

The 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

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The VNR process: Building-up momentum

Why communicate the VNR process?

- To **raise public awareness** on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, inform and involve a wider range of stakeholders (urban vs. rural, indigenous groups, youth...) in the VNR process and the overall implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- To invite **target audiences** to follow the VNR presentation during the HLPF
- To **promote transparency** regarding the VNR preparation process and build trust with stakeholders
- To **share key results** of the VNR during and after the HLPF
- To **strengthen partnerships** with existing stakeholders or raise interest of potential partners
- Life after VNR: **follow-up to the 2030 Agenda implementation strategy**



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The VNR process: Building-up momentum

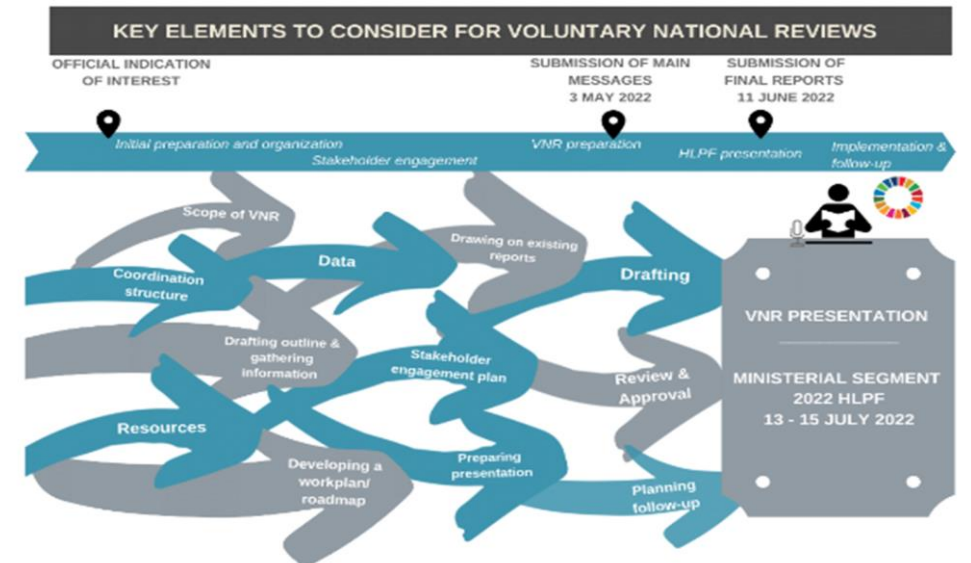
Examples of good practices on VNR dissemination

- **Press and social media campaigns:**
 - Institutional accounts in social media to highlight VNR progress: (Dominican Republic, 2018);
 - Consistent slogan ahead, during & after the VNR presentation (#Uruguaysumavalor in 2018);
 - Use of # and @ with delegation members or participating institutions in the VNR process (Cuba 2021)
 - Messages during & after the HLPF with links to presentation and live transmission (Panamá y Perú 2020)
- **Translate VNR to other national languages** to reach a wider audience (Mexico 2018)
- VNR components showcased on the **UN DESA SDG Acceleration Actions Platform** (Peru 2019)
- **National presentation of the VNR** prior to the HLPF (Argentina 2020 and 2022)
- National **thematic workshops** on the three dimensions of sustainable development (Chile 2019)
- **Contest to design the cover of the VNR with universities** (Mexico 2021)
- Development of a **website post-HLPF for disseminating the VNR and stakeholder engagement** (Antigua and Barbuda 2021)



The VNR process: Presentation at the HLPF

- **Timing:** First timers: 30 mins at the HLPF: 10 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for Q&A; Second, third and fourth timers: 25 mins at the HLPF: 10 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A.
- **Best practices:** Present at **the highest level**; highlight SDG situation, trends, achievements, challenges, areas for support and advice, next steps; focus **whole presentation on the 2030 Agenda (avoid descriptions of country's history and geography)** including in videos; respond to questions (even after the HLPF); adapt to **international audience** and be **brief**; consider involving **multiple stakeholders** in delegations.
- **Videos** of past VNR presentations are available in the archives of UN Web TV: <http://webtv.un.org/>
- **Power-Point presentations** of past VNR presenters are posted on the presenting country's national page in the VNR database: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/>



1. Initial preparation and organization
2. Stakeholder engagement
3. VNR preparation
4. Presentation at the HLPF



SDG Platforms: sharing and following up beyond the VNR

Antigua and Barbuda: <https://sdgsantiguabarbuda.ag/>

Argentina: <https://www.argentina.gov.ar/politicassociales/ods>

Chile: <http://www.chileagenda2030.gob.cl/>

Colombia: <https://www.ods.gov.co/en>

Costa Rica: <http://www.ods.cr/>

Ecuador: <https://www.odsecuador.ec>

Guatemala: <https://pnd.gt/Home/Revisiones>

Honduras: <https://www.sgpr.gob.hn/ODS/>

Jamaica: <https://statinja.gov.jm/sdg.aspx>

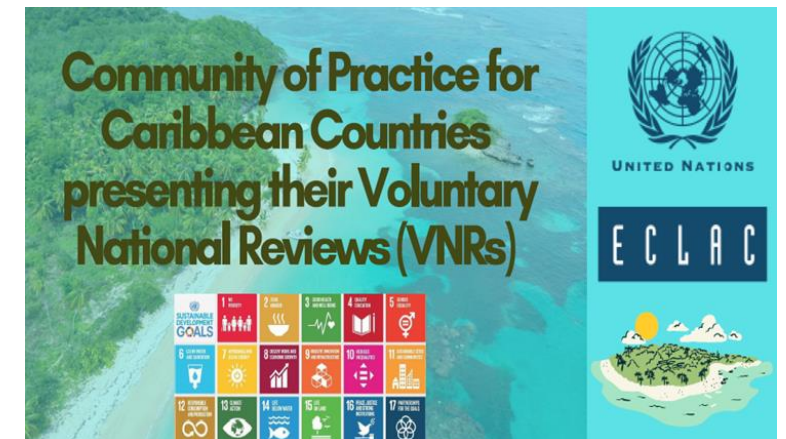
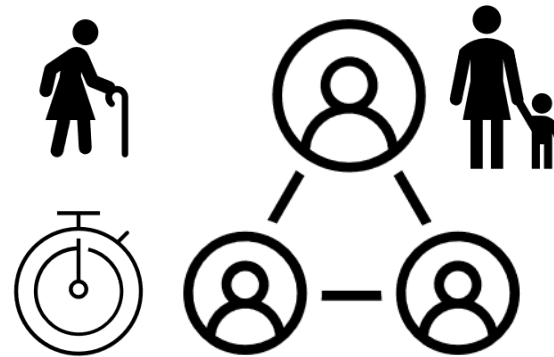
Mexico: <http://agenda2030.mx/#/home>

Paraguay: <https://ods.dgeec.gov.py/>

Peru: <http://ods.inei.gob.pe/ods/>

Dominican Republic: <http://ods.gob.do/Home/Inicio>

Uruguay: <https://ods.gub.uy/>



General Information on the 2022 HLPF

- DATES: The meeting of the HLPF in 2022 will be held from **Tuesday, 5 July, to Thursday, 7 July, and from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022**, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. This includes the **three-day ministerial segment of the forum from Wednesday, 13 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022**. The **high-level segment of the Council** will conclude with a final day on **Monday, 18 July 2022**.
- THEME: The theme for the 2022 HLPF is “**Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.”
- SDGs UNDER REVIEW: The HLPF will also review in-depth **Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals**. It will consider the different impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all SDGs.
- VNRs: **44 countries** will carry out VNRs, **7** from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- OUTCOMES: The HLPF will adopt the **Ministerial Declaration** as the outcome of its session. The President of ECOSOC will prepare a summary to capture the key messages of the discussions.
- MORE INFORMATION: DESA launched a **new HLPF website**: <https://hlpf.un.org/>; **registration**: <https://hlpf.un.org/2022/registration-participation>; follow HLPF via UN WEB TV: <http://webtv.un.org/>



General Information on the 2022 HLPF

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2022 HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT*					
<i>Theme: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i>					
Week 1: 5-7 and 11-12 July 2022					
Tuesday, 5 July		Wednesday, 6 July		Thursday, 7 July	
Monday, 11 July		Tuesday, 12 July			
9 AM – 1 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">9 – 10 AM, GA Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening President of ECOSOC Keynote address "Messages from ECOSOC"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 AM – 1 PM, GA Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Building back better and advancing the SDGs</u> (Townhall meeting)</p> <p><i>(What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the SDGs? Are our recovery measures advancing the 2030 Agenda? What should we do differently? Are we leaving no one behind and addressing trade-offs? How can we address the challenges of Middle-income Countries and Countries in Special Situation? Lessons from the 2022 VNRs and other countries and stakeholders)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM – 12 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SDGs in focus:</u></p> <p>SDG 4 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Quality education</p> <p><i>(How has COVID-19 impacted education and what are the lessons learned? What kind of responses can support access to quality education and life-long learning for everyone? What are key issues for the Sept. 2022 Transforming Education Summit?)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 – 1 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Acting at local level</u></p> <p><i>(How can we bolster local action to achieve the SDGs and respond to COVID-19? What can we learn from the increasing number of VLRs and inform VNRs?)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM – 12 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SDGs in focus:</u></p> <p>SDG 5 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Gender equality</p> <p><i>(What are the most promising strategies and actions today for overcoming gender inequality and discrimination? How can the empowerment of women and girls accelerate SDG progress and recovery from COVID-19?)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 – 1 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Working towards the 2023 SDG Summit</u></p> <p><i>(Launching preparations for the mid-term review of the SDGs and the September 2023 SDG Summit)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM – 9:10 AM, CR 4</p> <p>Introduction of report on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:10 AM – 12 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SDGs in focus:</u></p> <p>SDG 15 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Life on land</p> <p><i>(What concrete measures can help reshape the human-nature relationship and set development on a more sustainable path? How can we build momentum for action around the post-2020 global biodiversity framework?)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 – 1 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voluntary national reviews</u></p> <p>2 VNRs – Togo, Uruguay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM – 11 AM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vision of civil society: Leaving no one behind in recovering better</u></p> <p><i>(How can we identify those left behind and how can we provide social protection and other measures to contribute to more equal societies and build resilience?)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 AM – 1:05 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voluntary national reviews</u></p> <p>5 VNRs – Argentina, Ghana, Latvia, Philippines, Switzerland</p>
	3 – 6 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SDGs in focus:</u></p> <p>SDG 17 and interlinkages with other SDGs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 – 4:30 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Financing a robust crisis response and investing in the SDGs</u> <i>(What did ECOSOC FFD Forum call for and how can we follow-up on its recommendations?)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:30 – 5:30 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and innovation for an SDG driven recovery</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 – 6 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capacity development and partnerships to maximize the benefits of science, technology and trade for sustainable development</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 – 5 PM, CR 4</p> <p>African countries, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ensuring equal access to vaccines and resources in the poorest countries</u></p> <p><i>(How far have we progressed in ensuring equitable access to vaccines and to enable LDCs, LLDCs and African countries to sustainably recover from the pandemic? How can we address these countries' needs for financial resources and other support? What new measures are needed to implement the Doha Programme of Action for the LDCs?)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 – 6 PM, CR 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SDGs in focus:</u></p> <p>SDG 14 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Life below water</p> <p><i>(Building on the Ocean Conference, what actions and partnerships can build synergies among COVID-19 recovery, economic development and ocean health? How best can we use the momentum from the Ocean Conference to strengthen the science - policy interface to support sustainable ocean management?)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 – 5 PM, CR 4</p> <p>Small Island Developing States</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Building back better in vulnerable situations</u></p> <p><i>(How can we build international consensus on the uptake and use of the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to give SIDS access the support they need to build forward better in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic?)</i></p>

General Information on the 2022 HLPF

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL				
<i>Theme: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i>				
Week 2: 13 to 15 and 18 July 2022				
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT OF HLPF / HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT				HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT
	Wednesday, 13 July	Thursday, 14 July	Friday, 15 July	Monday, 18 July
9 AM – 1 PM	<p>9 – 10:15 AM Opening President of ECOSOC, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly President of the Republic of Botswana H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi Masisi Keynotes Youth representatives</p> <p>10:15 AM – 1 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 5 VNRs – 1st timers and 2nd timer</p>	<p>9 – 10:30 AM <u>Messages from the regions</u> <i>(Regional action and leveraging regional frameworks to support countries on the road to recovery and rebuilding from the devastating impacts of the pandemic)</i></p> <p>10:30 – 10:45 AM <u>Outcomes of the UN Environment Assembly</u></p> <p>10:45 AM – 1 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 4 VNRs – 1st timers and 2nd timer</p>	<p>9 AM – 1 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 9 VNRs - 2nd timers</p>	<p>9 – 9:30 AM Introduction of: SG reports on the theme of HLPF and ECOSOC and on scenarios and long-term impact of current trends on the SDGs</p> <p>Report of the Committee on Development Policy</p> <p>9:30 AM -1 PM <u>Future proofing multilateralism for a resilient and inclusive recovery</u> <i>(What have we learned about multilateralism from COVID-19? How can we best support multilateralism and international cooperation for building back better? How can multilateral collaboration be reimagined to be more effective in the future? What are the key reforms needed in multilateral institutions that would allow for adequate representation of developing countries in international institutions?)</i></p>
3 – 6 PM	<p>3– 6 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 5 VNRs – 1st timers</p>	<p>3 – 6 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 7 VNRs – 2nd timers</p>	<p>3 – 4 PM <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 1 VNR - 2nd timer</p> <p>4 – 6 PM Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Conclusion of the HLPF</p>	<p>3 – 5 PM <u>Looking ahead: Acting today to secure a better future</u> <i>(Future trends and scenarios for building back better from COVID-19 and their long-term impacts. What are different scenarios for building back better? What current trends could greatly impact the future, and which need to be changed or adapted? What trends and scenarios carry the greatest hope and risk towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda?)</i></p> <p>5 – 6 PM Adoption of the Ministerial declaration Conclusion of the HLS</p>

* The programme reflects General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and B; 67/290; 70/299; and the 2030 Agenda. It is based on assumption that it will be an in-person meeting. In case the circumstances will warrant a hybrid meeting, the hours will need to be reduced, which will affect the time allocated to VNR presentations and other sessions.

**The sessions will look at synergies and trade-offs among these SDGs and across all the SDGs. SDG 17 will be discussed in all SDG sessions.

Highlights from the LAC region plenary sessions at the HLPF 2022

CONFIRMED

- **Tuesday, 5 July, 16:30 – 17:30:** Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and innovation for an SDG driven recovery (Intervention by ECLAC's Acting Executive Secretary)
- **Thursday, 7 July 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:** "SDG 5 and interlinkages with other SDGs - Gender equality" (Nadine Gasman, Mexico)
- **Thursday, 14 July, 9:00 – 10:30:** Messages from the regions: Regional action and leveraging regional frameworks to support countries on the road to recovery and rebuilding from the devastating impacts of the pandemic (Intervention by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica presenting results of **the fifth meeting of Forum of LAC countries on Sustainable Development 2022**; ECLAC and stakeholders from LAC)

- **7 VNRs from the LAC region:**

- **11 July: Uruguay**
- **12 July: Argentina and El Salvador**
- **13 July: Dominica and Suriname**
- **14 July: Grenada**
- **15 July: Jamaica**



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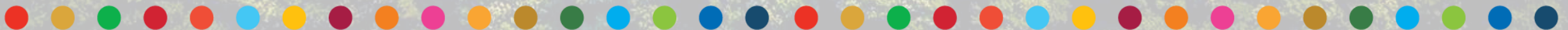
In addition to the plenary sessions, other events, including **Side Events, VNR Labs, Special Events, and Exhibitions** are being organized on the margins of the 2022 HLPF. **ECLAC** has submitted along with the **members States and other partners** various requests for side events. Dates will be shared by DESA shortly.

CONFIRMED

Monday, 11 July, 8:00 – 9.00 AM: VNR Lab with Regional Commissions: Increased policy coherence and accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda: the role of VLRs in the VNR process (with Mexico)

SIDE-EVENTS TO BE CONFIRMED

- **Argentina/ECLAC:** Opportunities and good practices for integration of biodiversity and sustainable agriculture for gender equality and vulnerable groups in LAC (**SDGs 5, 14, 15**)
- **Costa Rica/ECLAC:** International partnerships & **SDG 17** with countries in “Development in Transition”
- **Uruguay/ECLAC:** The implementation of **SDG 4** in Latin America and the Caribbean: strategies for recovering from the impact of the pandemic and accelerating action towards 203
- **Chile/Uruguay:** Development in Transition (with participation from ECLAC and UNDP)



Upcoming 2030 Agenda milestones until and after the HLPF 2022

Global level

- **UN Ocean Conference** (27 June-1 July, Portugal)
- **The UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF)** (5-18 July, New York)
- **UN Education Summit** (19 September, New York, *date TBC*)
- **UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)** (1 October, Kunming, China)



Regional level

- **Special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean** (22-23 June, ECLAC, Santiago de Chile)
- **4th meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in LAC** (28-30 June, ECLAC, Santiago de Chile)
- **Webinar organized by ILPES - Participation in the territorialization of the 2030 Agenda** (29 June, ECLAC, Santiago de Chile) More [information](#) and [register](#).
- **XXIX Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional Planning Council (CRP) of the ILPES** (2-4 August, Panama)
- **XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean** (7-11 November, Argentina)





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