Follow-up and review at the global level: HLPF

- Central role in overseeing follow-up and review processes at the global level
- Meets annually in New York
- Conducts two types of reviews:
  - **Thematic reviews of progress on SDG**
  - **National reviews** which are
    - **voluntary**, while encouraging reporting and include developed and developing countries, as well as relevant United Nations entities
    - state-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants
    - provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders
National, regional and global follow-up and review processes

**National Reviews**
- VNR
- National SDG progress report

**APFSD**
- Regional SDG progress report (ESCAP)
- Thematic report (ESCAP/ADB/UNDP)
- Goal profiles (UN system)

**HLPF**
- 47 VNRs (2018)
- 51 VNRs (2019)
- SDG global progress report (annual)
- Global Sustainable Development report (quadrennial)
Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

- Annual, inclusive and intergovernmental
- Support countries & enhance their capacity for implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Provide regional perspective, identify regional trends, share best practices and lessons learned
- Support follow-up and review, assess progress and enable peer learning related to HLPF themes
### Stakeholder participation at the APFSD

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> 1000 participants
35 side events
7 pre and associated events
Engagement space
VNR Learning Café
The 2019 APFSD:

- The Sixth APFSD met from March 27-29, 2019 on the theme: “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

- Underscored the importance of empowerment and inclusion to address inequalities spanning the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development

- Underlined the importance of accountability and multi-stakeholder dialogue to achieve the central aspiration of the 2030 Agenda: “to leave no one behind”

- Member States who are presenting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at this HLPF emphasized, in a dialogue with United Nations Resident Coordinators, major groups and other stakeholders, the positive impact that the VNRs have on both policy development processes and the review of progress.

- Highlighted the role of APFSD as a regional platform for sharing best practices and building regional capacities for the preparation of these important reports.

- Reviewed progress on the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.
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❑ As a follow-up to the APFSD, ESCAP Member Countries approved, during the 75th Commission Session, the Resolution “Committing to strengthening the links between national, regional and global follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific”. This resolution emphasizes the importance of strengthening the links between national, regional and global follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and recognizes the key role played by the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in providing a regional space for follow-up and review.

❑ Resolution 75/2 also calls upon its members, and urges the Economic and Social Council, to ensure that inputs emanating from the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development are adequately reflected annually in the programme and deliberations of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.
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# HLPF 2019

8 DAYS
47 VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS
>125 HEADS AND DEPUTY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS, VICE-MINISTERS & OTHER MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS
130 SPEAKERS IN PANELS
>2000 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

6 SDGs UNDER REVIEW
33 MEETINGS
156 SIDE EVENTS
8 SPECIAL EVENTS
36 EXHIBITIONS
17 VNR LABS
Voluntary National Reviews at the 2019 HLPF

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- Throughout discussions at the HLPF, the important role of Regional Commissions, and especially the Regional Fora on Sustainable Development, was recognized.

- The need to better use the inputs developed for the HLPF, including the outcome documents from the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development, was emphasized.

- The need to strengthen the link between the Regional Forums and the HLPF, as reflected also in ESCAP resolution 75/2, was recognized.

- The Political Declaration which will formally be adopted by consensus at the opening of the SDGs Summit “Gearing up for a Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development” on 24 September welcomes efforts at the regional level, explicitly mentioning the Regional Commissions and the Regional Fora for Sustainable Development (para.18)