

# **2016 session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**

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GLOBAL FOLLOW-UP  
AND REVIEW OF THE  
**2030 AGENDA FOR  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

# Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS)

- UN Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 (Earth Summit) recognized that **achieving sustainable development would require the active participation of all sectors of society** and all types of people.



- Agenda 21 formalized **nine sectors of society as the main channels** through which broad participation in UN activities related to sustainable development would be facilitated, called "**Major Groups**":
  - Women
  - Children and Youth
  - Indigenous Peoples
  - Non-Governmental Organizations
  - Local Authorities
  - Workers and Trade Unions
  - Business and Industry
  - Scientific and Technological Community
  - Farmers



# Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS)

- The **Rio+20 outcome “Future we Want” (2012)** emphasized the importance of Major Groups and **also invites other stakeholders** to contribute to UN processes related to sustainable development including:
  - Local communities
  - Volunteer groups and foundations
  - Migrants and families
  - Older persons
  - Persons with disabilities



- This is echoed in the resolution on the format and organizational aspects of the **HLPF (A/RES/67/290)** which **encourages the engagement of major groups identified in Agenda 21 and other stakeholders**, such as
  - Private philanthropic organizations,
  - Educational and academic entities,
  - Persons with disabilities,
  - Volunteer groups and
  - Other stakeholders active in areas related to sustainable development.
- The **“Major Groups and Other Stakeholders High Level Political Forum Coordination Mechanism”** has been set up to coordinate their participation in the HLPF ( <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/majorgroups> )



# High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

- A key outcome of the Rio+ 20 Conference in 2012.
- A **universal intergovernmental body** that replaces the former Commission on Sustainable Development.
- The **HLPF is the central platform for reviewing and following up on the agenda** and SDGs, at the global level. It is expected to:
  - provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up;
  - keep track of progress;
  - spur coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences;
  - enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;
  - as well as address new and emerging issues.



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AND ECOSOC

[sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf)



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GLOBAL ACTION  
FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET



# High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

- Consists of a 5 day expert level segment, and 3-day high-level segment.
- A key feature of the HLPF are the **voluntary reviews of progress by Member States on the 17 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda**. These will also engage UN entities and other stakeholders, incl. civil society and the private sector.

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THE 2030 AGENDA FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- According to the 2030 Agenda, the reviews should be:
  - Voluntary and country-led, taking into account different national realities, based on national official data
  - Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent
  - People-centred, gender-sensitive, respecting human rights especially for those furthest behind
  - Building on existing platforms and processes
  - Rigorous and evidence based, with enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries and active support of the United Nations system and other multilateral institutions

# 2016 Session of the High-level Political Forum

The 2016 session will take place from **11-20 July** at **UN Headquarters in New York**.

The theme will be **“Ensuring that no one is left behind”**. All the 17 SDGs will be looked at through this lens.

More information available on the HLPF website ([sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf)) and on the HLPF app.





# 2016 Session of the High-level Political Forum






- The HLPF will be informed by several key documents, including:
  - Voluntary reports from 22 countries
  - the Global Sustainable Development Report which focuses on the theme of the HLPF;
  - the Global SDG Progress report prepared by the DESA Statistics Division.
  - A summary of the new multi-stakeholder forum on Science Technology and Innovation (6-7 June).
  - The outcome of the Financing for Development forum
  - Inputs by Major Groups and other Stakeholders





# Voluntary National Reviews

- A total of **22 countries** have volunteered to present the first reviews this July.
  - They include both developed and developing countries,
  - Country reports available on the HLPF website,

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY REVIEWS					
					
China	Colombia	Egypt	Estonia	Finland	France
					
Georgia	Germany	Madagascar	Mexico	Montenegro	Morocco
					
Norway	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Samoa	Sierra Leone	Switzerland
					
Togo	Turkey	Uganda	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		



## Voluntary National Reviews

- The **volunteering countries** have met three times in 2016 to **collectively discuss common approaches for their presentations.**



- There is a sense that this year the voluntary national reviews will focus in particular on **sharing lessons learned and challenges identified, creating a peer-learning experience.**
- Presentations to be made during the 3-day ministerial segment of the HLPF, on Tuesday, 19 July and Wednesday, 20 July. For more details please see the HLPF programme.



## MGoS Participation in HLPF

- The HLPF is one of the most inclusive intergovernmental entities. General Assembly resolution 67/290 decides that, while retaining the intergovernmental character of the forum, the representatives of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders shall be allowed:
  - To attend all official meetings of the forum;
  - To have access to all official information and documents;
  - To intervene in official meetings;
  - To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
  - To make recommendations;
  - To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat;



Stakeholders invited to share views on 2030 Agenda follow-up process



# MGoS Participation in HLPF

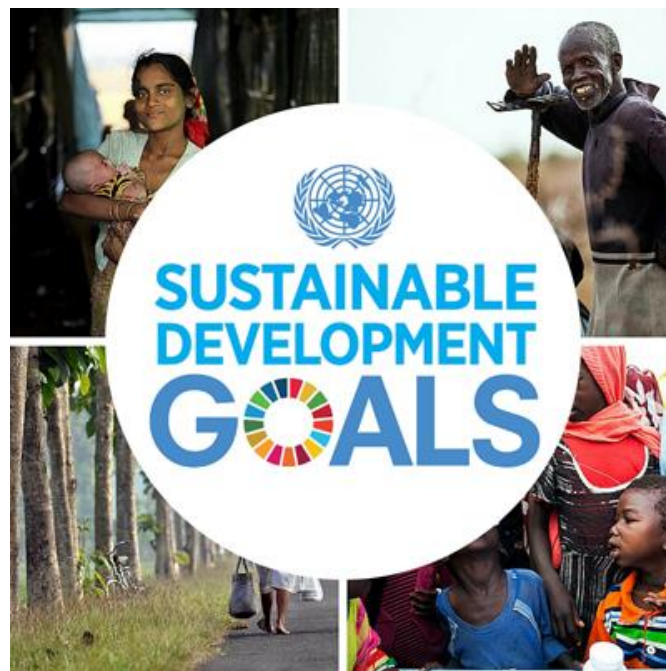
- Another novel feature of the HLPF is that **MGoS are expected to provide reports on their implementation of the 2030 Agenda**, which is called for in paragraph 89. of the 2030 Agenda.
- DSD facilitated an **expert group meeting for MGoS** in New York on 19 April to provide a first opportunity to begin discussing general guidelines for such reports.



- **Reporting guidelines developed by MGoS HLPF CM are available online. MGoS able to submit inputs on implementation online (SDKP)**



# MGoS Participation in HLPF



- The nine Major Groups and other stakeholders were invited to submit **their official position papers on the Theme of the 2016 HLPF** which have been issued as document E/HLPF/2016/2.
- Dedicated 3-hour session with MGoS organized on 15 July, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on “From inspiration to action: Multi-stakeholder engagement for implementation”.
- MGoS featured as speakers in the thematic round tables; can request the floor during the Q&As including during the national voluntary presentations; speak in the general debate.
- Several side events organized by MGoS.





# MGoS Participation in HLPF



- Daily MGoS coordination meetings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tomorrow, Monday, the coordination meeting will be held in CR 4.
- MGoS will have 12 seats with microphones and nameplates in the gallery of the TRC. Daily tickets for entry into the room and use of these seats – coordinated by the OPs and focal points (please see [sustainabledevelopment.un.org](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org) for information).
- For all others seating will be on a first come first served basis.
- A daily overflow room; all meetings will also be web cast.



# Outcome of the HLPF

- A **Ministerial declaration** to be adopted – process has been facilitated by Peru and Australia.
- MGoS provided inputs during the informal consultations.



- The co-facilitators will circulate a final draft and will continue to consult bilaterally with key delegations on few outstanding issues.
- Summary of President of the HLPF will capture key points made during the session.

# General Assembly process on follow-up and review

- The consultation process, lead by Belize and Denmark, is to result in a **draft resolution on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda**.
- Final agreement on the draft resolution is still pending.
- Current draft proposes themes for the next three HLPFs (2017-2019).

