

URGENT ACTION Alert

High Level Political Forum (HLPF) – how to get involved.

Deadline for accreditation of civil society organizations June 11, 2017

Planning for this year High Level Political Forum is starting to pick up. Below you will find some basic information to ensure you are up to speed in the upcoming processes and deadlines. More information will be shared periodically via this channel.

The main HLPF website is here: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>.

When: July 10-19

Where: UN Headquarters, New York

What: The HLPF is the central UN body for follow-up and review of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

The [draft program](#) is already available and contains information about the different components to the meeting, including the voluntary national reviews, thematic reviews, side events, learning courses, and general debate.

The theme for 2017 will be "**Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world**". The set of goals to be reviewed are:

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (reviewed every year)

REGISTRATION/PASSES

The participation of non-State actors from major groups¹ and other stakeholders is outlined in [General Assembly resolution 67/290](#). The registration of representatives from non-governmental organizations must be completed using the CSO Net online events registration system. **Registrations are now open through 11 June 2017.** [Click here to register.](#)

In addition to registering through the above registration link, **organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC must** request grounds passes to attend the HLPF. These passes should be requested as soon as possible, and **no later than 28 June 2017**. Organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC can request up to 9 temporary grounds passes at a time, in addition to 7 annual grounds passes. These passes need to be requested through the Integrated Civil Society Organizations System (iCSO). More information on how to request grounds passes can be found on the website: <http://csonet.org/?menu=86>

COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM:

1) Voluntary National Reviews

Forty-four countries volunteered for review this year. They are: Afghanistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Monaco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Slovenia, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.

These are set to take place July 17-19 (the final days of the meeting).

Key messages for each country's review are due soon and final reports are due around **June 16**. While these reports are most likely complete, it is still possible to offer input to ICASO for a civil report on implementation of goals 3 (health) and 5 (gender equality). Please send any information about the efforts to meet these targets in your country particularly work by HIV- and gender-focused organizations to mhd-hlpf@taumail.com.

Most key messages are out and available from the Voluntary National Review section of the HLPF website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>

¹ More info about the MGoS system is available: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/aboutmajorgroups.html>.

2) Thematic reviews

During the HLPF, the afternoon sessions 10-13 July will feature thematic reviews. The topics of the thematic reviews are listed below by date and, for the days that will feature discussions of two themes, times.

10 July: Addressing multi-dimensions of poverty and inequalities

11 July: Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives

12 July:

3-4:30 PM: taking forward the SAMOA Pathway

4:30-6 PM: how it affects countries in special situations: LDCs and LLDC. It will also discuss special challenges of MICs

13 July:

3-4:30 PM: SDG 17 Investing in and financing for SDGs

4:30-6 PM: SDG 17 Advancing science, technology and innovation for SDGs

3) Side events

The deadline to submit side-events was on May 10. The announcement about which proposals have been accepted will be made soon. The side events for the HLPF will almost all be taking place inside the UN.

4) Side-Events and Learning, Training and Practice Courses

Applications are now open for Learning, Training and Practice Courses and are due **June 2**. These courses are three hours long and take place the first week. The aim of these courses is to “cover themes and issues directly relevant to supporting countries and other stakeholders to implement the set of SDGs agreed for in-depth discussions at the 2017 HLPF.”

Guidelines for the courses are here:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/14699SDGslearningguidelines.pdf>. The application is available on the website in Word format.

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION – key dates

Austria and Jamaica will facilitate negotiations for the ministerial declaration. We hope you will share input by June 1. Please send input to mhd-hlpf@taumail.com.

The draft elements of this year’s Ministerial Declaration are available from <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/15082MDDraftElements.pdf>. As many of you will recall, [last year’s Ministerial Declaration](#) was very weak and we saw little appetite from countries for anything stronger. The co-facilitators this year have expressed some desire for a stronger text, so it will be

important for us to have clear, strong recommendations throughout the entire process to support a stronger text. Your input will be critical to this process. If you would like to share information that may be included in statements by representatives of Major Groups during the negotiations, please send this mhd-hlpf@taumail.com as soon as possible.

Dates to remember:

- First reading: June 15-16
- Second reading: June 21-22
- Final reading: June 29-30

The document will be finalized during the HLPF but dates have not been set. They will be shared with you as soon as we know.