High level political forum on sustainable development

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High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

HLPF has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level

HLPF is also expected to:

▶ Enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

▶ Provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up;

▶ Promote system-wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies;

▶ Ensure that the HLPF Agenda remains relevant and ambitious and focuses on the assessment of progress, achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries;

▶ Ensure linkages with the follow-up and review arrangements of all relevant UN conferences and processes, including on LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs

▶ Address new and emerging issues;

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Follow-up and review

Two types of reviews:

Thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues – in line with GA resolutions 70/1 and 70/299

Voluntary national reviews (VNRs) - regular reviews, in line with GA resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299

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Principles guiding follow-up and review

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▶ **Voluntary and country-led**, take into account different national realities and capacities

▶ **Track progress in implementing SDGs**, including means of implementation

▶ **Maintain a longer-term orientation**, identify achievements, challenges, gaps and success factors

▶ Be **open, inclusive, participatory and transparent**

▶ Be **people-centered, gender-sensitive, respect human rights, focus on poorest**, most vulnerable

▶ **Build on existing platforms and processes**, avoid duplication, and minimize reporting burden

▶ **Rigorous and based on evidence**, informed by country-led evaluations and disaggregated data

▶ Require **enhance capacity-building support for developing countries**, including strengthening of national data systems and evaluation

▶ **Benefit from active support of the UN system and other multilateral institutions**

Thematic reviews

- ▶ Supported by **reviews by the functional commissions of ECOSOC and other intergovernmental bodies and forums**

- ▶ **Engage all relevant stakeholders** and, where possible, **feed into, and be aligned with,** the cycle of the HLPF

- ▶ **Offer a qualitative analysis** that complements the quantitative one contained in the mandated progress report on the SDGs

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Inputs in 2017 HLPF Thematic Reviews: Key points

40 inputs received from functional commissions of ECOSOC and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the 2017 HLPF theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" analyzing lessons learned, gaps and challenges and emerging issues related to the theme

Sustained poverty eradication and prosperity are possible only if integrated and balanced approaches are taken to sustainable development in partnership with multiple stakeholders– a thread that was seen in all contributions

Fundamental transformations of economic and social institutions, norms and beliefs will be required to achieve true sustainable development.

2017 HLPF Thematic Reviews Cross-cutting issues

▶ Cross-cutting issues addressed in the submissions were:

  ▶ inequality

  ▶ taking a human rights approach

  ▶ building good governance and peaceful societies

  ▶ incorporating all knowledge systems and traditions

  ▶ promoting national and local policies that advance inclusive development

  ▶ using science and technology

  ▶ building data capacity

  ▶ mobilizing MOIs including with more gender budgeting, managing the totality of diverse development finance flows, transparency and partnerships

2017 HLPF Thematic Reviews Sectoral areas

► Sectoral areas addressed in the submissions were:

- conflict and safety   - decent work and employment

- education   - gender equality

- health   - social protection

- ecosystems   - desertification
  and biodiversity   - energy

- water and sanitation   - food and nutrition

- industrialization   - trade

- emerging challenges   - changes in food systems
  and opportunities

- climate change and   - conflicts, crime and terrorism
  environment

- migration and   - new technologies
  antiglobalization

- private sector accountability

HLPF voluntary national reviews (VNRs)

HLPF conducts VNRs , **including developed and developing countries**, with the involvement of UN entities and other stakeholders.

VNRs are state-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants.

Learning experience: Facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned

22 countries conducted VNRs at 2016 HLPF and **43 in 2017 HLPF**

2017 HLPF VNRs: Some key points

Mapping SDGs against national plans and strategies → gap analysis

National baselines – the importance of data

Reviewing institutional frameworks → high-level coordination, choices about existing/new institutions, and multi-stakeholder involvement

"Whole-of-government" approaches → obtaining buy-in in from civil servants and creating incentives for integrated policy-making and service delivery

Communicating the agenda to sub-national and local governments

UN SG Voluntary common reporting guidelines → help countries structure reports for VNRs at HLPF with each country deciding on scope of its review and format for presentation of findings

2018 High-Level Political Forum

▶ The 2018 session will take place on **9 -18 July at UN Headquarters in New York**

▶ **Ministerial segment** will be held from 16 – 18 July

▶ The theme is "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"

▶ **48 countries** will present their **voluntary national reviews**

▶ The set of goals for the in-depth review on progress include
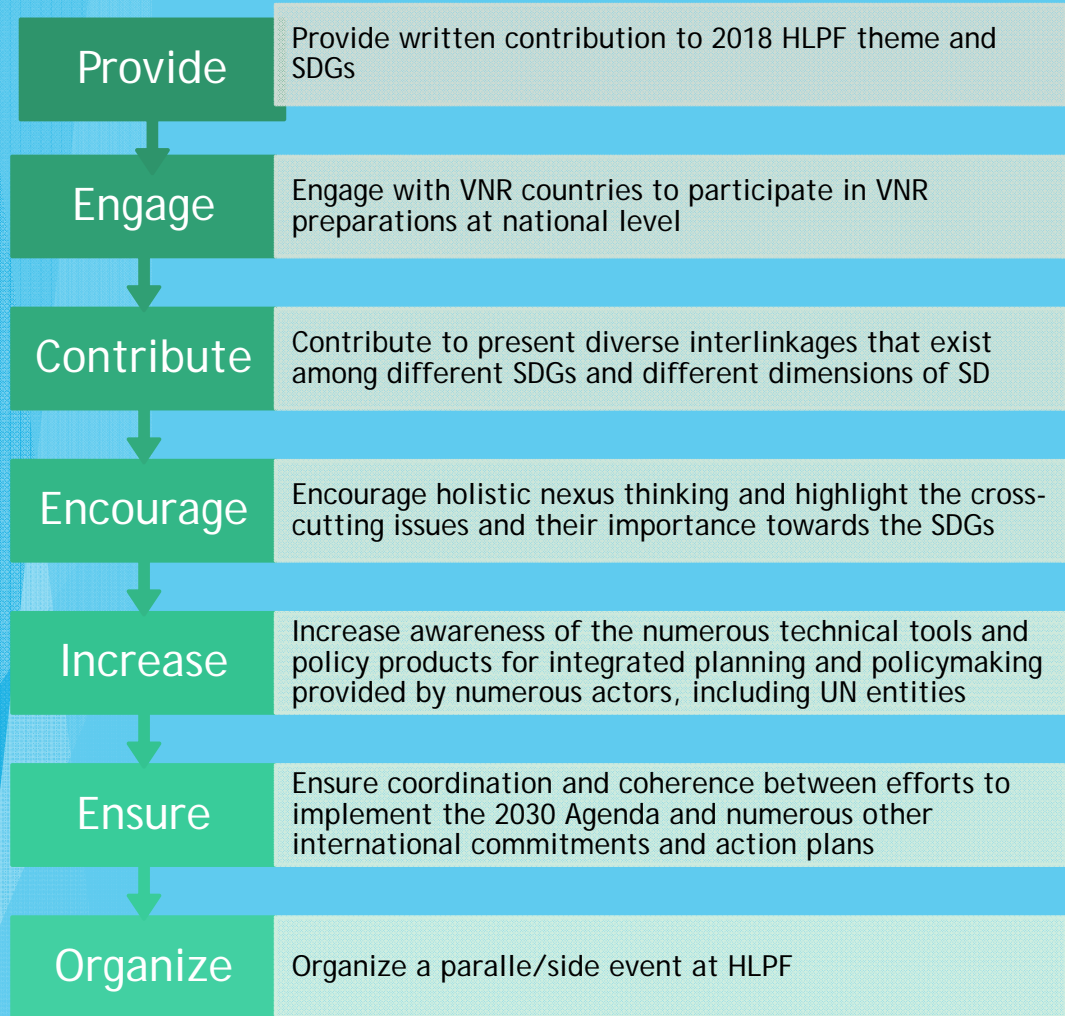
2018 High-Level Political Forum Invitation for inputs

- **Letter by President of ECOSOC** to UN system and other intergovernmental forums and bodies on 6 Nov 2017 as per para 85 of 2030 Agenda for sustainable development (A/RES/70/1)

- **Provide substantive inputs to the 2018 HLPF** showcasing your intergovernmental body's contribution to the 2030 Agenda in general, and particularly for the SDGs and respective targets that are most relevant to your intergovernmental body's mandate.

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Possible template to follow

(a) an assessment of the situation regarding the principle of "ensuring that no one is left behind" at the global level;

(b) the identification of gaps, areas requiring urgent attention, risks and challenges;

(c) valuable lessons learned on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies;

(d) emerging issues likely to affect building sustainable and resilient societies;

(e) areas where political guidance by the high-level political forum is required;

(f) policy recommendations on ways to accelerate progress in establishing sustainable and resilient

Engagement with HLPF

Provide — Provide written contribution to 2018 HLPF theme and SDGs

Engage — Engage with VNR countries to participate in VNR preparations at national level

Contribute — Contribute to present diverse interlinkages that exist among different SDGs and different dimensions of SD

Encourage — Encourage holistic nexus thinking and highlight the cross-cutting issues and their importance towards the SDGs

Increase — Increase awareness of the numerous technical tools and policy products for integrated planning and policymaking provided by numerous actors, including UN entities

Ensure — Ensure coordination and coherence between efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and numerous other international commitments and action plans

Organize — Organize a paralle/side event at HLPF

Resources:

Resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299

http://www.un.org/en/ga

Contribution by the Commission on Social Development to 2016 HLPF

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/10254Commission%20for%20Social%20Developm ent%20contribution.pdf

Synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of ECOSOC and other intergovernmental bodies and forums (E/HLPF/2016/5)

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/HLPF/2016/5 &Lang=E

Synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of ECOSOC and other intergovernmental bodies and forums (E/HLPF/2017/3)

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/HLPF/2017/3&Lang=E

Invitation for contribution for 2018 HLPF including possible reporting template

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018

Synthesis report of 2016 voluntary national reviews

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/127761701030E_2016_VNR_Synthesis_Report_v er3.pdf

Synthesis report of 2017 voluntary national reviews

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/17109Synthesis_Report_VNRs_201

UN SG Voluntary common reporting guidelines

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/11819Voluntary_guidelines_VN

Thank you!

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