**2021 HLPF SPECIAL EVENT ON SDG ACCELERATION ACTIONS**

**8 July 2021**
8:00 - 8:50 a.m., EDT

An event to showcase new SDG Acceleration Actions and to galvanize and inspire more ambition and commitments in the context of post-pandemic development landscape, which is emphasized in the 2019 SDG Summit and the Political Declaration of the Summit.

**Key partners:** UN DESA in collaboration with UN system entities, esp. five Regional Economic Commissions, all state and non-state actors

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**2021 HLPF SPECIAL EVENT ON SDG 6**

**9 July 2021**
8:00 - 9:30 a.m., EDT

**Key partners:** UN Water, UN DESA

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**2021 SDGS LEARNING, TRAINING AND PRACTICE**

**6 - 12 July 2021**
8:30 - 10:15 a.m., 2:00 - 3:45 p.m., EDT

Co-organized by Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DESA/DSDG), and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the SDGs Learning is a series of capacity building and knowledge learning sessions held as a Special Event to the HLPF, featuring speakers and experts from many sectors on crucial topics related to the implementation of the SDGs under review in 2021.

**Key partners:** UN DESA, UNITAR

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**HIGHER EDUCATION SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (HESI) SPECIAL EVENT**

**7 July 2021**
9:00 - 11:30 a.m., EDT

An annual global gathering on the role of higher education in promoting and advancing the implementation of the SDGs, exploring challenges, opportunities, and innovative multi-stakeholder higher education related initiatives. The 2021 event will explore ‘the role of further education to drive collective action for the SDGs: building a sustainable and resilient recovery’.

**Key partners:** UN DESA, UNESCO, UN Environment, UN-HABITAT, UNGC’s PRME, UNU, UNCTAD, UNITAR, and SDSN

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**2021 HLPF SPECIAL EVENT ON SDG 6 GLOBAL ACCELERATION FRAMEWORK**

**9 July 2021**
9:00 - 11:30 a.m., EDT

The Special Event will focus on how the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework can support a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, and builds an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

**Key partners:** UN Water, UN DESA

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*All the events will be held in virtual format*
**PARLIAMENTARY FORUM: MESSAGE FROM THE PANDEMIC**

12 July 2021
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., EDT

This year’s Parliamentary Forum entitled “Message from the pandemic: Bring “government” back” will look at the “big picture”, namely, the role of government versus that of the marketplace in the drive toward the SDGs. The Forum will provide a critical perspective on the role of public policy and of the public sector in managing the economy and in responding to people’s needs.

Organized by: IPU

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FORUM (LRGF)**

12 - 13 July 2021
8:00 - 10:30 a.m., EDT

The fourth LRGF will bring together local, regional, and national governments to discuss how decentralized cooperation among local and regional governments and their association and networks, national authorities and the international community can contribute to the achievement of the global goals.

Key partners: UN DESA, Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), UN-Habitat, UNDP, and Local 2030

**SDGS IN ACTION FILM FESTIVAL**

12 July 2021
11:00 a.m. - noon, EDT

The SDGs in Action Film Festival showcases selected short films that highlight how people and organizations around the world are taking action in support of the SDGs. This year, the Festival will feature winning short films under three categories, namely, “Rebuilding communities from COVID-19”, “Protecting our planet”, and “Advancing gender equality”.

Organized by UNDESA

**2021 CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS FOR SDGS**

15 July 2021
9:00 - 10:30 a.m., EDT

The 2021 Chief Sustainability Officers for SDGs event will focus on “Time to Transform: How business can lead the transformations needed to realize the SDGs”. It will bring together business leaders and sustainability champions from across the world for an engaging virtual dialogue to explore the key transformations needed across the global business community to put us course for a world where everyone can live well, within planetary boundaries.

Key partners: UN DESA and WBCSD

*All the events will be held in virtual format*