

# EU@UNGA 74: Working towards a more peaceful, secure and prosperous world

A high-level European Union delegation will be in New York for the 74<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly next week. The EU representatives will host and participate in a large number of events and meetings with world leaders. The EU continues to be a leader in global cooperation: joining forces with partners in support of multilateralism to uphold and promote international law and human rights, to support peace and democracy, to promote sustainable development and to stand side-by-side with people in need all over the world.

First Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** and High Representative/Vice-President Federica **Mogherini** will kick-off the week on Sunday, 22 September, with a bilateral meeting with UN Secretary General António Guterres, further strengthening the strategic EU-UN partnership.

On Monday, First Vice-President **Timmermans** and Commissioner Miguel **Arias Cañete** will join the President of the European Council Donald Tusk at the UN Climate Action Summit following up on the EU's commitments made under the Paris Agreement to cut emissions by at least 40% by 2030 and on the EU's progress in developing a climate neutrality strategy. The Commission adopted a Communication last week detailing the EU's contribution to the Summit.

On Tuesday, First Vice-President **Timmermans** together with Commissioner Neven **Mimica** will represent the EU at the first UN Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015 to call for more ambitious and accelerated action to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

On Tuesday, First Vice-President **Timmermans** and High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will join the President of the European Council Tusk for the opening of the General Debate of the 74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly.

## **EU Flagship events during the week**

The EU will host or co-host a number of **flagship events** in the margins of the General Assembly:

- Commissioner Arias **Cañete** will host the **High Ambition Coalition** Ministerial meeting on 22 September.
- On Monday, 23 September, High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** together with UNICEF will launch the global campaign for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child called **#TheRealChallenge**. In the afternoon, Commissioner **Stylianides** will co-host together with Belgium and UNICEF the event "**Stop the war on children**".
- Between 22 and 24 September, Commissioner Karmenu **Vella** will represent the European Commission at the **World Economic Forum's Champions for Nature meeting**, as well as other high-level events, showing the EU's

commitments to work on nature-based solutions to climate change, actions to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and address the link between oceans and climate change.

- On Tuesday, 24 September, the EU will host the sixth high-level event on the **Syria crisis**, chaired by High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** and Commissioner Christos **Stylianides**, reaffirming EU and international support to a political solution to the Syria conflict and address the humanitarian and resilience needs of those affected by the crisis inside Syria and across the region.
- Commissioner **Stylianides** will co-host an event on **safeguarding the humanitarian space in the context of counterterrorism and sanctions regimes** on Wednesday, 25 September, together with the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Didier Reynders. On the same day, Commissioner Dimitris **Avramopoulos** will speak at the tenth **Global Counter-Terrorism Forum Ministerial Plenary Meeting**. The meeting will be an opportunity to take stock of the Forum's efforts and achievements at international, national and regional level to prevent, combat and prosecute terrorist acts.
- On Thursday, 26 September, High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will host, together with the High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights Eamon **Gilmore**, a new edition of the **Good Human Rights Stories** initiative. This year the focus will be on building quality lives through economic, social and cultural rights in the world. High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** and Commissioner Neven **Mimica** will host an event on the **EU-UN Spotlight Initiative**, aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls.

### Other high-level events of the week

EU representatives will have a full agenda of high-level debates and side events, as well as numerous bilateral meetings:

- On 22 September, the eve of the UN's General Assembly week, Commissioner Vytenis **Andriukaitis** will join leaders at the **Walk the Talk: The Health for All** event organised by the World Health Organisation in Central Park. High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will meet leaders from the **Western Balkans** over a working dinner.
- On 23 September, Commissioner **Andriukaitis** will represent the EU at the high-level meeting on **Universal Health Coverage**. The same day, the International Contact Group on **Venezuela** will convene to assess the latest developments and the situation in the country. Following this meeting, High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will chair the traditional informal meeting of **EU Foreign Affairs Ministers**.
- Commissioner **Andriukaitis** will participate at a breakfast meeting on the 2019 Champions Strategy on **Food waste** on 24 September. In the evening, First Vice-President **Timmermans**, along with High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini**, will open the annual **EU reception**.
- High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini**, Commissioner Cecilia **Malmström** and Commissioner Pierre **Moscovici** will attend the **Bloomberg Global Business Forum** on 25 September.

- On 26 September, Commissioner **Mimica** will represent the EU at the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, including a ministerial round-table discussion with the UN and pioneer countries **on Integrated National Financing Frameworks** to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. On the same day, Commissioner **Avramopoulos** will participate in a Ministerial side event focussing on **accountability for atrocity crimes committed by DAESH**.\*
- On 28 September, Commissioner **Mimica** will take part in the **post-Cotonou** chief negotiators' meeting on a new partnership agreement with 79 countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. The future agreement will succeed the Cotonou Agreement.

The agenda of the individual EU representatives can be found on their [websites](#).

### **For More Information**

For the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, the EU will focus on conflict prevention, peace and security; a common positive agenda with the promotion and protection of human rights at the heart of multilateralism; as well as an expanding global engagement on issues such as climate action, the environment, sustainable development goals, and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. For more details, check the EU's priorities [here](#).

Collectively, the EU and its Member States are the single largest financial contributor to the UN system.

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[Commission Communication on the 2019 Climate Action Summit hosted by the United Nations Secretary General](#)

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