Regional workshop for Latin American and Caribbean countries that will present their Voluntary National Review (VNR) in 2022

8 March 2022

2022 HLPF TIMELINE

3-5 March
ECA Regional Forum

7-9 March
ECLAC Regional Forum

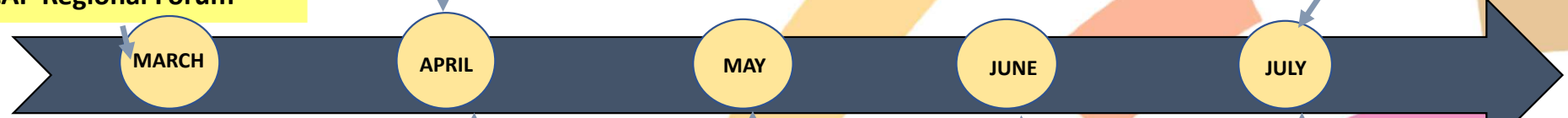**15-17 March**
ESCWA Regional Forum

28-31 March
ESCAP Regional Forum

6-7 April
ECE Regional Forum

5-7 and 11-12 July
High-level Political Forum on Sustainable

13-15 and 18 July
High-level Segment of ECOSOC, including
the 3-day ministerial segment of HLPF

12-15 July
VNR Presentations
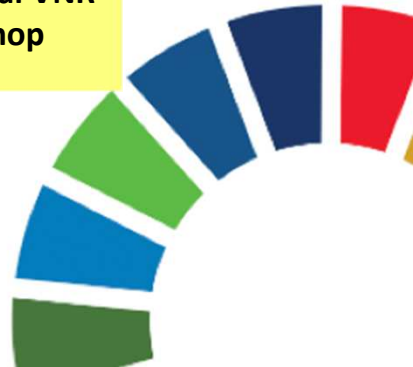
MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY

11-13 April
Second Global VNR Workshop

3 May
Deadline for submission of main messages of VNR reports

10 June
Deadline for submission of VNR reports

17 June
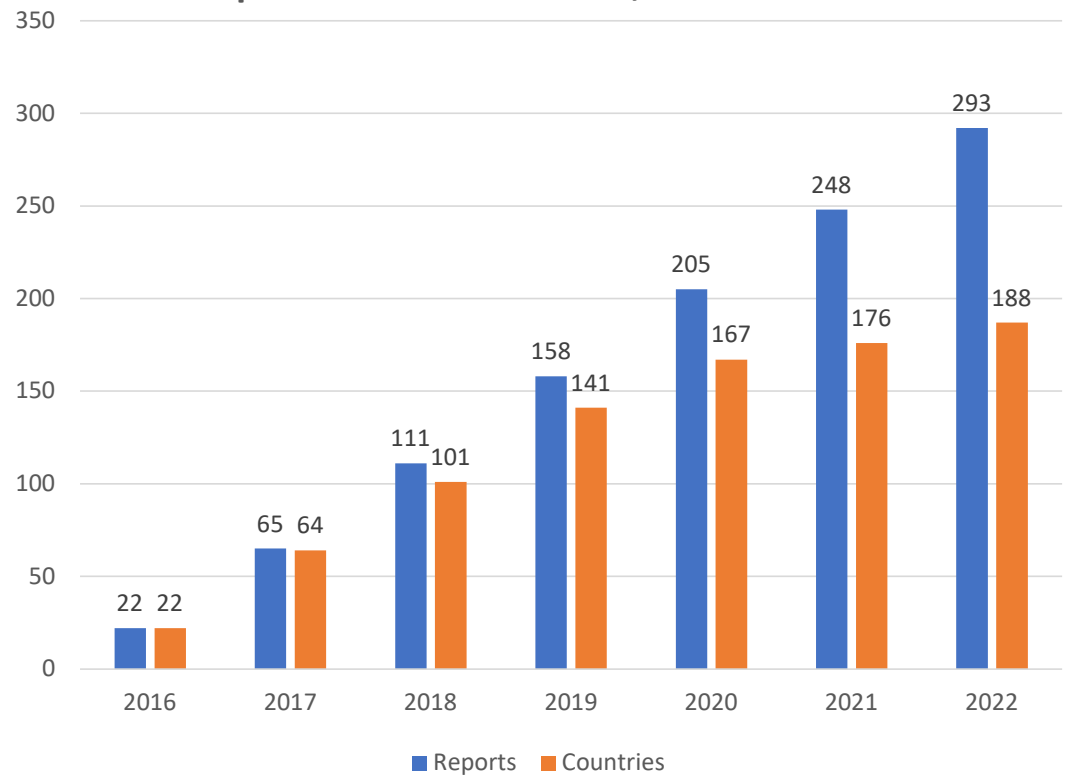Deadline for audio-visuals

July
Third Global VNR Workshop

45 VNR Countries in 2022

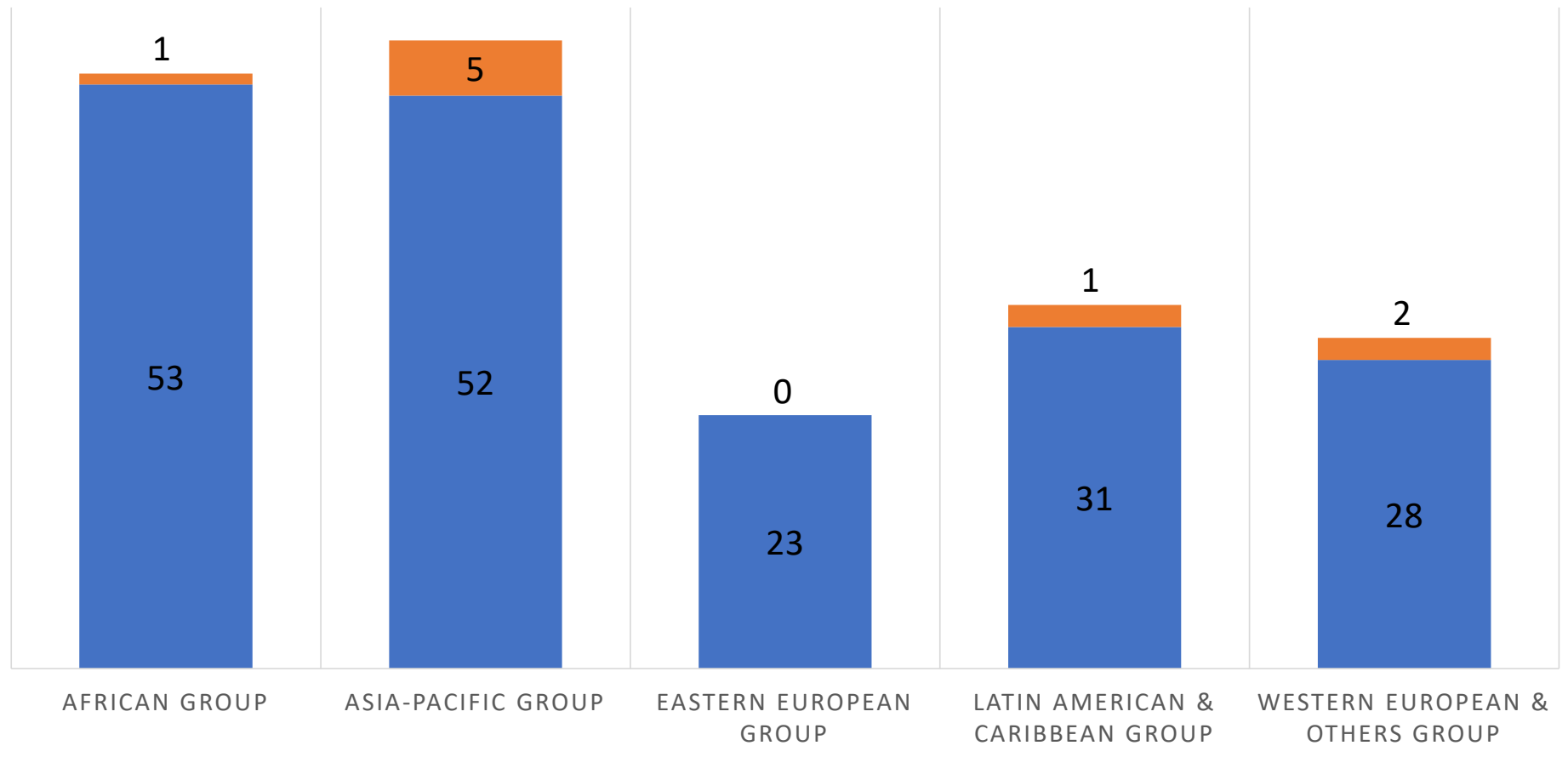| Number of Times Presenting/Region	1st Time (12)	2nd time (28)	3rd Time (3)	4th Time (2)
Africa (21)	Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, Somalia	Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, Sudan		Togo
Asia Pacific (7)	Tuvalu	Jordan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates	Philippines	
Eastern Europe (3)		Belarus, Latvia, Montenegro		
Latin America and the Caribbean (8)	Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname	El Salvador, Jamaica	Argentina	Uruguay
Western Europe and Other (6)		Andorra, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Switzerland	

The growth of VNR reporting

2016 to 2022

Number of reports and countries having presented at least once, 2016-2022

Year	Reports	Countries
2016	22	22
2017	65	64
2018	111	101
2019	158	141
2020	205	167
2021	248	176
2022	293	188

STATUS OF VNRS IN 2022

■ CONDUCTED OR PLANNED FOR 2022   ■ NOT PREPARED

1	5	0	1	2
53	52	23	31	28
AFRICAN GROUP	ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP	EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP	LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN GROUP	WESTERN EUROPEAN & OTHERS GROUP

VNR presentations at the 2022 HLPF

- **2022 HLPF: 5 to 7 July and 11 to 15 July**
  - *VNR presentations from 12 to 15 July*

- **Theme:** *"Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"*

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- **SDGs under review this year:***
  - **SDG 4** (quality education)
  - **SDG 5 (**gender equality)
  - **SDG 14** (life below water)
  - **SDG 15** (life on land)
  - **SDG 17** (partnerships for the Goals

  *VNR reports should cover ALL 17 SDGs ☺

Format for the VNR presentation: Anticipated to be in-person with hybrid component (to be confirmed in May)

VNR presentations at the 2022 HLPF

Timing of VNR Presentations at the HLPF:

1st time VNR: (*30* mins at the HLPF):
    10 minutes for presentation
    20 minutes for Q&A

2nd, 3rd and 4th time VNR: (*25* mins at the HLPF)
    10 minutes for presentation
    15 minutes for Q&A

Format:
The panel format: presentations are held sequentially; when all the countries participating in the session have presented, questions are asked of the presenting countries.
The individual format: a country makes its presentation, followed by questions.

Interactive component of VNRs:
- Group of Friends of VNRs

VNR Reports and Presentations

Tips and Good Practices for VNR Reports:

- Reporting on all 17 SDGs
- Showcasing interlinkages and trade-offs
- Showcasing synergies
- Incorporation into national policies, strategies and frameworks
- Addressing systemic issues and showcasing impact
- Highlight progress made since the previous presentation
- Impact and measures related to COVID-19
- Addressing leaving no behind
- Identify relevant actions to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda
- Consider how the previous VNRs' conclusions can be fed back into policy improvement

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VNR Reports and Presentations

Tips and Good Practices for VNR Presentations:

- Well thought out structure to VNR presentation
- Include various stakeholders: civil society, academia, business and industry/ private sector, parliamentarians, youth, women, local authorities, marginalized groups, etc
- Showcase progress since previous VNR
- Clear narrative of national SDG implementation
- Showcase achievements in SDG monitoring
- Show achievements and challenges
- Showcase VNR preparations
- Highlight key programmes, initiatives and progress on SDGs
- Showcase the impact of policies
- COVID-19 response and measures
- Use engaging audiovisuals and data visualization
- Use as a platform for partnerships

Resources

- **VNR Handbook:**
  https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/29410VNR_Handbook_2022_English.pdf

- **Updated SG guidelines:**
  https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/27171SG_Guidelines_2021.final.pdf

- **2021 VNR Synthesis Report:**
  https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/294382021_VNR_Synthesis_Report.pdf

- **VNR Database:** https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/

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