The Road to HLPF 2019: Preparing and presenting quality VNRs
The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The 2030 Agenda is *A Plan of Action for People, the Planet & Prosperity*

It is **Universal, Indivisible** and **Ambitious**

The 5 “Ps”:

**People** end poverty and hunger, dignity and equality for all in a healthy environment

**Planet** protection from degradation, changes in consumption and production patterns, sustainable management of natural resources, urgent action on climate change

**Prosperity** prosperous and fulfilling lives, economic, social and technological progress in harmony with nature

**Peace** peaceful, just and inclusive societies

**Partnership** mobilizing means for implementation of the Agenda through strengthened global solidarity focusing on poorest and most vulnerable and participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people
The SDGs are interlinked

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The HLPF has a “central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level” (2030 Agenda paragraph 82)

The HLPF is also expected to:

✓ enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development
✓ provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up
✓ address new and emerging issues
Structure of the HLPF

High-Level Political Forum under the auspices of ECOSOC

- Thematic Reviews
- Regional Review Process
- Voluntary National Reviews

Every 4 years
Also known as “the summit”

Annual
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<th>Voluntary</th>
<th>encourage reporting and include developed and developing countries</th>
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<td>Country-led</td>
<td>country-driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels</td>
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<td>Rigorous and based on evidence</td>
<td>informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, reliable and disaggregated</td>
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<td>Learning experience</td>
<td>facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process</td>
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<td>reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners</td>
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<td>Open, Inclusive, Participatory</td>
<td>Including supporting reporting on progress by all relevant stakeholders</td>
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Structure of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC – First Five Days

- Thematic Review of HLPF theme, and SDGs that are under in-depth review
- SDG implementation at the regional & sub-regional levels
- Countries in special situations, interlinkages among SDGs, science-policy interface and emerging issues
- Special Events, Side Events, & Exhibitions
Structure of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC High-Level Ministerial Segment (last 3 days)

- Voluntary National Reviews by Member States on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda
- Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration
- Special Events, Side Events, & Exhibitions
Preparatory process for the 2019 HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC

- Functional Commissions & other Intergovernmental Bodies and Forums
- Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs
- Financing for Development Forum
The HLPF meets each year under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council for 8 days and every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days.

The next meeting under the General Assembly will be held 24 – 25 September 2019, and is referred to as the SDG Summit, where heads of state will come together to reconfirm their commitment to the 2030 Agenda and announce new initiatives to accelerate its implementation.
2019 HLPF Timeline

1st Global VNR Workshop 16-17 October Geneva

VNR Regional Workshop + ESCAP Regional Forum 27-29 March Bangkok

VNR Regional Workshop + ECA Regional Forum 16-18 April Marrakech

VNR Regional Workshop + ECLAC Regional Forum 21-26 April Santiago

Ministerial Declaration negotiations May-July New York

2019 HLPF & HLS of ECOSOC 9-19 July New York

2019 HLPF (SDG Summit) 24-25 September New York
Stakeholder engagement at the HLPF

While retaining the intergovernmental character of HLPF, the representatives of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders will be allowed to:

✓ Attend all official meetings of the forum;
✓ Have access to all official information and documents;
✓ Intervene in official meetings;
✓ Submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
✓ Make recommendations;
✓ Organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat
**Resources**

- UN Secretary-General’s updated [voluntary common reporting guidelines](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/) for VNRs at the HLPF
- **Handbook** for VNR Preparations
- VNR Synthesis Reports
- **Q&A** for VNRs at the 2019 HLPF
- VNR Workshops
SAVE THE DATE

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

9-19 July 2019 (Ministerial level)
24-25 September 2019 (SDG Summit)
UN Headquarters, New York