



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Overview

In the midst of the devastating socioeconomic impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed across the globe in the last 15 months, countries have demonstrated an unprecedented resolve and determination to build back better. This year's [High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#) from 6 to 15 July will showcase the bold actions countries have taken, using the Sustainable Development Goals as the roadmap, to ensure recovery is people-centered and leads to a more equitable, prosperous and sustainable future.

Presentation of Voluntary National Reviews

43 countries will share their Voluntary National Reviews - the actions they are taking to move forward - from 12 to 15 July. They are: Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamans, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Island, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Paraguay, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden. Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

Over 1000 participants – from governments to businesses to civil society organisations – are expected to be part of the conversations at the Forum. Convened by the UN Economic and Social Council, the Forum – a blend of in-person and virtual meetings – will focus on a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 and nine Sustainable Development Goals will be in focus: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17.

As some regions of the world continue to grapple with the impacts of the pandemic, the Forum presents a critical opportunity to ramp up engagement on the Goals, demonstrating the indispensable role the SDGs can play in recovery efforts. By providing political leadership, guidance on achieving the SDGs through the sharing of experiences, including success stories on the ground; as well as developing policy recommendations for strengthening implementation, follow-up and review, the Forum has become the central platform for measuring progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs.

The Decade of Action and the SDG Acceleration Actions

[The Decade of Action for Sustainable Development](#), launched in 2020, recognized that progress was slow in advancing SDG implementation and called for governments, businesses, civil society and individuals to step up action. [The SDG Acceleration Actions](#), initiatives voluntarily undertaken to scale up SDG implementation, support the Decade of Action and have increased from 147 actions in 2020 to over 300 actions today. Initiatives range from Clean Cooking Stoves to the Development of Charter Cities to a Common Digital Skills Framework.

Special Events

In addition to over 300 side events, there will be a number of special events including the launch of the SDG Progress Report (6 July), a special event on SDG Acceleration Actions (8 July), the launch of the State of Food Security and Nutrition Report (12 July) and VNR Labs will also be virtually organized in the margins of the HLPF.

The Forum will result in a Ministerial Declaration for guiding the way forward for the Decade of Action and Delivery.