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Module 1: Overview of Progress towards the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

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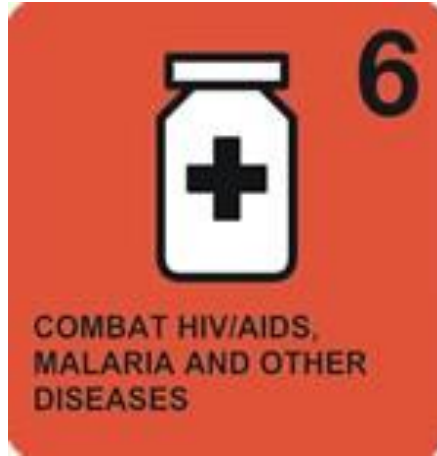
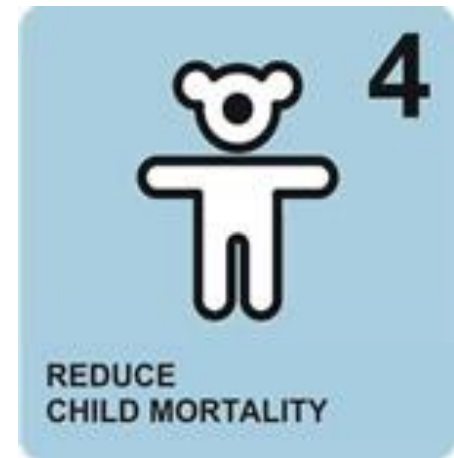
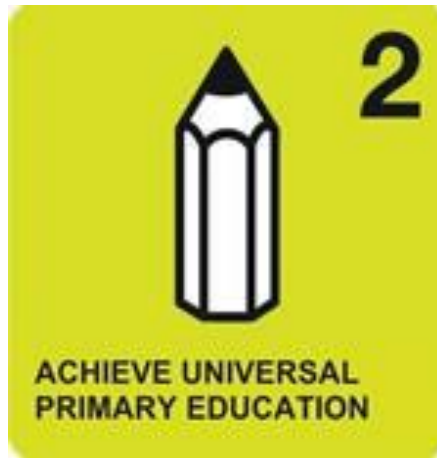


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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (and their 169 Targets)

1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS




SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

SDGs' holistic approach: (universal and integrated Agenda) 5 elements underpinning the Agenda 2030

The Goals are meant to stimulate action over the next ~~15~~ ~~14~~ ~~13~~ ~~12~~ years
in 5 areas of critical importance:

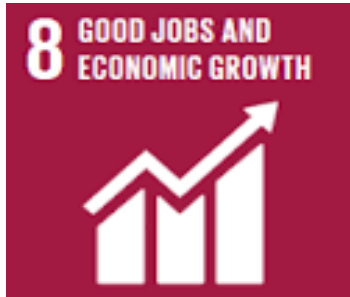


- People
- Planet
- Prosperity
- Peace (and Justice)
- Partnership

The 7 People Goals: 1 to 7



The 5 Prosperity Goals: 8 to 12



The 3 Planet Goals: 13 -15



The Peace & Justice Goal (16)

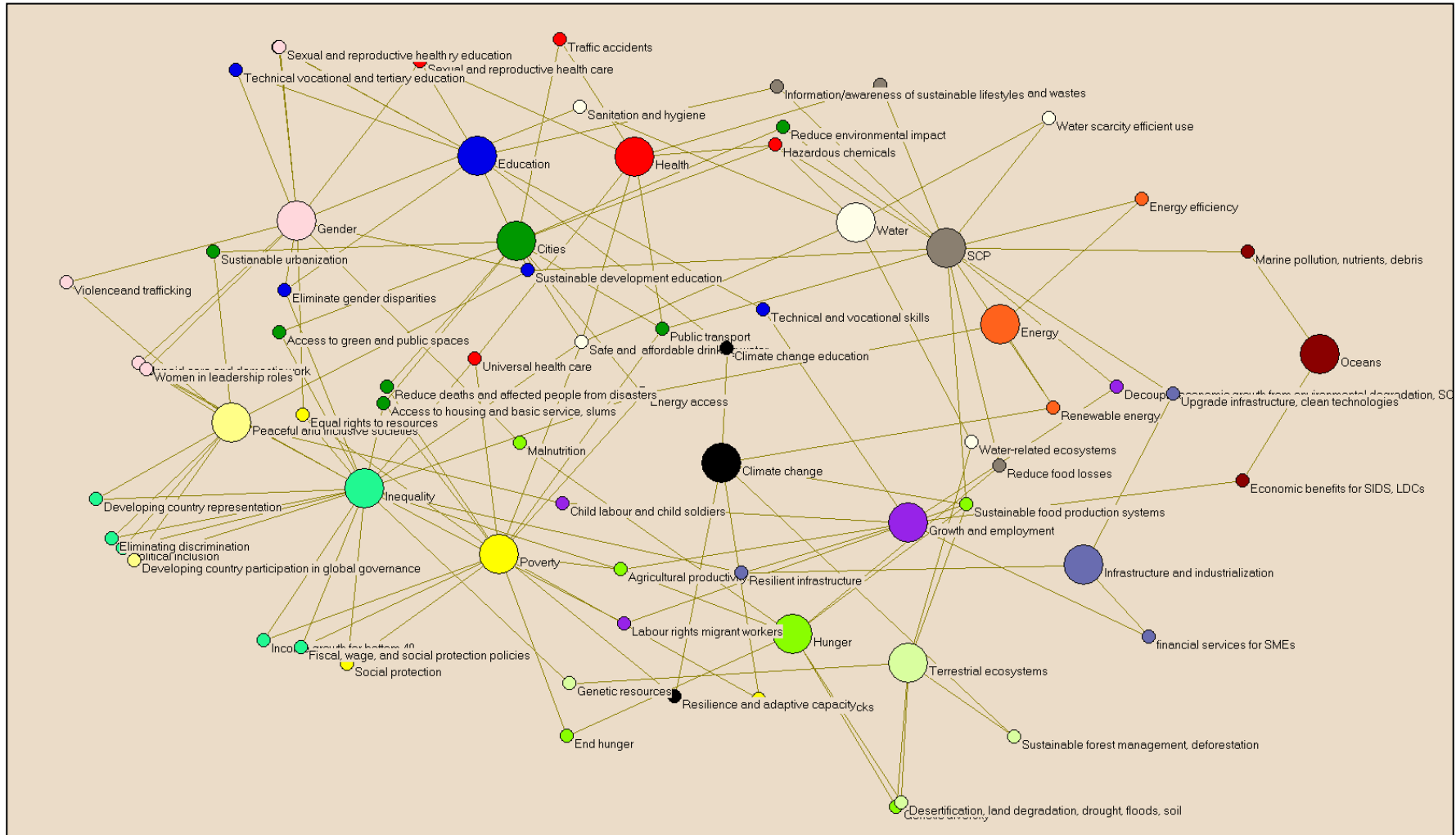
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The Partnership Goal (17)

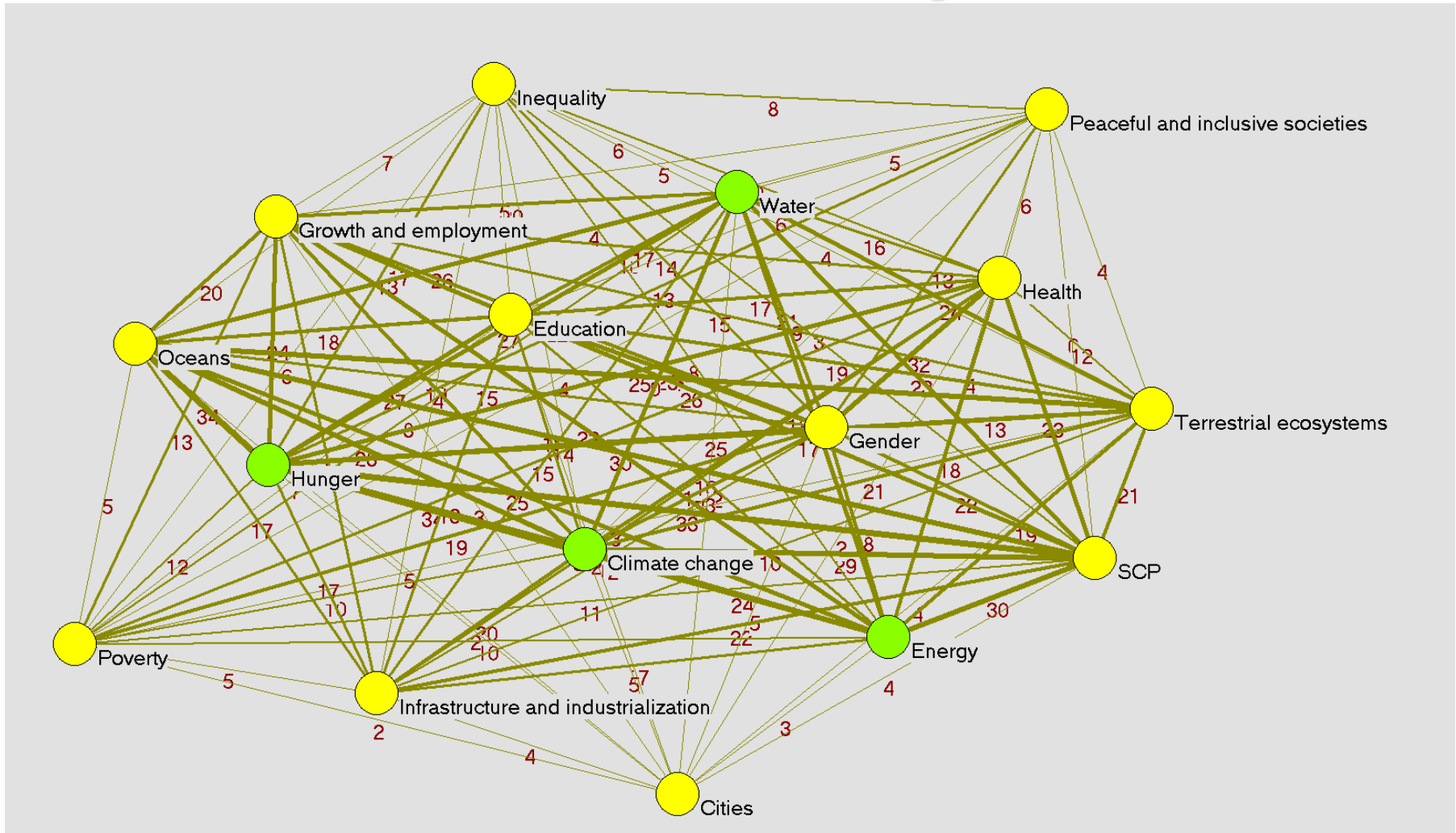


SDGs as an Integrated System (a network of targets?)



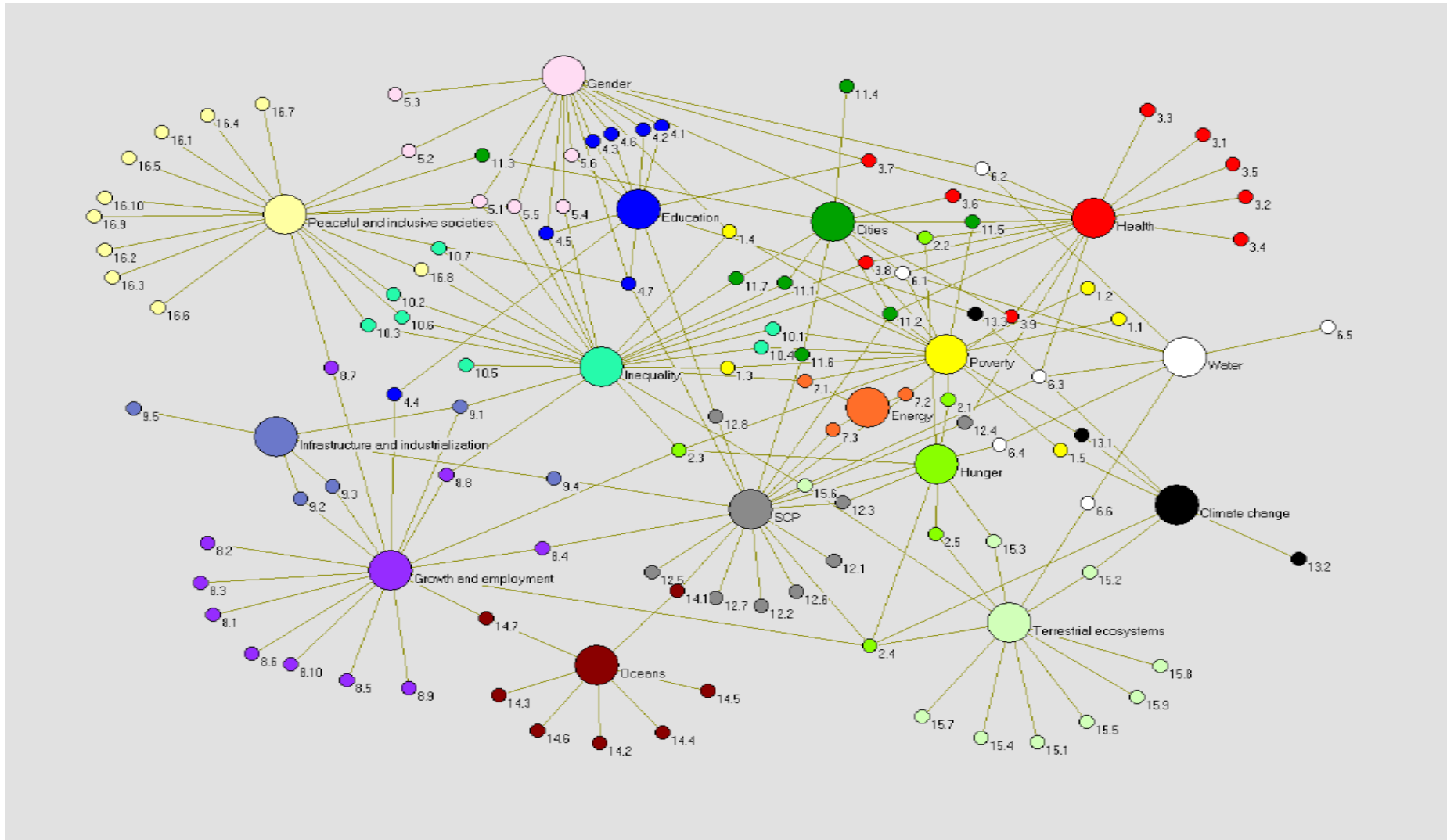
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SDGs as an Integrated System: A Scientists' Perspective



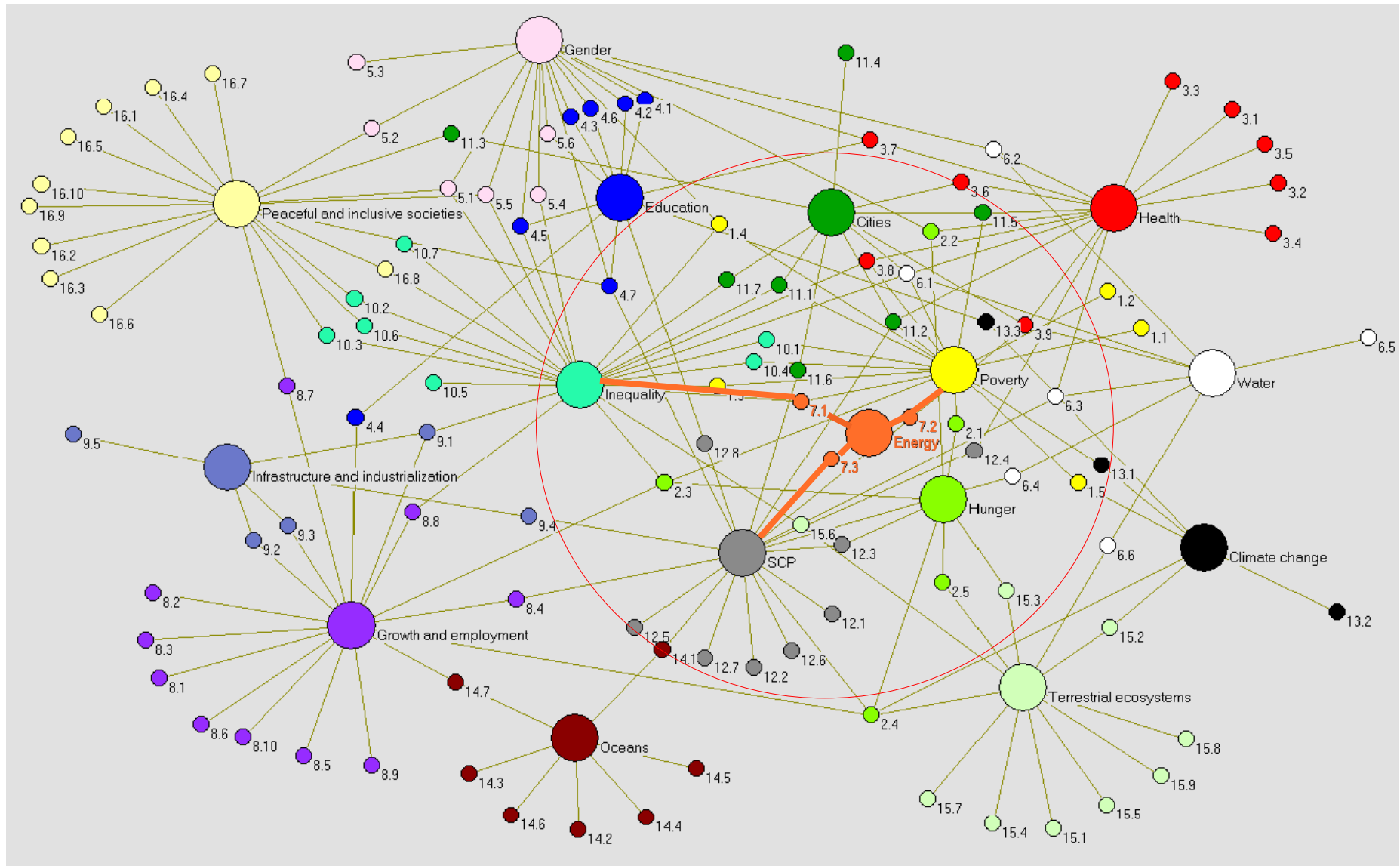
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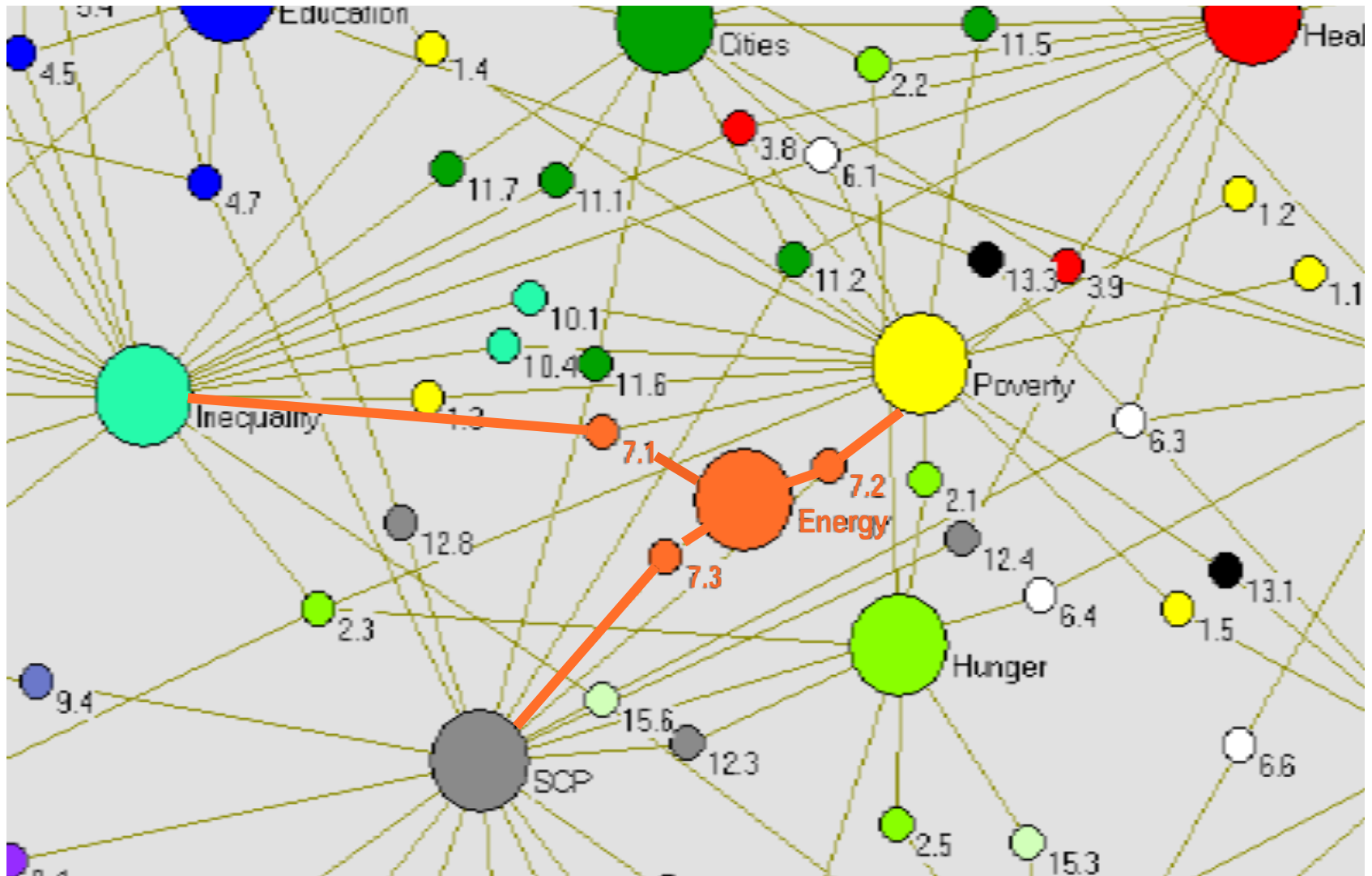
(links between the SDGs through their targets)

Rank	Goal No. – Sustainable Development Goal	Number of other SDGs to which the Goal is connected
1	12 – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	14
2	10 – Reduce inequality within and among countries	12
3	1 – End poverty in all its forms everywhere	10
4	8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	10
5	2 – End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	8
6	3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	8
7	5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	8
8	4 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	7
9	6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	7
10	11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	6
11	13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	6
12	15 – Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	6
13	16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	6
14	7 – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	3
15	9 – Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	3
16	14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable Development	2

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SDG 7's linkages with other SDGs in the 3 Dimensions of Sustainable Development



Source: IRENA (2017), Rethinking Energy in 2017: Accelerating the Global Energy Transformation, International Renewable Energy Agency, Abu Dhabi.


High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)



Credit: Bill Bly

HLPF TIMELINE (2013-2019)

HLPF TIMELINE

 The set of goals to be reviewed in depth will be the following, including Goal 17.

2013

Building the future we want: from Rio+20 to the post-2015 development agenda

2015

Strengthening integration, implementation and review - the HLPF after 2015

2017

Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world



2019

Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

2014

Achieving the MDGs and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 agenda

2016

Ensuring that no one is left behind



2018

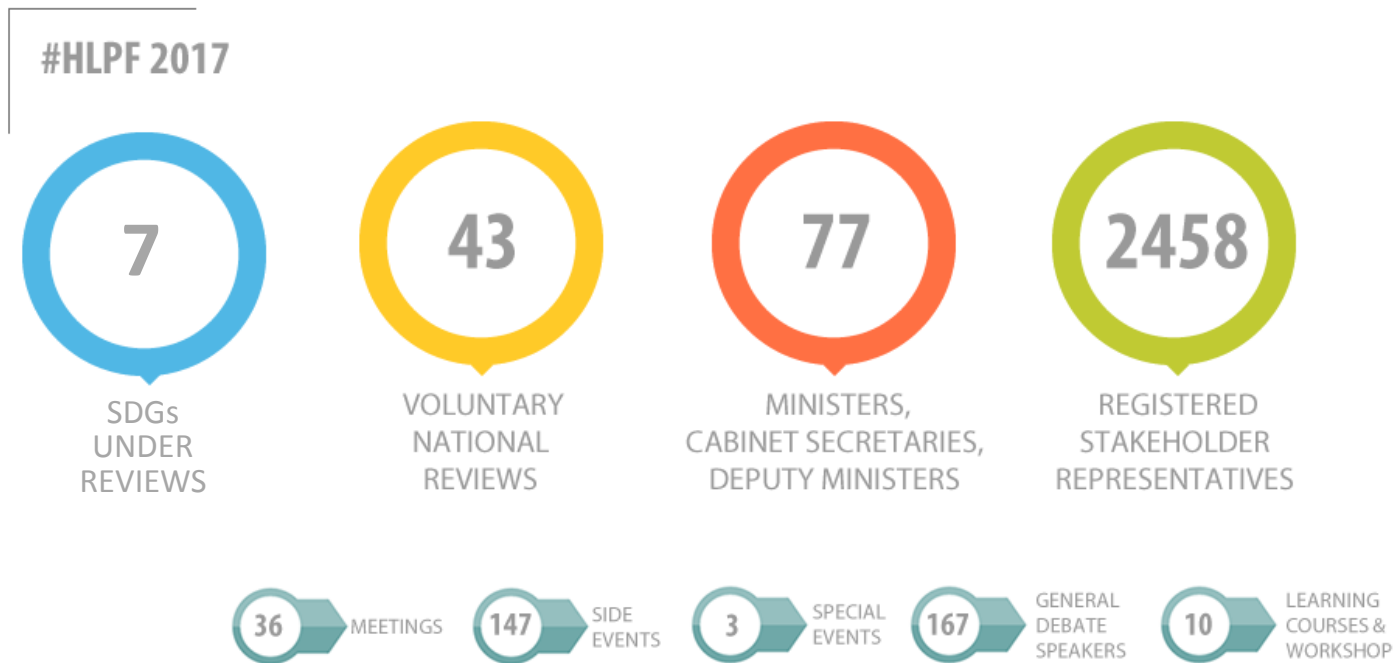
Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies



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Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world



The set of goals for the in-depth review on progress

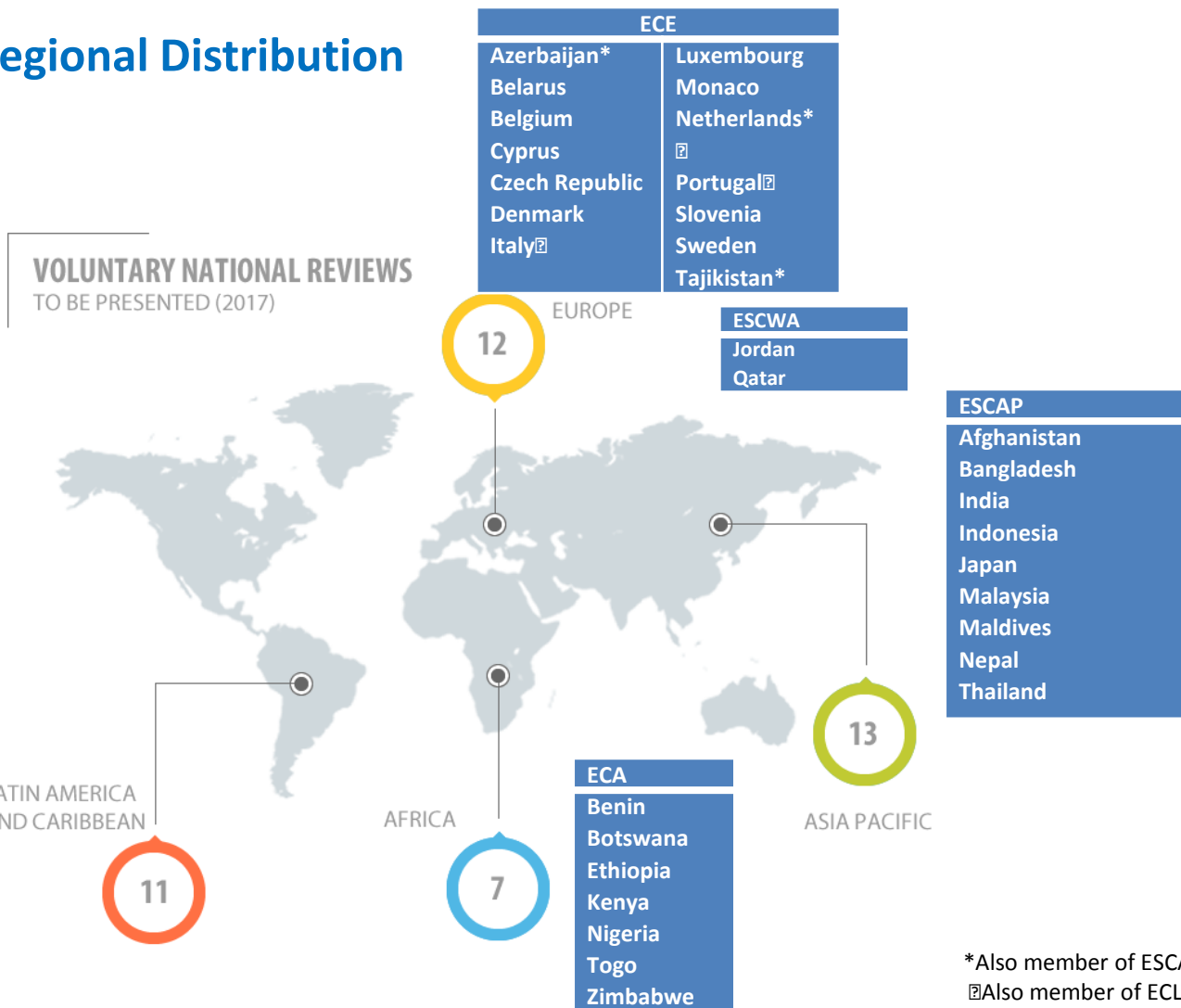


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Geographic/Regional Distribution



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VNR Countries' SDG reporting choice



ALL 17 GOALS

Many countries included dedicated sections on each of the 17 SDGs. A few countries addressed all SDGs in a cross-cutting way through their own national frameworks.



GOALS UNDER IN-DEPTH REVIEW AT 2017 HLPF

These countries included specific sections focusing on the set of goals that are under in-depth review at the 2017 HLPF. Some also included a statistical annex covering more goals.



GOALS OF OWN CHOICE

Some countries chose to focus on their priority goals within the 2030 Agenda. Some decided to report on the most relevant ones within the set of goals under in-depth review.

- All reviews addressed **SDG1** on eradicating poverty; Poverty related to social inequalities
- **SDG2** (food Security) interlinked with other SDGs (1, 8 and 5 + 13 in particular)
- Countries have sectoral policies and strategies to ensure affordable, accessible, quality healthcare for all (**SDG3**).
- Advancement of **SDG4**, with increase of attendance in early learning centres, and in secondary school attendance and decrease of drop-out rates. Universal access remains a challenge (\$)

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- On **SDG 5**, gender equality is a prerequisite to achieving the 2030 Agenda. Violence against women and girls, and low participation of women in decision making or leadership positions are main challenges.
- Progressed were made on **SDG 6**, but challenges in rural areas. Water shortage foreseen in the future (competing demands, impact of CC, conflict, natural disasters and excessive groundwater consumption)
- Countries have taken measures on **SDG 7** (diversifying energy sources, developing renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency, awareness-raising...)
- On **SDG 8**, countries stressed the importance of having sufficient investment in both capital and human resources. Impact of climate change and transnational crime were also stressed.
- On **SDG 9**, many countries reported on improving transport. infrastructure (airports, roads, harbours and road and rail links), alongside irrigation, clean drinking water, and power supply.
- The use of social protection policies and social security systems were among the measures reported to reduce inequality within and among countries (**SDG 10**).

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- On **SDG 11**, countries recognized major role of cities for economic development, but also showed concerns about rapid urbanization, particularly in developing countries.
- Countries reported on significant challenges in achieving sustainable consumption and production (**SDG 12**), and highlighted their aims and policies for achieving circular or green economies.
- Countries outlined the consequences of climate change (**SDG 13**), and several policies and actions for both climate mitigation and adaptation were reported on.
- On **SDG 14**, measures and tools listed by some countries to address the major threats affecting the oceans included integrated coastal management, application of an ecosystem approach, and the establishment of marine protected areas.
- On **SDG 15**, countries highlighted actions taken to preserve biological diversity, such as integration and mainstreaming of ecosystem and biodiversity conservation into sectoral plans, sustainable forest management, and policies to tackle poaching and trafficking of endangered species and products derived from them.

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- On **SDG 16**, countries reported on good governance, strong and transparent institutions, rule of law, protection of human rights, anti-corruption and preventing illicit flows, access to government and information, and strengthening peace and security through strong institutions and good governance.
- On **SDG 17**, calls to honour commitments made about official development assistance (ODA) were made, while several donor countries reported on their ODA contributions.
- Numerous countries stressed the significance of data, monitoring and accountability mechanisms;
- Many countries addressed ICT and internet services, and it was stressed that internet access can serve as a catalyst for development.

2017 HLPF: Some key points

- National governments strongly committed to transformative shift for 2030 Agenda and “Leave no one behind”
- Policy-making more science- and evidenced-based & aligned with national budgets
- Decentralization is occurring – Local governments & communities adapting SDGs to their particular circumstances
- Multi-stakeholder engagement is increasing
- Partnerships gaining momentum (led by financial & business sectors)
- Need to address SDGs interlinkages in an integrated way (particularly through means of implementation)
- Importance of coherence between SDGs and other intern.-agreed instruments (such as those related to climate change, disaster risk reduction, and trade and human rights)
- Science and technology must be brought in, and knowledge and know-how should be made accessible to all

2017 HLPF: Lessons learned

- Pivotal role of strong partnerships for SDGs;
- Means for stakeholder engagement, including the private sector; and
- Importance of policy coherence and multi-sectoral coordination

2017 HLPF: Lessons learned

Areas requiring additional effort include:

- Achieving real policy coherence and implementing “whole-of-government” approaches;
- Addressing low capacity of many national statistical institutions to meet new challenges;
- Improving the institutional capacity of local governments;
- Promoting greater coordination between the different spheres of public administration;
- Accelerating the integration of the SDGs into the policies and programmes of all relevant line ministries; and
- Inculcating a “whole-of-society” approach so that the SDGs become a truly national endeavour

Resources

- UN Secretary-General's [voluntary common reporting guidelines for VNRs](#) at the HLPF (available in 6 UN languages)
- [Q&A for Voluntary National Reviews](#) at the 2017 HLPF
- [Synthesis of Voluntary National Reviews 2016](#)
- [Voluntary National Reviews 2017 - Synthesis Report](#)
- [Handbook for the Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews](#)

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Thank you very much for your attention!



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Module 1 Group work

Assignment: Role Play Discussion and Presentation. In this exercise, all participants will be divided into five working groups.

- Each working group of 10 to 12 participants will be divided into four teams representing (1) national governments; (2) global governance mechanisms such as the UN system and IGOs; (3) private business sector; and (4) NGOs, civil society (CSOs) and academia which watching and influencing the Agenda 2030
- The four teams within each working group will interact, presenting their points of view on in answer to the following challenge:
“The successful monitoring of progress towards Agenda 2030 and the SDGs requires an integration of policymaking with the gathering of accurate and disaggregated data and statistics, and with policy analysis. What measures need to be taken to ensure effective policymaking with incomplete data and statistics and only partial information?”
- A rapporteur will summarize the discussion and present it in plenary on behalf of each working group