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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 United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) is winding up! The forum has run from **Tuesday, 6 July and will end this Friday 16 July 2021**. Sessions can be viewed through [UN webtv](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1m/k1mtavqmyl). 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**is the last day of the**Ministerial Segment**

**Friday, 16 July is the High-Level segment:**The last day of the ECOSOC high-level segment will be held following the conclusion of the HLPF Ministerial Segment. It will include a session on strengthening ECOSOC at its 75'" Anniversary for sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and advancing the 2030 Agenda. There will also be a panel on possible scenarios and future trends related to the SDGs and the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on world economies and societies.

**Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities Side Event**: Last week, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities held an event at the sidelines of the HLPF on the theme *Building an Inclusive and Effective Path for Civil Society Engagement in the HLPF*. We had an amazing panel of speakers from organizations of persons with disabilities all around the globe! Videos of the side event are available [here in English](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZck5KIk4Nc&list=PL6QxXqEB474YzamKep7tNCTgx8NHk49av&index=8&t=4s) and [here in Spanish](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFjdy713494&list=PL6QxXqEB474YzamKep7tNCTgx8NHk49av&index=7&t=3s).

**Ministerial Declaration**

Unanimity for the Ministerial Declaration has not been reached. Here is the most recent [letter from the co-facilitators](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/28870letter_cofacs_2021_MD_final_text_info_to_delegations.pdf) on the process. And the most recent [draft of the Ministerial Declaration](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/28872MD_9_July_2021_FINAL.pdf).

**Voluntary National Reviews**

Forty-three countries have reported on the progress of SDG implementation and reflect on the global pandemic. All reviews were held online and live question and answers sessions followed 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)

**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!

**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)

Any questions can be sent to Erin Hardin at [ehardin@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:ehardin@ida-secretariat.org).

Kindly,

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