



# **Introduction to the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development: Major Groups and other Stakeholders**

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# The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The 2030 Agenda is **A Plan of Action for People, the Planet & Prosperity**

It is **Universal, Indivisible** and **Ambitious**

**The 5 “Ps”:** **People** end poverty and hunger, dignity and equality for all in a healthy environment



**Planet** protection from degradation, changes in consumption and production patterns, sustainable management of natural resources, urgent action on climate change



**Prosperity** prosperous and fulfilling lives, economic, social and technological progress in harmony with nature

**Peace** peaceful, just and inclusive societies



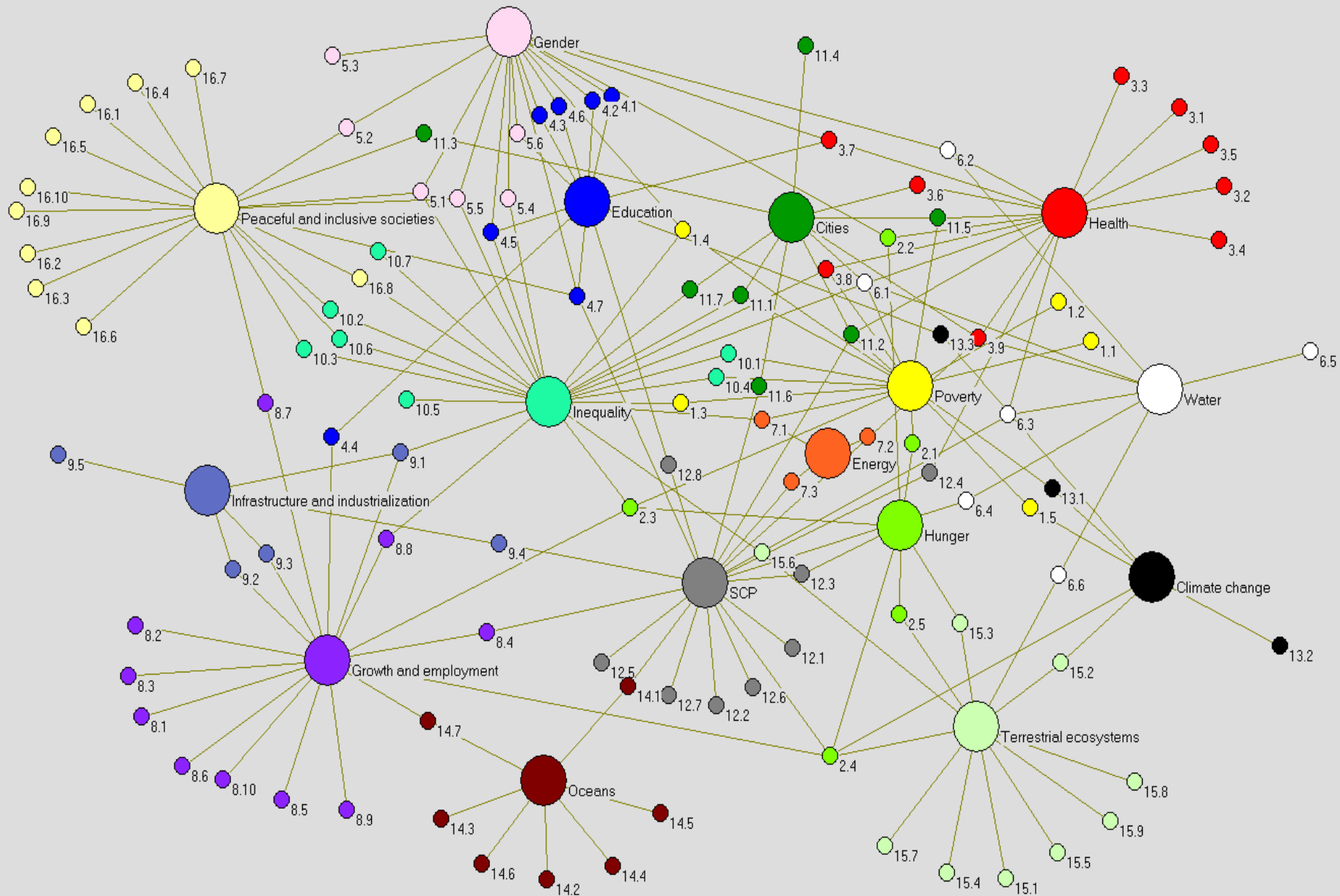
**Partnership** mobilizing means for implementation of the Agenda through strengthened global solidarity focusing on poorest and most vulnerable and participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people

# The 17 Sustainable Development Goals or “SDGs”



- Integrated, indivisible, balances the three dimensions of sustainable development, global and universally applicable
- Seeks to realize human rights for all

# The SDGs are interlinked



Source: D. Le Blanc, 2015, "Towards integration at last? The sustainable development goals as a network of targets, *Sustainable Development*, 23,3.



## **Q&A on the 2030 Agenda**



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A key outcome of the Rio+ 20 Conference in 2012.

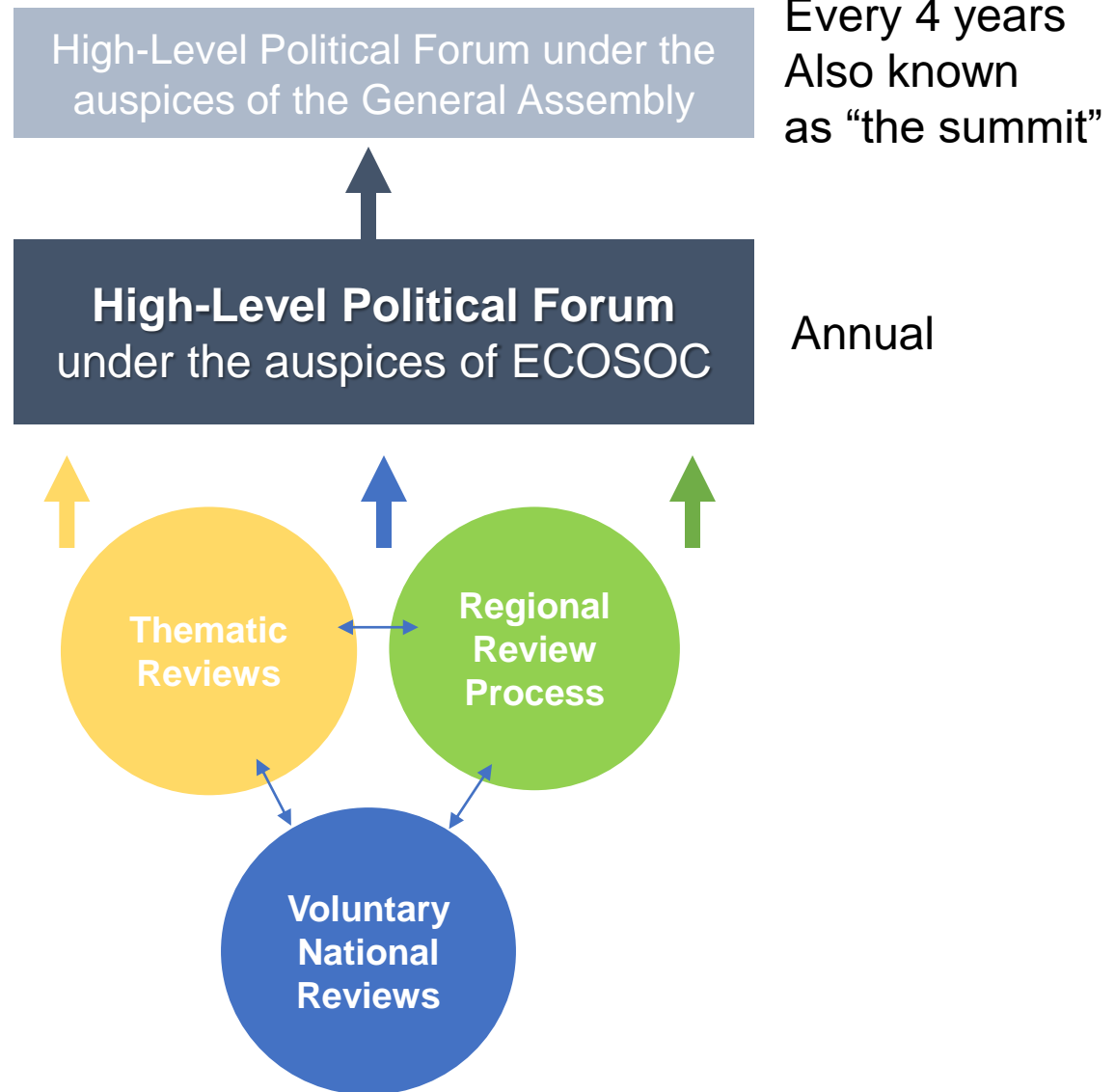
A **universal intergovernmental body** that replaces the former Commission on Sustainable Development.

The **HLPF is the central platform for reviewing and following up on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs** at the global level.


It aims to:

- ✓ **Provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda;**
- ✓ **Track progress on implementation;**
- ✓ **spur coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences;**
- ✓ **enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;**
- ✓ **address new and emerging issues;**
- ✓ **Strengthen the science-policy interface.**

## Structure of the HLPF



# Structure of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC – First Five Days



**Thematic  
Review of  
HLPF theme,  
and SDGs that  
are under in-  
depth review**

**SDG  
implementation  
at the regional &  
sub-regional  
levels**

**Countries in  
special  
situations,  
interlinkages  
among SDGs,  
science-policy  
interface and  
emerging issues**

**Special  
Events, Side  
Events, &  
Exhibitions**



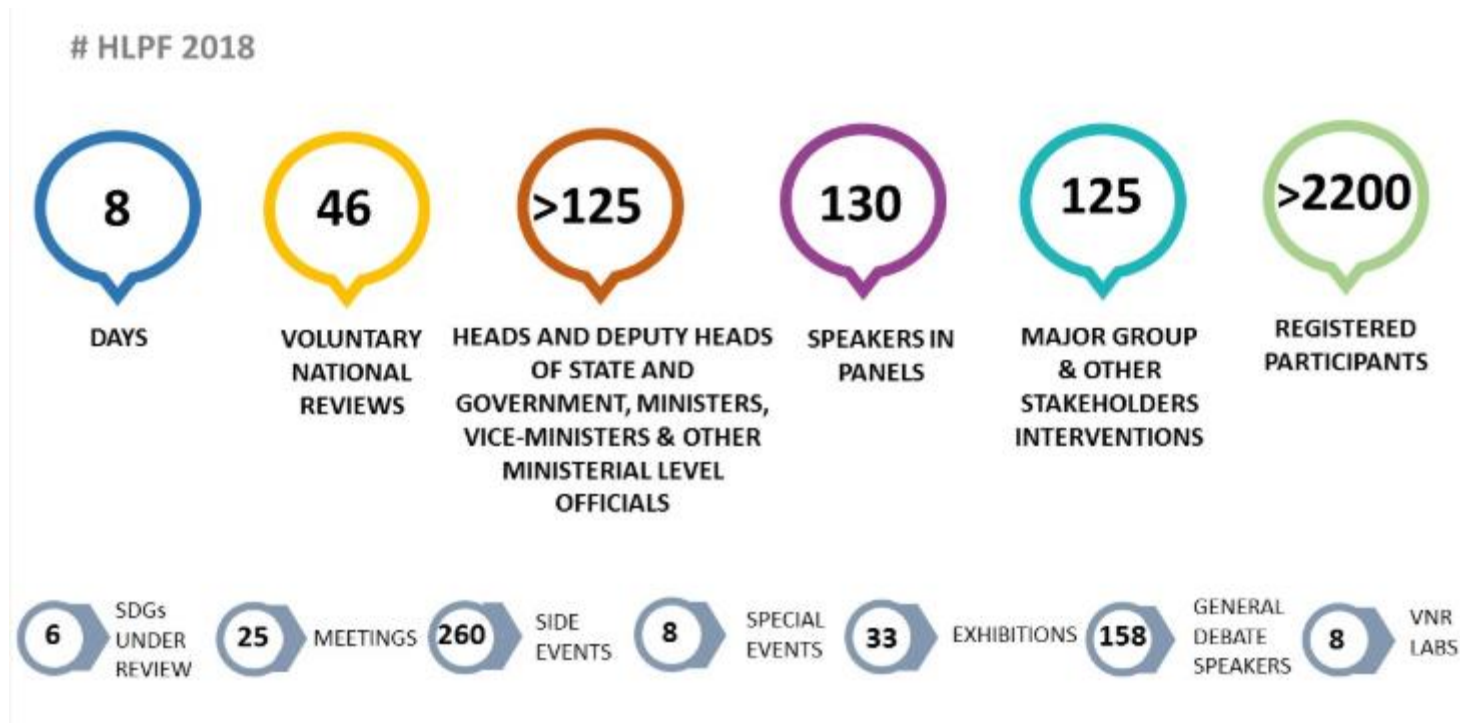
## Structure of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC High-Level Ministerial Segment (last 3 days)

**Voluntary  
National  
Reviews**  
by Member  
States on  
follow-up and  
review of the  
2030 Agenda

**Adoption of  
the  
Ministerial  
Declaration**

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# 2018 HLPF in Numbers





Source: IISD

## Formal & Informal Dialogue



































# Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

Under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

<b>Voluntary</b>	encourage reporting and include developed and developing countries
<b>Country-led</b>	country-driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels
<b>Rigorous and based on evidence</b>	informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, reliable and disaggregated
<b>Learning experience</b>	facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process
<b>National circumstances</b>	reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners
<b>Open, Inclusive, Participatory</b>	Including supporting reporting on progress by all relevant stakeholders

# VNR countries at the 2019 HLPF

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/>

● 2019	Algeria		● 2019	Fiji	
● 2019	Azerbaijan*		● 2019	France*	
● 2019	Bosnia and Herzegovina		● 2019	Ghana	
● 2019	Brazil*		● 2019	Guatemala*	
● 2019	Burkina Faso		● 2019	Guyana	
● 2019	Cambodia		● 2019	Iceland	
● 2019	Cameroon		● 2019	Indonesia*	
● 2019	Central African Republic		● 2019	Iraq	
● 2019	Chad		● 2019	Israel	
● 2019	Chile*		● 2019	Kazakhstan	
● 2019	Congo (Republic of the)		● 2019	Kuwait	
● 2019	Cote d'Ivoire		● 2019	Lesotho	
● 2019	Croatia		● 2019	Liechtenstein	
● 2019	El Salvador*		● 2019	Mauritania	
● 2019	Eritrea		● 2019	Mauritius	
● 2019	Eswatini		● 2019	Mongolia	

# VNR countries at the 2019 HLPF cont'd.

●	2019	Nauru	
●	2019	New Zealand	
●	2019	Oman	
●	2019	Pakistan	
●	2019	Palau	
●	2019	Philippines*	
●	2019	Rwanda	
●	2019	Saint Lucia	
●	2019	Serbia	
●	2019	Sierra Leone*	
●	2019	South Africa	
●	2019	Timor-Leste	
●	2019	Tonga	
●	2019	Tunisia	
●	2019	Turkey*	
●	2019	Turkmenistan	
●	2019	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
●	2019	United Republic of Tanzania	

# The SDG Summit

## Did you know?

The HLPF meets each year under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council for 8 days and **every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days.**

The next meeting under the General Assembly will be held **24 – 25 September 2019**, and is referred to as the **SDG Summit**, where heads of state will come together to reconfirm their commitment to the 2030 Agenda and announce new initiatives to accelerate its implementation.





## **Q&A on the High-Level Political Forum**





COMMUNITY



WOMEN



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



NO

# Major Groups and other Stakeholders



EDUCATION AND ACADEMIA



WITH DISABILITIES



VOLUNTEERS



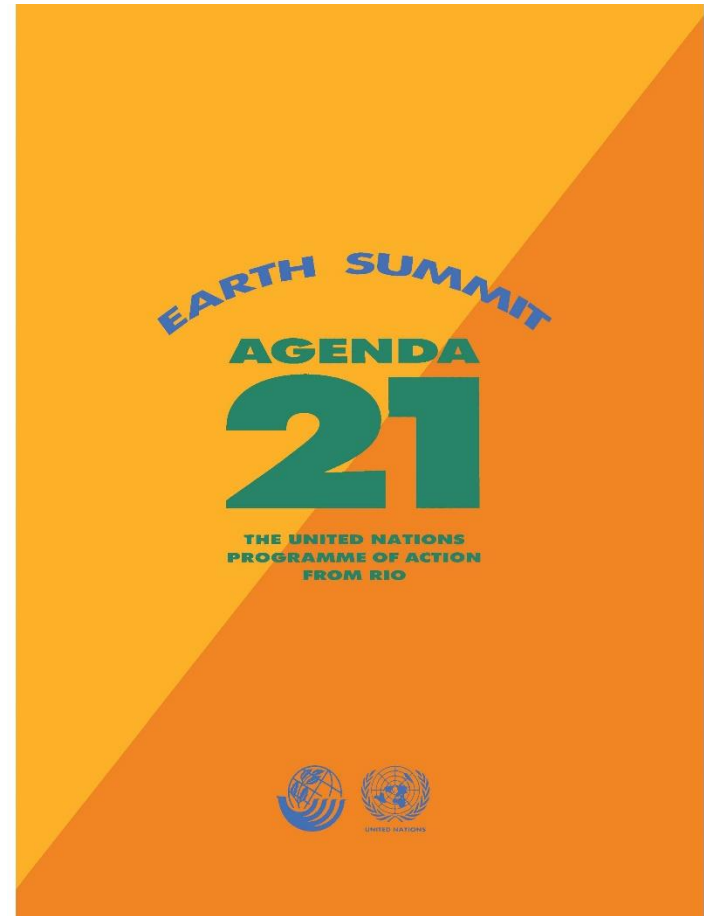
AGE



CHILDREN & YOUTH

# Major Groups and other Stakeholders Background

- The Earth Summit in 1992 recognized the importance of the engagement of stakeholders in achieving sustainable development and formalized nine sectors of society to channel participation – the “Major Groups”
- The Rio+20 Conference recognized the importance of these Major Groups as well as a number of “other Stakeholders” including local authorities, volunteers, and persons with disabilities
- Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) played a key role in guiding and informing the development of the 2030 Agenda



# Major Groups and other Stakeholders active in the HLPF

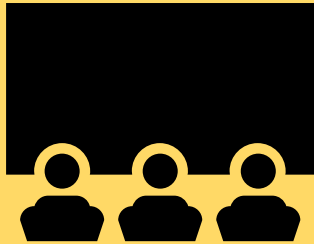


## Major Groups:

- Women
- Children and Youth
- Indigenous Peoples
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Local Authorities
- Workers and Trade Unions
- Business and Industry
- Scientific and Technological Community
- Farmers

## Other Stakeholders that are currently actively engaged :

- Stakeholder Group on Persons with Disabilities
- Stakeholder Group on Ageing
- Stakeholder Group of Volunteers
- Education and Academia Stakeholder Group
- FFD Civil Society Group
- Together 2030
- Sendai Stakeholders
- Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
- **All other stakeholders engaged in sustainable development**



## **Stakeholder Engagement at the HLPF (Resolution 67/290)**

While retaining the intergovernmental character of the HLPF, representatives of Major Groups and other Stakeholders are able:

To attend all official meetings of the forum;

To have access to all official information and documents;

To intervene in official meetings;

To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;

To make recommendations;

To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat

**Other  
opportunities for  
Stakeholder  
Engagement  
at and in  
preparation  
for the HLPF**



Capacity building workshops for stakeholders' engagement at HLPF (national, subregional, regional);

Participation in Regional Sustainable Development Forums and in regional civil society coordination mechanisms;

Participation in the preparatory process for thematic reviews (Expert Group Meetings, papers, etc.);

Providing input and comments to the Ministerial Declaration

# Major Groups and other Stakeholders HLPF Coordination Mechanism

- Self-organized space for stakeholders to engage in the HLPF
- Steering Group, consisting of designated representatives by each constituency, helps organize and facilitate the work of the Coordination Mechanism
- To identify the Organizing Partners for your constituency please visit:  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/aboutmajorgroups.html>
- Keep updated on opportunities for engagement by joining the mailing list. Registration [here](#).
- An updated Terms of Reference for the Coordination Mechanism will soon be posted on the Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform.



**Q&A on Major Groups and other  
Stakeholders Participation in the High-  
Level Political Forum**

## 2019 HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC

- The HLPF will take place from **9 – 18 July 2019** at the UN Headquarters in New York
- The theme is: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
- 51 countries will present their Voluntary National Reviews (10 for the second time)
- 6 SDGs will be under in-depth review: SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17





# Preparatory process for the 2019 HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC



- **Functional Commissions & other Intergovernmental Bodies and Forums**
- **Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs**
- **Financing for Development Forum**



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# The 2019 HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly

## Preparatory process:

- Preparatory meetings involving countries, experts, the UN system and stakeholders on the 2030 Agenda
- Reports that will inform the discussions (including The Global Sustainable Development Report – GSDR)
- Negotiations on the **Political Declaration** (co-facilitators Bahamas and Sweden)

## At the HLPF:

- **Heads of State** and Government will demonstrate their continued **commitment to implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs**, including through ambitious initiatives and plans to accelerate implementation

# Regional Preparatory Meetings in Spring 2019



**ECE**

**Geneva, 21-22  
March 2019**

**ESCAP**

**Bangkok, 27-  
29 March 2019**

**ECLAC**

**Santiago, 22-26  
April 2019**

**ESCWA**

**Beirut, 16-18  
April 2019**

**ECA**

**TBA**

Regional Sustainable Development Forums  
organized by Regional Commissions



## **Q&A on 2019 HLPF**

# Resources



- [Secretary-General's Common Reporting Guidelines for VNRs](#)
- [Handbook for the preparations of VNRs](#)
- [Q&As on VNRs at the HLPF](#)
- VNR Synthesis reports [2016](#), [2017](#), [2018](#)

Find more at: **[sustainabledevelopment.un.org](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org)**

# Upcoming Webinars



DESA will host three more webinars for Major Groups and other Stakeholders in preparation for the 2019 HLPF on the topics of:

- Voluntary National Reviews
- Global level preparations- Documents and inputs to the HLPF, Expert Group Meetings, Ministerial Declaration
- Opportunities for attendance and participation at the HLPF

**Dates to be announced (early 2019)!**

# Thank you!



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We look forward to your participation!  
For the latest information and to register (April 2019), visit  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>

Contact link on website