The 2020 HLPF and HLPF Review

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## Structure and theme of the HLPF: themes

### HLPF Timeline

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Theme for the 2020 HLPF

Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

Based on SDG Summit Political Declaration, GA resolution 74/4. GA decision 74/305 adopted as draft decision A/74/L.11 on 15 November 2019.
Voluntary National Reviews ...

Since 2016, 158 VNRs have been presented by 142 countries.

2016 - 22 VNRs
2017 - 43 VNRs
2018 - 46 VNRs
2019 - 47 VNRs
2020 - 50 VNRs for an accumulative total of 208.
Voluntary National Reviews ...

After the July 2020 HLPF ....

• Of the WEOG Group, only San Marino and US are left
• Of the Eastern European Group, all 23 countries have presented
• Of the Asia-Pacific Group, all Central Asian Republics have presented
50 countries will present a VNR in 2020, of which 13 in E/CA

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Timeline for 2020 Voluntary National Reviews

GLOBAL PREP I
19-20 NOV 2019 | OSLO

GLOBAL PREP. II
FEB 2020 | TBC

ATELIER MONDIAL DE PREP. III
12 JULY 2020 | NEW YORK

REGIONAL PREP WORKSHOPS
FEBRUARY - APRIL 2020
IN COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

>> COUNTRY LEVEL ACTIVITIES >>

DEADLINE I
21 APRIL 2020
SUBMISSION OF MAIN MESSAGES

DEADLINE II
12 JUNE 2020
SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORTS

2020 VNR PRESENTATIONS

Second-time Presenters:
13 JUL 2020
First-time Presenters:
14-15 JUL 2020
NEW YORK
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT HLPF

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- **ECA**: 24 - 27 February 2020, Victoria Falls
- **ESCWA**: 11 - 13 March 2020, Beirut
- **ECE**: 19 - 20 March 2020, Geneva
- **ESCAP**: 25 - 27 March 2020, Bangkok
- **ECLAC**: 28 - 31 March 2020, Havana
VNR presentations at the HLPF

- First timers: 30 min in total: 15 min to present report and 15 min for Q and A
- Second-timers: 10 minutes in a panel presentation with others, another 10 minutes for Q and A
- Many other opportunities exists at the HLPF: VNR Labs, side events, bilateral meetings
Preparing VNRs – some challenges reported

• Timeframe can be challenging, especially for meaningful stakeholder engagement
• Innovative methods to engage can help, e.g. online questionnaires
• SDG mainstreaming and institutional framework sometimes lacking
• Need to strengthen the contributions of stakeholders
• Lack of baseline data, disaggregated data sources, and coordinating inputs from multiple sources
• Strain on the institutional capacity to gather and analyse information
• Countries emerging from conflict have difficulty to invest in all SDGs
• Mobilizing resources and financing gap for the VNR process

*Based questionnaire with responses received from 36 VNR countries at 2019 HLPF.
Voluntary National Reviews: Resources

• Updated voluntary common reporting guidelines for VNRs at the HLPF

• 2020 Handbook for VNR Preparations [EN] 2019 [AR] [CH] [ES] [FR] [RU]

• Q&A for VNRs at the 2019 HLPF


All the above can be found at HLPF VNR database https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/
HLPF Review

Pursuant to GA resolutions 67/290 and 70/299

21. Decides to review progress in implementing the present resolution and resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum at its seventy-fourth session, in order to benefit from lessons learned in the first cycle of the forum as well as from other processes under the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
HLPF Review (1 of 2)

- Two co-facilitators are expected to be assigned by PGA to lead the process starting in early 2020.
- The 2020 HLPF will operate under the current mandates of 67/290 and 70/299.
- HLPF review will be in conjunction with ECOSOC review (72/305).
HLPF Review (2 of 2)

- Proposals are being discussed for thematic reviews, including possibly using GSDR entry points
- GSDR would underline the emphasis on interrelations of the SDGs
- Periodicity of SDGs under review also being discussed
- Strong support for further strengthening VNRs at national level
- Strong support for regional mechanisms to further strengthen peer learning, good practices and stakeholder participation
Thank you!

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