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

Sub regional Preparatory Meetings

People's Forum organized by Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism

High-level Political Forum

Partnerships on Knowledge Products
Stakeholder participation at the APFSD

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Highlights of the 2019 APFSD
*Empowering people for a more inclusive and equal Asia-Pacific*

- > 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.
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.
Highlights of the 2019 HLPF
Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

# HLPF 2019

8 DAYS
51 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

Highlights of the 2019 HLPF

Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

- 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)
Organized in September 2019 under the auspices of the UNGA; First Summit since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015.


The Political Declaration, formally adopted by consensus at the SDGs Summit “Gearing up for a Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development” on 24 September:

- Reaffirms the transformative vision of the 2030 Agenda;
- Expresses concern that progress is slow in many areas;
- Launches an ambitious and accelerated decade of action and delivery for sustainable development; and
- Pledges to strengthen the effective and participatory character of the HLPF and encourage the peer-learning character of the VNRs;
- Welcomes efforts at the regional level, explicitly mentioning the Regional Commissions and the Regional Fora for Sustainable Development (para.18)
The 2020 HLPF

- The HLPF is undergoing a review as requested by General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/299 (to be completed in Q1 2020)
- **Dates:** Under the auspices of ECOSOC, 7-16 July 2020, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum 14-16 July 2020
- **Theme:** “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”
- 50 countries (27 first time presenters, and 23 second time presenters, 14 from Asia and the Pacific) will present their VNRs
- Political declaration of the SDG Summit asks the SG to engage governments and stakeholders in “generating solutions and accelerating action to address systemic gaps in implementation”
- The Political declaration takes note of 6 transformative entry areas of the GSDR
  - Human well-being and capabilities; Sustainable and just economies; Food systems and nutrition patterns; Energy decarbonization and universal access; Urban and peri-urban development; Global environmental commons
2020 APFSD

- The Seventh APFSD will meet from March 25-27, 2020 on the theme: “Accelerating action and delivery of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific”

- Will provide regional perspectives on accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Opportunities for linking national, regional and global dimensions of the 2020 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- 10 pre-events to be allocated
- 30 side events to be allocated
- Special Session for UN Systemwide Support to regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda
Thank you