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

*"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"*[*2021 HLPF Theme*](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021)

The High-level Political Forum (HLPF) has begun! The forum runs from **Tuesday, 6 July to Friday 16 July 2021**. Sessions can be viewed through [UN webtv](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1v/k1vx427slp). All are invited to participate in this vibrant online forum and its related events to review the Sustainable Development Goals through a COVID-19 lens.

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). **For the first time,** **the**[**UN has provided an HLPF program in an easy read format**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/28587Easy_Read_Document_for_the_HLPF_2021.pdf)**!**

**Updates**

**TOMORROW, Friday 9 July**

* [**Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities Official Side Event**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7590&menu=2993)**–**A moderated discussion on[*Building an Inclusive and Effective Path for Civil Society Engagement in the HLPF*](https://d.docs.live.net/fff8af86eabb97bd/Documents/IDA/HLPF%20DOCS/Side%20Event/SGPwD%20HLPF%20Side%20Event%20CN.docx). **Register** [for this event here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_715YjkRXQd6DKOjQwbrwbg).

* **Official Meeting 3pm-5pm EDT-** The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities will be speaking during the afternoon session on [Vision and priorities of civil society, the private sector and other major groups and stakeholders: realizing the SDGs during the COVID-19 recovery](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7191&menu=2993)

**Ministerial Declaration**

This letter from the co-facilitators of the negotiations for the Ministerial Declaration indicates that [**the silence procedure has been broken**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/28613letter_cofacs_silence_procedure_being_broken.pdf)**,**and a new draft will be circulated soon. It will undergo a new “short” silence procedure (likely only a few days). We will continue to keep you informed.

**Voluntary National Reviews begin next week!**

·        Forty-three countries will report on the progress of SDG implementation and reflect on the global pandemic. All reviews will be held online and live question and answers sessions will follow the presentations. For more details,[please click here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#vnrs).

·        Read the [Compilation of main messages for the 2021 voluntary national reviews](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/27613Compilation_of_main_messages_for_the_2021_VNR.pdf)

**\***Note all times are in EDT (NY time)\*

**Monday, 12 July**

* 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM:
	+ Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Egypt, Qatar
* 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM:
	+ Colombia, Niger, Uruguay, Cabo Verde, Guatemala, Mexico

**Tuesday, 13 July**

* 10:30 AM-1:15 PM
	+ Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Bolivia, San Marino
* 3:15 PM-4:45 PM:
	+ Nicaragua, Marshall Islands, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

**Wednesday, 14 July**

* 10:30 AM-1:00 PM:
	+ China, Afghanistan, Denmark, Thailand, Chad, Norway, Saudi Arabia
* 3:00 PM-5:00 PM:
	+ Bahamas, Tunisia, Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone

**Thursday, 15 July**

* 9:00 AM-1:00 PM:
	+ Japan, Germany, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iraq, Madagascar, Bhutan, Namibia, Spain, Zimbabwe
* 3:00 PM-3:40 PM:
	+ Paraguay, Sweden

**Other Information**

**Background -**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. [Click here to read more](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021)

**Accessibility –**All events will be virtual and can be viewed via[UN Web TV](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1v/k1vx427slp).  [Accessibility services for persons with disabilities](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/285572021_HLPF_and_HLS_Accessibility_guide.pdf) is now available via the [Registration & Participation](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#registration) section of the HLPF website.  Real-time captioning and International Sign interpretation will be provided via UN Webcast.**And we repeat: for the first time,** the UN has provided an [HLPF program in easy](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/28587Easy_Read_Document_for_the_HLPF_2021.pdf) read format!

**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.

**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.

·       **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)

**Below are a few side events you may be interested in attending.**Let us know if you have any side events you would like to add!Pleasefind the [tentative programme of side events here](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/280782021_HLPF_Tentative_programme_of_side_events.pdf).

**Friday July 9**

* **Title: SGPwD Official Side Event!!**[**Building an Inclusive and Effective Path for Civil Society Engagement in the HLPF**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7590&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
	+ **Organizers:** The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities
	+ [Register at the link 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
	+ **Registration**: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aHwuFsqATniowQsZFDX8xg>

**Tuesday July 13**

* **Title:**[An Unequal Pandemic: Bringing Communities’ and Civil Society Organizations’ Evidence to the Forefront](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=20000&nr=7920&menu=2993)
	+ **Time:**7:30 am – 9 am EDT
	+ **Organizers:** LNOB Partnership and the Inclusive Data Charter of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
	+ The SGPwD is on the panel of speakers!
	+ Simultaneous English, French, Spanish, International Sign interpretation and live captioning in English will be provided

* **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
	+ **Registration:**<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DZgXi94_TiyuXrt1feNXSQ>

* **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
	+ **Link to join:** <https://leonardcheshire.zoom.us/s/98371504145?pwd=MlJqM29XbkxLNkMzWldwc1g1Ui8wQT09>