org).

## The summit at a glance

	21 Sept	22 Sept	23 Sept	24 Sept	25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept
<b>Official Programme</b> (open to registered participants) <b>Convene</b>			○	○			
<b>Community Programme</b> (by invitation only) <b>Convene &amp; Forum office</b>			○	○	○	○	○
<b>Affiliated Programme</b> (open to registered participants) <b>Various locations in NY</b>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○