United Nations High-Level Political Forum 2022

All You Need to Know Webinar













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2022 Highlevel political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

Timing

• 5 - 7 and 11 - 15 July 2022 (13 - 15 July ministerial segment)

Format of the meeting

In-person

Official meeting

- Thematic review (theme, SDGs)
- Voluntary national reviews

Outcome

- Ministerial declaration
- President's summary

Unofficial events

- Special events
- VNR Labs (over 15)
- Side events (386 applications)
- Exhibitions

| 9 AM – 1 PM | Theme: Building Tuesday, 5 July 9 – 10 AM, GA Hall Opening President of ECOSOC Keynote address "Messages from ECOSOC" 10 AM – 1 PM, GA Hall Building back better and advancing the SDGs (Townhall meeting) (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) | | 022 HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON (COVID-19) while advancing the full implem Week 1: 5-7 and 11-12 July 2022 Thursday, 7 July 9 AM – 12 PM, CR 4 SDGs in focus: SDG 5 and interlinkages with other SDGs - Gender equality (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?) 12 – 1 PM, CR 4 Working towards the 2023 SDG Summit (Launching preparations for the mid-term review of the SDGs and the September 2023 SDG Summit) | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT* entation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Monday, 11 July 9 AM – 9:10 AM, CR 4 Introduction of report on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns 9:10 AM –12 PM, CR 4 SDGs in focus: SDG 15 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Life on land (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?) 12 – 1 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 2 VNRs – Togo, Uruguay | Tuesday, 12 July 9 AM – 11 AM, CR 4 Vision of civil society: Leaving no one behind in recovering better (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?) 11 AM – 1:05 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 5 VNRs – Argentina, Ghana, Latvia, Philippines, Switzerland |
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| 3-6 PM | SDGs in focus: SDG 17 and interlinkages with other SDGs 3 - 4:30 PM, CR 4 Financing a robust crisis response and investing in the SDGs (What did ECOSOC FFD Forum call for and how can we follow-up on its recommendations?) 4:30 - 5:30 PM, CR 4 Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and innovation for an SDG driven recovery 5:30 - 6 PM, CR 4 Capacity development and partnerships to maximize the benefits of science, technology and trade for sustainable development | African countries, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries Ensuring equal access to vaccines and resources in the poorest countries (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?) | 3 – 6 PM, CR 4 SDGs in focus: SDG 14 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Life below water (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?) | 3 – 5 PM, CR 4 Small Island Developing States <u>Building back better in vulnerable situations</u> (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?) | 3 – 6 PM. CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 7 VNRs – Belarus, El Salvador, Eswatini, Gambia, Greece, Mali, United Arab Emirates |

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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

Week 2: 13 to 15 and 18 July 2022

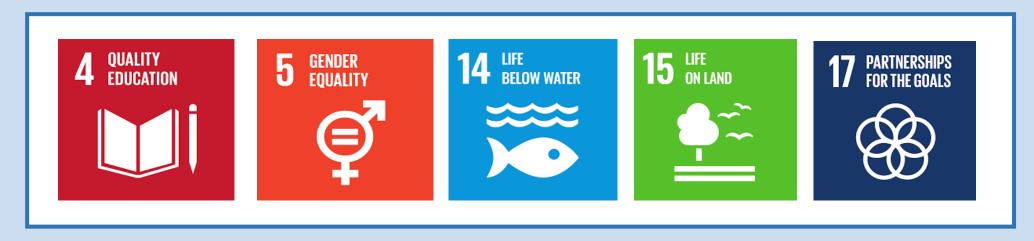
| | MINISTE | HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT | | |
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| | Wednesday, 13 July | Thursday, 14 July | Friday, 15 July | Monday, 18 July |
| 9 AM – 1 PM | 9 – 10:15 AM, GA Hall Opening President of ECOSOC, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly President of Botswana President of Portugal Keynotes Youth representatives 10:40 AM – 1 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 3 VNRs – Eritrea, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia | 9 – 10:30 AM, CR 4 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) 10:30 – 10:45 AM, CR 4 Outcomes of the UN Environment Assembly 10:45 AM – 1 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 4 VNRs – Gabon, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Netherlands | 9 AM – 1 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 9 VNRs – Italy, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Montenegro, Sri Lanka, Pakistan | 9 – 9:30 AM, ECO Introduction of: SG reports on the theme of HLPF and ECOSOC and on scenarios and long-term impact of current trends on the SDGs Report of the Committee on Development Policy 9:30 AM -1 PM, ECO Future proofing multilateralism for a resilient and inclusive recovery (What are some lessons learned about multilateralism from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic? How can multilateral collaboration be reimagined to be more effective in the future? How can we make multilateralism more inclusive and engaging to deliver a sustainable recovery for people most left behind? What are the urgent measures that the multilateral system could undertake to tackle the impact of debt, rising inflation pressures and other financial developments in developing countries?) |
| 3 –6 PM | 3- 6 PM, CR 4 <u>Voluntary national reviews</u> 5 VNRs - Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Suriname, Tuvalu | 2:30 – 4:30 PM, TRI (Parallel) Ministerial roundtable: Accelerating achievement of the SDGs by 2030: addressing on-going crises and overcoming challenges 3 – 6 PM, CR 4 (Parallel) Voluntary national reviews 7 VNRs – Andorra, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sudan | 3 – 3:50 PM, CR 4 Voluntary national reviews 2 VNR – Botswana, Cameroon 4 – 6 PM, CR 4 Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Conclusion of the HLPF | 3 – 5 PM, ECO Looking ahead: Acting today to secure a better future (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?) 5 – 6 PM, ECO Adoption of the Ministerial declaration Conclusion of the HLS |

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.

Thematic reviews

- Decided in the General Assembly resolution: <u>A/RES/74/298</u>
- Theme: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- SDGs under review:



Preparatory process: April - June

- Sessions on FfD, STI, countries in special situations, leaving no one behind
- Launching preparations for the mid-term review of the SDGs and the September 2023 SDG Summit

Presentation of VNRs at 2022 HLPF

First timers

- 35 mins at the HLPF: 15 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for interactive discussion
- Choice of format: panel or individual

Second and third timers

- 25 mins at the HLPF: 10 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for interactive discussion
- Panel format

2022 VNR COUNTRIES - 44

11 - 1st timers; 28 - 2nd timers; 3 - 3rd timers; 2 - 4th timers

| NUMBER OF TIMES PRESENTING | AFRICA | ASIA PACIFIC | EASTERN EUROPE | WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS | LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| First timers | Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Gabon Guinea-Bissau Sao Tome and Principe Somalia | Tuvalu | | | Dominica Grenada Suriname |
| Second timers | Botswana Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Eswatini Ethiopia Gambia Ghana Lesotho Liberia Malawi Mali Senegal Sudan | Jordan Kazakhstan Pakistan Sri Lanka United Arab Emirates | Belarus Latvia Montenegro | Andorra Greece Italy Luxembourg Netherlands | El Salvador Jamaica |
| Third Timers | | Philippines | | Switzerland | Argentina |
| Fourth Timers | Togo | | | | Uruguay |



2022 HLPF TIMELINE 3-5Mar **ECA Regional Forum** 6-7 Apr 5-7 and 11-12 Jul 7-9 Mar **ECE Regional Forum** High-level Political Forum on **ECLAC Regional Forum** Sustainable Development 25-28 Apr 15-17 Mar 5-6 May **FFD Forum ESCWA Regional Forum** 13-15 and 18 Jul STI Forum High-level Segment of ECOSOC, 28-31 Mar Negotiations on the Ministerial including the 3-day ministerial Negotiations on the **ESCAP Regional Forum** Negotiations on the Declaration segment of HLPF Ministerial Declaration Ministerial Declaration Negotiations on the Ministerial Declaration Apr May Jul Jun Mar Substantive preparations for HLPF thematic Substantive preparations for Substantive preparations for Third Global VNR Workshop 10 Jun review sessions, organized by DESA in HLPF thematic review sessions, HLPF thematic review sessions, Deadline for submission of collaboration with the UN system and organized by DESA in organized by DESA in 15 Jul VNR reports from 2022 external experts collaboration with the UN collaboration with the UN Adoption of the Ministerial **VNR** countries system and external experts system and external experts Declaration in the closing of the Group of Friends of the VNRs ministerial segment of HLPF Group of Friends of the 1-2 Mar Group of Friends of the VNRs Group of Friends of the VNRs **VNRs** ECA regional VNR Workshop 18 Jul 4 Apr 3 May Adoption of the Ministerial 8 Mar ECE regional VNR Workshop Deadline for submission of Declaration in the last day of the HLS ECLAC regional VNR Workshop main messages of VNR reports of ECOSOC 11-13 Apr from 2022 25 Mar Second Global VNR Workshop **VNR** countries ESCAP regional VNR Workshop 31 May 1 Mar Inputs from ECOSOC functional commissions Portal opens for applications to Deadline of application for side and other intergovernmental forums and side events and exhibition events and exhibition bodies 25 Mar Inputs from the Major Groups and other Stakeholders Global Online Consultation on SDGs under reviews at the HLPF 2022

Format Of The Meeting And Level Of Presentation

In Person



High Level Participation







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SDGS LEARNING, TRAINING AND PRACTICE

In person: Tuesday, 5 July; 11:00 – 13:00 (EDT) Virtual: 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 July; 8:30 – 10:15, 14:00 – 15:45 (EDT) The <u>SDGs Learning</u> will feature a series of capacity building and knowledge learning sessions on critical topics related to the implementation of the SDGs under review at the 2022 HLPF.

Co-organized by the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).



Wednesday, 6 July 7:00 - 8:30 (EDT) Virtual

HESI+10 GLOBAL FORUM

To mark the 10-year anniversary of the Higher Education Sustainably Initiative (HESI), the <u>HESI+10 Global Forum</u> will seek to deepen an understanding of the challenges and opportunities that the higher education community is facing in promoting a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Key partners: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO, UN Environment Programme, UN Global Compact's Principles for Responsible Management Education initiative, UN University, UN-HABITAT, UN Conference on Trade and Development, UNITAR, UN Office for Partnerships, Sulitest.

THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD

Wednesday, 6 July; 10:00 - 12:00 In person The <u>State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World</u> is an annual flagship report to inform on progress towards ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition and to provide indepth analysis on key challenges for achieving this goal in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This year's edition will focus on repurposing food and agricultural policies to make healthy diets more affordable.

Jointly prepared by Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, International Fund for Agricultural Development, UNICEF, World Food Programme and World Health Organization.

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Virtual: Thursday,

(EDT)

(EDT)

7 July; 8:00 - 10:30

In person: Tuesday,

12 July: 15:00 - 18:00

LOCAL AND REGIONAL **GOVERNMENTS FORUM**

The fifth edition of the Local and Regional Governments Forum will showcase innovative actions taken by local and regional governments to implement the SDGs under review at the 2022 HLPF, including by building on reporting processes such as the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR) and Voluntary Sub-national Reviews (VSR). It will also seek to foster multilevel governance and promote partnerships among different spheres of government, the international community and other stakeholders.

DESA), Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), UN-Habitat, UN Development Programme (UNDP) and Local 2030.





CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS FOR SDGS

The Chief Sustainability Officers for SDGs event will bring together business leaders and sustainable development champions for an engaging virtual dialogue to explore the commitments that leading companies are making to tackle inequality and arrest nature loss.

Co-organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and World Business Council for Sustainable Development.



In person: Wednesday, 13 July; 8:00 - 9:30 (EDT) Virtual: Thursday, 14 July; 8:30 - 10:30 (EDT)

SDG 6 SPECIAL EVENT

The 2022 SDG 6 Special Event will take the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework to the country level by sharing national experiences implementing the targets for water and sanitation. The SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework aims to deliver fast results for SDG 6 at an increased scale and strengthen system-wide collaboration at the country level. The five accelerators outlined in the Framework - Financing, Data and Information, Capacity Development, Innovation and Governance - will dramatically improve the international community's support to country progress. Acceleration for water and sanitation in the context of the UN 2023 Water Conference will also be discussed during this Special Event.

Co-hosted by Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, the Chair of UN-Water, and Mr. Liu Zhenmin, the Secretary-General of the UN 2023 Water Conference.



Wednesday, 13 July; 10:00 - 13:00In person

Inter-Parliamentary Union PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

This year's Parliamentary Forum at the HLPF will centre on SDG 17, the development partnership goal, as a key enabler of the whole SDG enterprise. The Special Event will draw on three SDG 17 targets of particular relevance to parliaments that are key to financing the SDGs, namely, domestic revenue mobilization, development assistance and public-private partnerships.

Organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Wednesday, 13 July; 9:00 - 10:30 (EDT) Virtual



Evgeniya Altukhova

Member States Focal Point, SDG Lab at UN Geneva







Findings:



COVID-19 has halted, and reversed years of progress made on the SDGs



A three-dimensional food, energy and financial crisis, combined with the triple planetary crisis



Rays of Hope: international cooperation and technological innovations Sustainable
Development
Goals
(SDGs)
under review





- Current generation of children could lose a combined total of \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings in present value.
- 100 million children have fallen below the minimum reading proficiency level since before the pandemic
- Children from disadvantaged backgrounds, those living in rural areas, children with disabilities and children from ethnic minorities are the most affected



- COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the socio-economic situation of women and girls, making up over 45% of the global employment losses in 2020
- Insufficient gender-sensitive data and statistics on anti-discriminatory policies and laws



- Oceans are severely impacted by acidification and increased plastic pollution
- Up to 80% decline in fish production in most countries
- Inadequate or lack of science-policy interface in developing countries



- **Proportion of forest area fell** from 31.9% of total land area in 2000 to 31.2% in 2020
- 62 countries have adopted biodiversity-relevant taxes
- 89 countries and territories
 have implemented the
 System of Environmental
 Economic Accounting
 (SEEA) to count natural
 resources and ecosystems in
 policies



- Official Development
 Assistance (ODA) flows
 amounted to 177.6bn USD
 in 2021 an increase of 3.3%
 since 2020
- Foreign Direct Investment
 (FDI) flows have increased
 by 77% to an estimated
 \$1.65 trillion in 2021, from
 less than \$1 trillion in 2020
- Urgent need for international cooperation on vaccination distribution and fiscal matters

Rays of Hope



Digital transformation

4.9 billion people have access to internet in 2022

- an increase of 782 million since the beginning of 2019 Finance for a green and sustainable recovery

The share of "green" funding in global recovery measures 18% in 2020



Javier Surasky

Program Officer Governance and Financing for Sustainable Development, CEPEI





Uchita de Zoysa

Executive Director, Centre for Environment & Development (CED), A4SD



High Level Political Forum: 2022 & Beyond Civil Society Perspectives and Expectations













HLPF: Transformation, Inclusion & Relevance?

"The relevance of HLPF is if it can encourage governments to engage in an inclusive transformation and recalibrate the context for an honest partnership between the state and non-state actors with greater intensity and urgency".



Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) Meeting Coverage, from HLPF 2017

Sri Lanka Statement to Session 15 at HLPF (15th July 2016) From inspiration to action: Multi-stakeholder engagement for implementation Uchita de Zoysa (Chief Negotiator for Sri Lanka to HLPF 2016 / Sustainable Development Advisor of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife Sri Lanka)

- 1. Firstly, I must state that the inspiration must be drawn from the fact that the 2030 Agenda is centrally about transformation and we must engage in a profound discourse of transforming the way we make decisions that affects others.
- 2. Therefore, stakeholder engagement must not be limited to mere consultation and we should not be complacent by simply providing a space for constituency statements.
- 3. If sustainable development is to be truly the transformatory agenda of the world, then all the stakeholder and the public must a have a sense of ownership.
- 4. How can SDGs capture the imagination all people in a way that they actively engage in the transformation, as transformation will not merely come through policy processes.
- 5. There are no blueprints that can easily be adopted and we are in search of a new way of planning the future collectively.
- 6. It may not be in the comfort zones of conventional planning fraternities, but business as usual cannot advance the transformation.

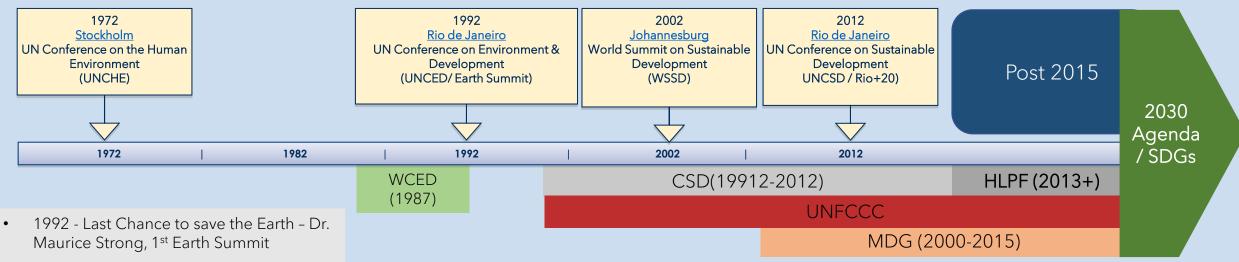








Has HLPF Replaced CSD? How Political is the Forum?



- 2012 There has been no political commitment to Agenda 2021, Rio+20
- 2013 Failure of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) lead to the establishment of the HLPF
- 2016 to date, SDGs are failing! It's not about the Transformation!

- Marking an important milestone, the UN commission on sustainable use of the world's resources concluded two decades of work, paving the way for the incoming High-level Political Forum to boost efforts to tackle global economic, social and environmental challenges.
- According to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's report on the lessons learned from the Commission, the contributions achieved by the CSD were also accompanied by a number of shortcomings, including the failure to fully integrate the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development."
- The creation of the Forum emerged from Rio+20's outcome document "The Future We Want," to ensure that sustainable development tops the agenda of the highest levels of Government and is embraced by all actors.



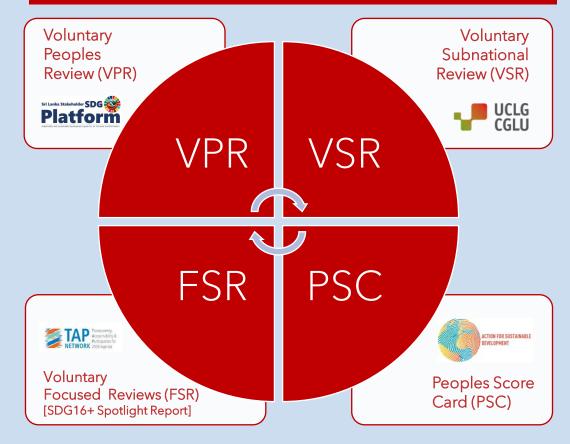




VNR: Commitment, Obligation or Deception?

- 1. Do Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) provide actual insight into local to global transformation?
- 2. Are they representative of whole of government and whole of society?
- 3. Are they derived through a methodological approach to data collection, analysis and review?
- 4. How can HLPF assess the progress if the actual transformation or gaps are not honestly reported?
- 5. Where is the dialogue between governments and stakeholders?
- 6. Where is the space for stakeholder reporting?
- 7. How are global assessments made without inclusive reviews?
- 8. HLPF must recognize people in an inclusive transformation!

Response: VPR, VSR, PSC, Spotlights



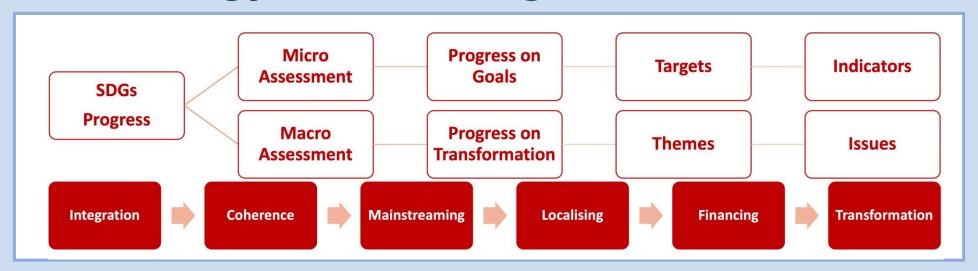








Methodology: Monitoring, Evaluation & Review



| Grade | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | +1 | +2 | +3 | +4 | +5 |
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| Scale | Very large reduction | large reduction | medium reduction | small reduction | very small reduction | no progress | very low progress | low progress | medium progress | high progress | very high progress |
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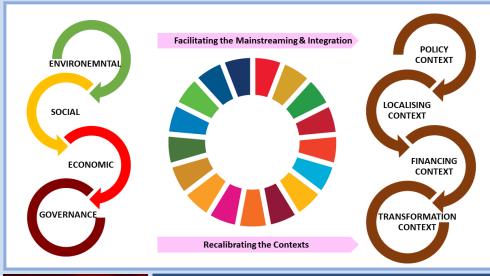


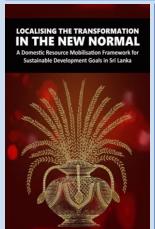




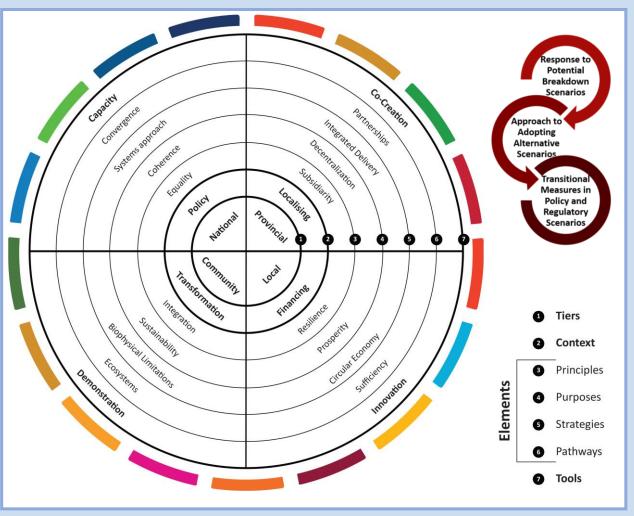


Recalibrating the Context: HLPF 2022 & Beyond





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- <u>HLPF 2022 Debrief webinar</u> | 18 July 2022, 3:00 PM 4:00 PM CEST



Related SDG Events



<u>United Nations Environment</u>
<u>Assembly</u> (UNEA 5)
Nairobi, Kenya, 28 February 2 March 2022



STOCKHOLM + 50 Stockholm, Sweden, 2 -3 June 2022



World Urban Forum Katowice, Poland, 26-30 June 2022



<u>UN Ocean Conference</u> Lisbon, Portugal, 27 June to 1 July 2022



77th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 77) New York City, USA, 13-27 September 2022



G20 <u>Leaders' Summit 2022</u> Bali, Indonesia, 15-16 November 2022



UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (UNFCCC COP 27) Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt 7-18 November 2022



UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15) Montreal, Canada, 5 - 17 December 2022



UN 2023 Water Conference New York City, USA, 22-24 March 2023



SDG Summit 2023, UN HLPF New York City, USA, September 2023

THANK YOU!









