Comprehensive HLPF Survey Results

Evaluation of the HLPF after 4 years
The conclusion of the first cycle of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) represents a critical opportunity to take stock of how the HLPF has delivered on its functions to promote and support the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and to reflect on opportunities to strengthen the HLPF in the future. To assist in taking stock of the first cycle of the HLPF, UN DESA invited HLPF participants to complete a short survey which was available in all six UN languages from 1 through 12 July 2019.

Total responses: 234
• 193 English
• 18 French
• 19 Spanish
• 2 Arabic
• 2 Russian
Overall HLPF Performance
OVERALL, THE HLPF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA & SDGS

Strongly agree: 24%
Somewhat agree: 11%
Neither agree nor disagree: 11%
Somewhat disagree: 4%
Strongly disagree: 50%
Note: Percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who rated the input as well- or best-fulfilled (4 or 5 on a scale of 5).
HLPF INPUTS CONSULTED BY RESPONDENTS

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<th>Input</th>
<th>Percentage of Respondents Consulting Input</th>
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<td>SDG Progress Report</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Voluntary National Reviews of countries</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>The Global Sustainable Development Report</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Compilation of main messages of the Voluntary National Reviews</td>
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<td>Reports of the regional sustainable development forums</td>
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<td>Background notes prepared for the SDG thematic reviews</td>
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<td>Outcome of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up</td>
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<td>Summaries of SDG-related Expert Group meetings</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>The Note by the Secretariat on the discussion papers on the theme of the HLPF, submitted by the Major Groups and other stakeholders</td>
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<td>Synthesis report of voluntary submissions of ECOSOC Functional Commissions and other intergovernmental forums and bodies to the HLPF thematic review</td>
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<td>Co-Chair’s Summary of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Outcome of the Development Cooperation Forum (every two years)</td>
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HLPF HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

- Strongly agree: 38%
- Somewhat agree: 9%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 8%
- Somewhat disagree: 5%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
HLPF HELPED TAKE STOCK OF SDG PROGRESS

- Strongly agree: 34%
- Somewhat agree: 7%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 7%
- Somewhat disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 49%
HLPF DISCUSSIONS WERE SUFFICIENTLY WELL-PREPARED, BASED ON EVIDENCE, DATA, & ANALYSIS

- Strongly agree: 25%
- Somewhat agree: 47%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 17%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
HLPF SUFFICIENTLY DISCUSSED SDG INTERLINKAGES

- Strongly agree: 23%
- Somewhat agree: 16%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 12%
- Somewhat disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 39%
HLPF SHOWCASED GOOD PRACTICES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

- Strongly agree: 30%
- Somewhat agree: 4%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 7%
- Strongly disagree: 46%
HLPF SHOWCASED SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES

- Strongly agree: 16%
- Somewhat agree: 46%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Somewhat disagree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
HLPF MOBILIZED PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS

- Strongly agree: 26%
- Somewhat agree: 40%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Somewhat disagree: 9%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR SHARING LESSONS LEARNED & EXPERIENCE GAINED

- Strongly agree: 34%
- Somewhat agree: 12%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 10%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 42%
VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR SHARING SDG IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Strongly agree: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 9%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 5%
- Somewhat disagree: 12%
- Strongly disagree: 41%
VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR MOBILIZING PARTNERSHIPS

- Strongly agree: 25%
- Somewhat agree: 11%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 18%
- Somewhat disagree: 5%
- Strongly disagree: 41%
ENGAGEMENT OF MGOS AT HLPF HAS BEEN MEANINGFUL

- Strongly agree: 36%
- Somewhat agree: 14%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 11%
- Somewhat disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 35%
Personal HLPF Experience
HLPF ALLOWED ME TO MEET COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES & EXPERTS IN OTHER FIELDS

- Strongly agree: 35%
- Somewhat agree: 43%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 3%
HLPF ALLOWED ME TO PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Strongly agree: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 19%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 7%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 39%
I TOOK GOOD EXAMPLES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION BACK TO MY COUNTRY FROM THE HLPF

- Strongly agree: 35%
- Somewhat agree: 22%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 31%
VNR PRESENTATION STRENGTHENED SDG AWARENESS & IMPLEMENTATION IN MY COUNTRY

- Strongly agree: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 9%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 32%
Reflections on the Way Forward
HLPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW A SET OF SDGS EVERY YEAR

- Strongly agree: 63%
- Somewhat agree: 18%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 4%
- Somewhat disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
HLPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW A THEME EVERY YEAR

- Strongly agree: 54%
- Somewhat agree: 21%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 11%
- Somewhat disagree: 9%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE PREPARATION, CONTENT, & APPROACH OF VNRS

- Strongly agree: 66%
- Somewhat agree: 25%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 6%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 1%

Strongly agree: 66%
Somewhat agree: 25%
Neither agree nor disagree: 6%
Somewhat disagree: 2%
Strongly disagree: 1%
MORE TIME FOR VNRS WOULD MAKE THEM MORE RELEVANT FOR LESSONS LEARNED

- Strongly agree: 62%
- Somewhat agree: 24%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 2%

More time for VNRS would make them more relevant for lessons learned.
HLPF COULD DISCUSS REVIEWS BY BUSINESSES AND CITIES ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO 2030 AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

- Strongly agree: 59%
- Somewhat agree: 30%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 6%
- Somewhat disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 2%
The Ministerial Declaration should better reflect discussions at HLPF.
Note: Percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who rated the element as important or most important (4 or 5 on a scale of 5).

ELEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED BY THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

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<td>Political guidance and recommendations for follow-up</td>
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<td>New and emerging trends</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Thematic reviews of SDGs</td>
<td>66%</td>
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Suggestions for Improvement: Major Points

- Increase civil society participation
- Increase focus on SDG interlinkages, solutions and concrete recommendations
- Allow for constructive critical reflection on the VNRS
- Increase time for VNR presentations to allow for more depth/peer learning
- More engaging discussion, fewer prepared statements