A brief overview of the voluntary national reviews (VNRs) at the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

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Structure, theme and programme : structure

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Week 1					
6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	
Integration Segment of ECOSOC	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
Week 2					
13 July	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	
Day 5 - VNRs	Ministerial VNRs	Ministerial VNRs	Ministerial VNRs	High-Level Segment of ECOSOC	



	INTEGRATION	R ECOSOC INTEGRATION SEGMENT, HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF ECOSOC* HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Theme: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development					
		Week 1, 6-10 and 13 July 2020					
	Monday, 6 July	Tuesday, 7 July	Wednesday, 8 July	Thursday, 9 July	Friday, 10 July	Monday, 13 July	
9 AM - 12 PM	9-9:20 AM Opening 9:20-10:40 AM Getting back on track for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 10:40-11:50 AM Leaving no one behind in the context of COVID- 19 and the decade of action and delivery 11:50-12:00 PM Closing	9 – 9:15 AM Opening President of ECOSOC 9:15 AM – 12 PM Launching the decade of action at a time of crisis: Keeping the focus on the SDGs while combatting COVID-19 (The impact of COVID-19 on the SDGs, SDGS Progress report. 2020 targets, regional dimensions and countries at different levels of development including middle-income countries, data, institutions for integrated policy making)	 9 – 10 AM Building back better after COVID-19: and acting where we will have the greatest impact on the SDGs (continued): Responding to the economic shocks, relaunching growth, sharing economic benefits and addressing developing countries' financing challenges [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 5, SDG 7, SDG 8, SDG 10, and SDG 17] 10 AM-12 PM Mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action and embarking on new pathways to realize the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway: Small Island Developing States 	9 - 10:30 AM Building back better after <u>COVID-19: and acting where</u> we will have the greatest impact on the SDGs (continued): Bolstering local action to control the pandemic and accelerate implementation [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 9, SDG 11, and SDG 17] 10:30 AM -12 PM <u>Are we leaving no one behind</u> in eradicating poverty and working towards the 2030 <u>Agenda?</u> (including what COVID-19 is telling us about inequalities and the weaknesses in our social systems)	Means of implementation to match the scope of the crisis and the breadth of our ambition for 2030; 9-10 AM Mobilizing well directed financing 10 -11 AM Science, technology and innovation 11 AM – 12 PM Voluntary national reviews Nigeria Stovenia	9 AM – 12 PM Voluntary national reviews Bangladesh Georgia India Morocco Nepal Niger Uganda	
2 – 5 PM		Building back better after COVID-19 and acting where we will have the greatest impact on the SDGs 2 - 3 PM Protecting and advancing human wellbeing and ending poverty [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 1, SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 6, SDG 16, and SDG17] 3 - 4 PM Ending hunger and achieving food security [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 2, SDG 3 and SDG17] 4 - 5 PM Transformative pathways to realize the 2030 Agenda: a whole of society approach taking into account the impact of COVID19 (Stakeholder prosective)	Building back better after COVID-19 and acting where we will have the greatest impact on the SDGs (continued): 2 - 3 PM Protecting the planet and building resilience [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 14, SDG 15, and SDG 17] 3 - 4 PM Sustainable energy [Most closely related SDGs: SDG 7, SDG 12, SDG 13, and SDG 7, SDG 12, SDG 13, and SDG 17]	2 - 4 PM <u>Mobilizing international</u> <u>solidarity, accelerating action</u> <u>and embarking on new</u> <u>pathways to realize the 2030</u> <u>Agenda and respond to</u> <u>COVID-19</u> : <u>African countries, Least</u> <u>Developed Countries and</u> <u>Landlocked Developing</u> <u>Countries</u>	2 – 4 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> Armenia Ecuador Honduras Kenya Samoa	2 – 4 PM <u>Voluntary national review</u> Argentina Benin Costa Rica Panama Peru	

*The programme is based on the Political Declaration adopted at the SDG Summit in September 2019 (A/RES/74/4) and the theme of the HLPF (GA decision A/74/508) and inspired by the Global Sustainable Development Report without prejudice to the ongoing review of the resolutions A/RES/70/290 and A/RES/70/299. **The above-mentioned SDGs are the ones most closely associated with the theme of these sessions. The sessions will look at synergies and trade-offs among these SDGs and across all the SDGs.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL Theme: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development					
	MINIS	TERIAL SEGMENT OF HLPF		HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT	
	Tuesday, 14 July	Wednesday, 15 July	Thursday, 16 July	Friday, 17 July	
9 AM - 1 PM	9 – 10 AM Opening President of ECOSOC, SG, President of the General Assembly, PM Finland, Youth representatives 10 AM - 1 PM Voluntary national reviews Finland Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Burundi Gambia Russian Federation	9 – 10 AM <u>Messages from the regions</u> 10 AM – 1 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> Estonia Austria Seychelles Syrian Arab Republic Ukraine Uzbekistan	9 AM – 1 PM Voluntary national reviews Comoros DRC Kyrgyzstan Libya Malawi Republic of Moldova Zambia	9 - 9:30 AM Introduction of SG reports on the theme of HLPF and ECOSOC and on long term impact of current trends on SDGs Report of the Committee on Development Policy 9:30-10:30 AM Multilateralism after COVID 19: what kind of UN do we need at the 75th anniversary? 10:30 - 11:30 AM Where are we heading? Visions and scenarios for the future of the SDGs following the COVID-19 crisis 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Conclusion of the high-level segment	

Structure, theme and programme: themes

HLPF TIMELINE Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development 2020 HLPF under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council 2019 Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit) Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies (余) 2018 00 0.0 Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world 2017 T-HAR 🕘 🐺 🦉 🐺 🐨 2016 Ensuring that no one is left behind



Structure, theme and programme: theme

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

GA decision 74/305 adopted as draft decision $\underline{\text{A/74/L.11}}$ on 15 November 2019



Voluntary National Reviews ...

- 1. Strengthen political will, national ownership, institutions and coordination
- 2. Identify areas where support is needed
- 3. Provide an important communication tool
- 4. Change mindsets
- 5. Draw lessons and provides critical reflections on 2030 implementation
- 6. Stimulate continued national conversations <u>after</u> VNR has been presented



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 - 47 VNRs



Voluntary National Reviews ...

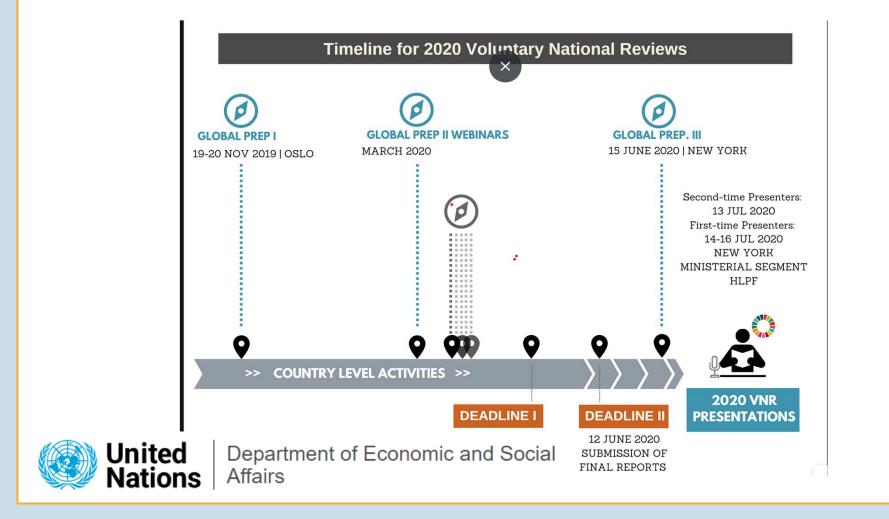
After the July 2020 HLPF

- Of the WEOG Group, out of 30 countries, only 3 will not have presented their VNR
- Of the Eastern European Group, all 23 countries will have presented
- Of the Asia-Pacific Group, out of 57 countries, 8 will not have presented their VNR
- Of the African countries, out of 54 countries, 9 will not have presented their VNR
- Of Latin American and the Caribbean Group, out of 33, 9 will not have presented their VNR



FIRST TIME PRESENTERS	SECOND AND THIRD TIME PRESENTERS (21)		
Austria	Mozambique	Argentina	Kenya
Barbados	North Macedonia	Armenia	Morocco
Brunei Darussalam	Papua New Guinea	Bangladesh	Nepal
Bulgaria	Republic of Moldova	Benin	Niger
Burundi	Russian Federation	Costa Rica	Nigeria
Comoros	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Ecuador	Panama
Democratic Rep of the Congo	Seychelles	Estonia	Peru
Gambia	Solomon Islands	Finland	Samoa
Kyrgyz Republic	Syrian Arab Republic	Georgia	Slovenia
Liberia	Trinidad and Tobago	Honduras	Uganda
Libya	Ukraine	India	
Malawi	Uzbekistan		
Micronesia	Zambia		

47 countries will present a VNR in 2020



Voluntary National Reviews ...

Modalities for first time presenters

- Countries presenting a VNR for the first time will have 15 minutes for their presentation.
- Followed by a similar amount of time for questions from other countries and stakeholders (and time for technical changes)
- The 15-minute time allocation includes the use of audio-visual material, including videos.

Modalities for second/ third time presenters

- Countries presenting a VNR for the second time will have 10 minutes for their presentation in a panel format.
- Followed by a similar among of time for questions from other countries and stakeholders (and time for technical changes)
- The 10 minutes time allocation includes the use of audio-visual material, including videos.



Voluntary National Reviews

Resources

oUpdated <u>voluntary common reporting guidelines</u> for VNRs at the HLPF

oHandbook for VNR Preparations [AR] [CH] [EN] [ES] [FR] [RU]

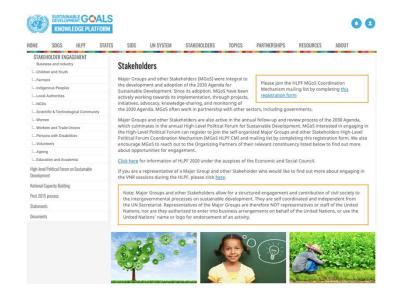
oQ&A for VNRs at the 2019 HLPF

oVNR Synthesis Report 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016

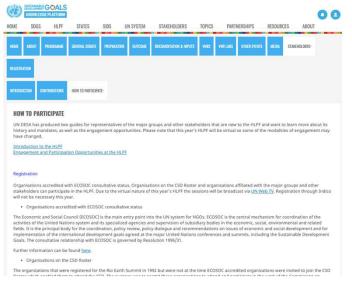
All the above can be found at HLPF VNR database <u>https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/</u>



Major groups and other stakeholders



https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/mgos





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