

High-Level Political Forum 2023



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The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) was held from **Monday, 10 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023**, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en>). This includes the three-day ministerial segment of the forum from **Monday, 17 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023** as part of the High-level Segment of the Council. The last day of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC was on **Thursday, 20 July 2023**.

The theme was "**Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels**".

In the forum, participants were able to further discuss the effective and inclusive recovery measures to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explore actionable policy guidance for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at all levels.

In line with the integrated and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the HLPF 2023 conducted in-depth reviews of the following goals: **Goals 6: Clean water and sanitation; Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy; Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure; Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities; and Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals.**

Thirty-nine countries presented their **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**, sharing their progress on the 2030 Agenda. Participating countries in 2023 included: Bahrain (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/bahrain>), Barbados (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/barbados>), Belgium (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/belgium>), Bosnia and Herzegovina (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/bosnia-and-herzegovina>), Brunei Darussalam (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/brunei-darussalam>), Burkina Faso (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/burkina-faso>), Cambodia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/cambodia>), Canada (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/canada>), Central African Republic (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/central-african-republic>), Comoros (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/comoros>), Chile (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/chile>), Croatia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/croatia>), Democratic Republic of the Congo (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/democratic-republic-of-the-congo>), European Union (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/european-union>), Fiji (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/fiji>), France (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/france>), Guyana (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/guyana>), Iceland (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/iceland>), Ireland (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/ireland>), Kuwait (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/kuwait>), Liechtenstein (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/liechtenstein>), Lithuania (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/lithuania>), Maldives (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/maldives>), Mongolia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/mongolia>), Poland (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/poland>), Portugal (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/portugal>), Romania (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/romania>), Rwanda (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/rwanda>), Saudi Arabia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/saudi-arabia>), Singapore (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/singapore>), Slovakia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/slovakia>), St Kitts & Nevis (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/saint-kitts-and-nevis>), Tajikistan (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/tajikistan>), Timor-Leste (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/timor-leste>), Turkmenistan (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/turkmenistan>),

United Republic of Tanzania (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/united-republic-of-tanzania>), Uzbekistan (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/uzbekistan>), Vietnam (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/vietnam>), Zambia (<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/zambia>).

The HLPF in July also supported the mid-term review of the implementation of the SDGs and the preparations for the 2023 SDG Summit – the HLPF to be convened under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023.

The President of ECOSOC prepared a summary (<https://hlpf.un.org/2023/outcome>) to capture the key messages of the discussions.

In addition to the main sessions, HLPF 2023 featured 204 Side Events (<https://hlpf.un.org/2023/other-events>), 16 VNR Labs (<https://hlpf.un.org/2023/vnr-labs>), 12 Special Events (<https://hlpf.un.org/2023/other-events>), and 19 Exhibition (<https://hlpf.un.org/2023/exhibit>) held on the margins of the forum, offering opportunities for deeper engagement and collaboration.

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Summary by the President of ECOSOC of the high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2023 session (<https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/E%20HLPF%202023%207.pdf>)

Annotated Programme: 2023 HLPF and ECOSOC High-level Segment ([https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/2023 HLPF and HLS Annotated Programme_6.pdf](https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/2023%20HLPF%20and%20HLS%20Annotated%20Programme_6.pdf))

Report of the HLPF on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2023 session (<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n23/231/70/pdf/n2323170.OpenElement=>)

Report of the Secretary-General: "Progress towards

the SDGs: Towards a
Rescue Plan for People and
Planet”

([https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/SDG Progress Report
Special Edition.pdf](https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/SDG%20Progress%20Report%20Special%20Edition.pdf))

Accelerating the recovery
from the coronavirus
disease (COVID-19) and the
full implementation of the
2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development
at all levels: Report of the
Secretary-General

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Long-term future trends
and scenarios - impacts on
the realization of the SDGs:
Report of the Secretary-
General

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