



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Division for Sustainable Development
UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

HLPF has a “central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level”

(2030 Agenda paragraph 82)

Forum 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

2017 HLPF in numbers



* **Thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs** including cross-cutting issues – in line with GA resolution 70/1

* **Voluntary national reviews (VNRs)** - regular reviews, in line with GA resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299

2018 High-Level Political Forum

- The 2018 session will take place in **July at UN Headquarters in New York**
- The theme is **“Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”**
- 48 countries will present their **voluntary national reviews**
- The **set of goals** for the in-depth review on progress:



Preparing for 2018 HLPF...

- Expert Group Meetings (EGM) provide recommendations to inform HLPF
 - EGM on **interlinkages**, 25-26 January 2018, New York
 - **SDG 6**, EGM in conjunction with the Dushanbe Water Decade conference, 20-22 June 2018, Dushanbe. UN-Water SDG 6 Synthesis Report on Water and Sanitation, June 2018.
 - **SDG 7 Conference**, 21-23 February 2018, Bangkok
 - **SDG 11**, Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum 7-13 February 2018, DESA-DSD will host side event on HLPF. SDG 11 conference in Prague during the spring 2018.
 - **SDG 12**, EGM, April 2018, New York
 - **SDG 15**, EGM first quarter of 2018, New York TBC
 - **STI Forum**, 5-6 June 2018, New York
- Background briefs for each SDG will be posted on the HLPF website, <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>

Regional Preparatory Meetings

- Regional Forums on Sustainable Development



ECE

1-2 March, Geneva



ESCAP

28-30 March, Bangkok



ECLAC

18-20 April, Santiago



ESCWA

24-26 April, TBC



ECA

TBC

HLPF voluntary national reviews (VNRs)

- **VNRs are state-led:**

country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants, with relevant UN and other partners

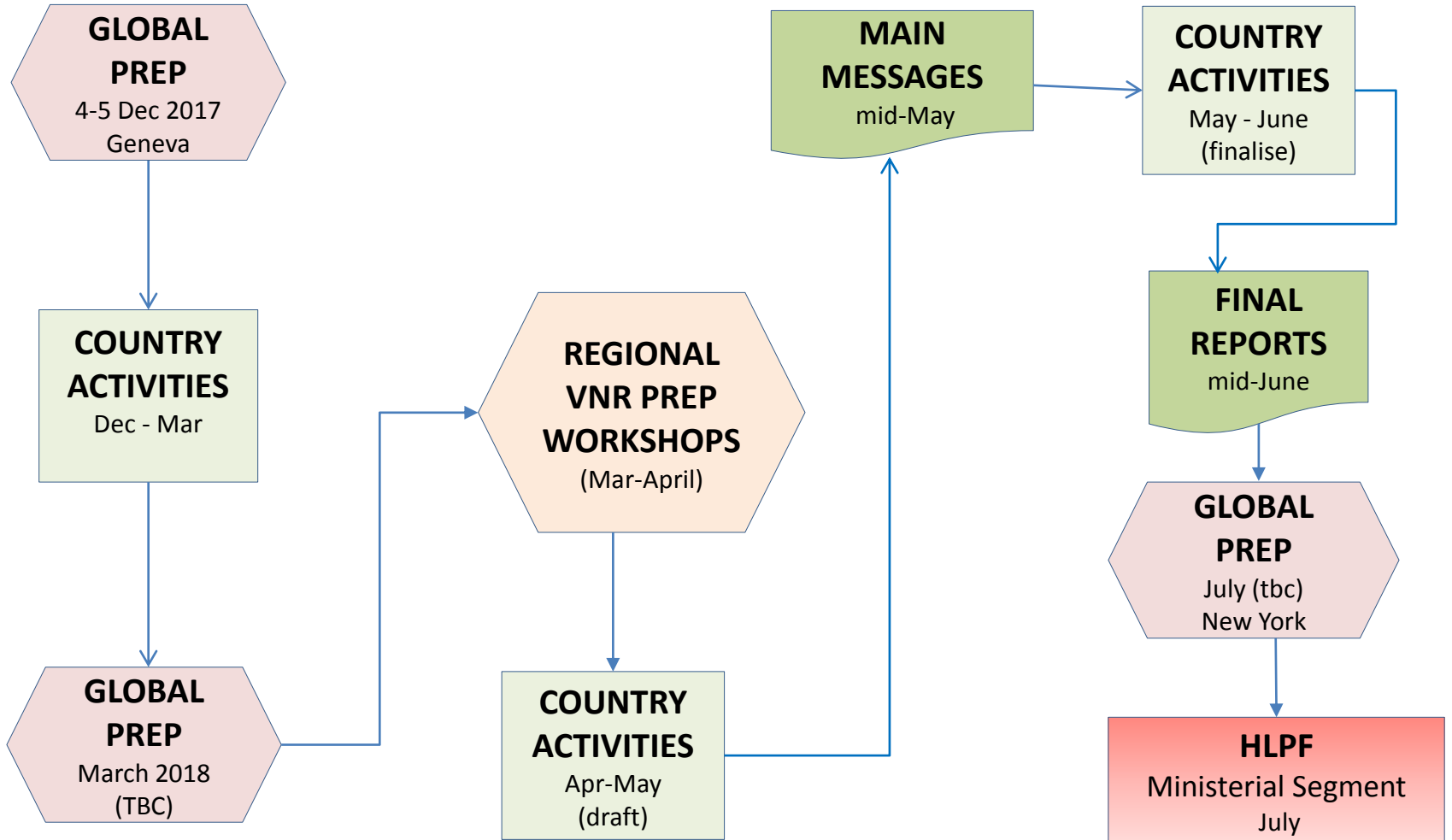
- **Learning experience:**

facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process

- **National circumstances:**

reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners

Preparing for 2018 HLPF VNRs



Special events during HLPF



→ Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Event, 11 July



→ SDG Learning, Training and Practice Capacity-Building Workshops, 9-13 July



→ Partnership Exchange, 13 July

→ Local and Regional Authorities Forum, 16 July



→ SDG Business Forum, 17 July

→ Meeting of Chief Sustainability Officers, 18 July

→ side events organized by governments, UN system and stakeholders

Thank you!



We look forward to your participation!

For the latest information, visit

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>