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**The 2021 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) Bulletin**

The HLPF will be held from **Tuesday, 6 July to Thursday, 15 July**. The meeting will be available through [UN webtv](https://media.un.org/en/webtv/). All are invited to participate in this vibrant online High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and its related events to review the Sustainable Development Goals through a COVID-19 lens.

1. **HLPF format –**The format of the HLPF will be virtual. More information on the [arrangements for the 2021 High-level Political Forum can be found here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/281762021_HLPF_and_HLS_Information_note.pdf).
2. **HLPF theme and background -**The 2021 HLPF theme is *"Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"*[Click here to read more](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021)

The HLPF is the core United Nations platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. In 2021, the HLPF will discuss Sustainable Development Goals 1 on no poverty, 2 on zero hunger, 3 on good health and well-being, 8 on decent work and economic growth, 10 on reduced inequalities, 12 on responsible consumption and production, 13 on climate action, 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, and 17 on partnerships in depth. The Forum will also consider the integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals.

1. **Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities Submission to the HLPF 2021-**Each year the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities sends a submission around the SDGs and persons with disabilities relating to the theme of the HLPF. It is written with an open consultative process to create a strong statement from various organizations working to promote the rights of persons with disabilities. Thank you to all those who contributed to the submission!  [Read the submission here.](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/stakeholder_group_of_persons_with_disabilities_submission_for_hlpf_2021.pdf)

1. **Voluntary National Reviews -**Forty-three countries will report on the progress of SDG implementation and reflect on the global pandemic.

The following 43 countries will carry out voluntary national reviews (VNRs) of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda in 2021, including Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamans, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Island, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Paraguay, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden. Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zimbabwe. For more details,[please click here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#vnrs).

1. **Programme -**The[2021 HLPF Programme](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/275642021_HLPF_PROGRAMME.pdf) has been released and the focus of the thematic sessions are the SDGs in sustainable recovery from Covid-19. You can find the [Annotated Program here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/282962021_HLPF_and_HLS_Annotated_Programme_with_speakers.pdf).

1. **Accessibility –**All events will be virtual and can be viewed via [UN Web TV](https://media.un.org/en/webtv/).  If you are speaking and require a reasonable accommodation, please contact Bethany Brown at bbrown@ida-secretariat.org as soon as possible, by no later than June 30, 2021. *More information on accessibility coming soon.*

1. **SGPwD Official Side Event -**The official SGPwD side event will be **Friday 9th July from 7:30 am to 9:30 am (EDT)**Its theme is:*Building an Inclusive and Effective Path for Civil Society Engagement in the HLPF*. You can register [in advance for this event here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_715YjkRXQd6DKOjQwbrwbg). More information coming soon. You can find the tentative [programme of side events here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/280782021_HLPF_Tentative_programme_of_side_events.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

1. **VNR Labs –**VNR Labsprovide an informal platform for experience sharing and reflection on the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process. Learn more on when the [VNR labs](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#labs) are being held and the topics they will cover.

1. **Ministerial Declaration -**The HLPF will adopt a Ministerial Declaration as the outcome of its session. The SGPwD is engaged in the negotiations. The most recent draft (June 15) [can be found here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/279822021_MD_revision_15_June.pdf).

1. **Key Documents for HLPF 2021  - read more about**[**relevant documents**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#docs)**.**

* + [Report of the Secretary General – Progress towards the SDGs](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/27610SG_SDG_Progress_report_2021.pdf) (Advance unedited version)
	+ The[compilation of the executive summaries of the position papers](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#docs) on this year’s HLPF theme **submitted by the Major Groups and other Stakeholders**. The SGPwD executive summary is included.

**Below are a few side events you may be interested in attending:**

*If there are other disability-related side events that you know of, please contact**ehardin@ida-secretariat.org*

**TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2021**

* **Title:** [Driving more effective adaptation to climate impacts through inclusive, locally-led action](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7294&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers**: The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in partnership with the Government of Egypt and the UN High-level Champions

* **Title:** [Humanity & Inclusion hosting an event over the importance of rehabilitation for achieving SDG3](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7650&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:** The Permanent Mission of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the UN (Geneva) and Humanity and Inclusion (Handicap International Federation)

* **Title:**[Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals Through Effective Partnerships to Benefit People Who Are Print Disabled: Marrakesh Treaty Momentum After Five Years](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7298&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**The Permanent Mission of Morocco to the UN with The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**Thursday, 8 July**

* **Title:**[Inclusive VNRs for a sustainable and resilient recovery- whole of society approach to leave no one behind Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7524&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:** Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment

* **Title:** [The Power of Partnerships in securing the rights of people with disability in the context of COVID-19](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7533&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:** The Qatar Foundation for Social Work, Co-organizers: UNICEF, Perkins School for the Blind

**Friday July 9**

* **Title:** *Building an Inclusive and Effective Path for Civil Society Engagement in the HLPF*
	+ **Time:**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities
	+ **Register**[in advance for this event here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_715YjkRXQd6DKOjQwbrwbg).

* **Title:** [Leave No Women Behind during the COVID 19 pandemic](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7596&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**Awaz Centre for Development Services with Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), Government of Zimbabwe (TBC), GCAP Zimbabwe, GCAP Sierra Leone, Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA), Asia Indigenous People’s Pact (AIPP), Asia Dalit Rights Forum (ADRF), Global Forum on DWD (GfoD), Ghana Federation of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, LATINDADD, SDGs Japan

**Tuesday July 13**

* **Title:** [Eye Health & SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7743&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**International Agency for Prevention of Blindness co-organized with UN Friends of Vision; co-chaired by Permanent Missions of Antigua & Barbuda, Bangladesh and Ireland. Supporting organizations are: WHO, Fred Hollows Foundation, Vision Spring, Sightsavers

* **Title:***“An Unequal Pandemic”,* focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on marginalised communities
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**The LNOB Partnership and the Inclusive Data Charter of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

* **Title:** [The Care Economy - Recognizing and valuing care, including early learning and child care, as a vital sector of the economy, expanding care infrastructure, and rebalancing paid and unpaid work responsibilities](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7755&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM EDT
	+ **Organizers:**The Government of Canada co-organized with The Government of Bangladesh

**Wednesday July 14**

* **Title:** [Inclusive employment models and technology, to achieve sustainable and resilient recovery for Youth with Disabilities from the COVID-19 pandemic](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7635&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
	+ **Organizers:**Leonard Cheshire International