

# Building back better from COVID-19 for the achievement of the SDGs - Outcomes of HLPF2020 and future prospects -

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## High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

- ✓ UN's official platform on the 2030 Agenda with a focus on SDGs
  - Progress at global level: Review of SDGs by Goals
  - Progress at national level: Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
- ✓ Held annually at ministerial level and every 4 years at the level of Heads of State and Government
- ✓ Participated by various stakeholders such as civil society, business, and science community. Preceded by regional preparatory meetings.

# High-level Political Forum

2016

Voluntary National Reviews  
(VNRs) by 22 countries



2017

VNRs by 43 countries



2018

VNRs by 48 countries



2019

VNRs by 47 countries



## HLPF 2020

- ✓ Dates: July 7-16, 2020    Venue: Online due to COVID-19 (broadcast from UN Headquarters in NY)
  - Attended by approx. 137 ministers and over 1,000 participants including leaders of civil society and business
- ✓ Theme: “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” (In reality, discussions focused on recovery from COVID-19)
- ✓ VNRs by 47 countries
- ✓ Outcome document: President’s summary and Ministerial Declaration (still under consideration)
- ✓ Key points
  - SDGs: Progress has been made, yet not enough to achieve the 2030 Agenda on many fronts. Concerns expressed about growing inequalities caused by COVID-19.
  - The SDGs and the fight against climate change should be at the heart of the efforts to build back better from COVID-19.
  - Importance of multilateral cooperation

# Challenges in achieving the SDGs



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- **AMBITION:** Aligning goals and targets with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, not only at the national level, but also at the municipal, organizational, corporate and financial institution level. (e.g. Voluntary Local Reviews)
- **SYNERGIES:** Promoting synergies across a number of areas and sectors (e.g. climate change, disaster prevention, biodiversity, oceans).
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Enhancing collaboration of all stakeholders, including governments, businesses, academia, women and youth (e.g. RE100).
- **GLOBAL COOPERATION TO TACKLE COVID-19:** Further strengthening of international cooperation against COVID-19 for early eradication and recovery in all countries.



# Climate & SDGs Synergy Conference 2021



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On the 2020 Virtual Conference: <https://sustainabledevelopmentun.org/climate-sdgs-synergies2020#>

# HLPF: Future sessions

2020

VNRs by 47 countries



2021

VNRs by approx. 40 countries (tentative)

*Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development*

2022

To be decided

2023



Global Sustainable Development Report 2023

# 2030

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Toward the Future We Want

