

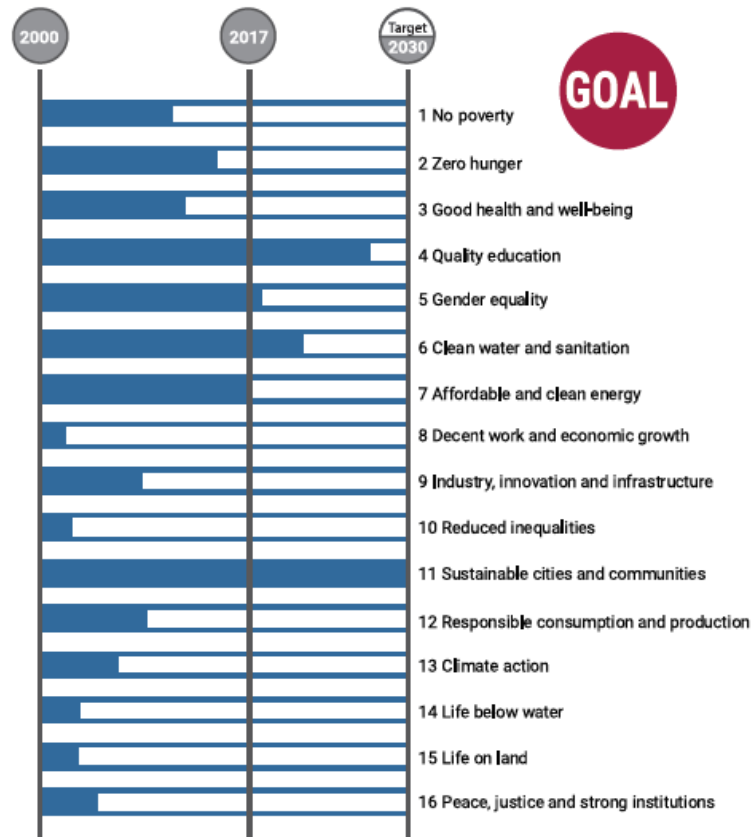
The 2030 Agenda Follow-up and Review Architecture



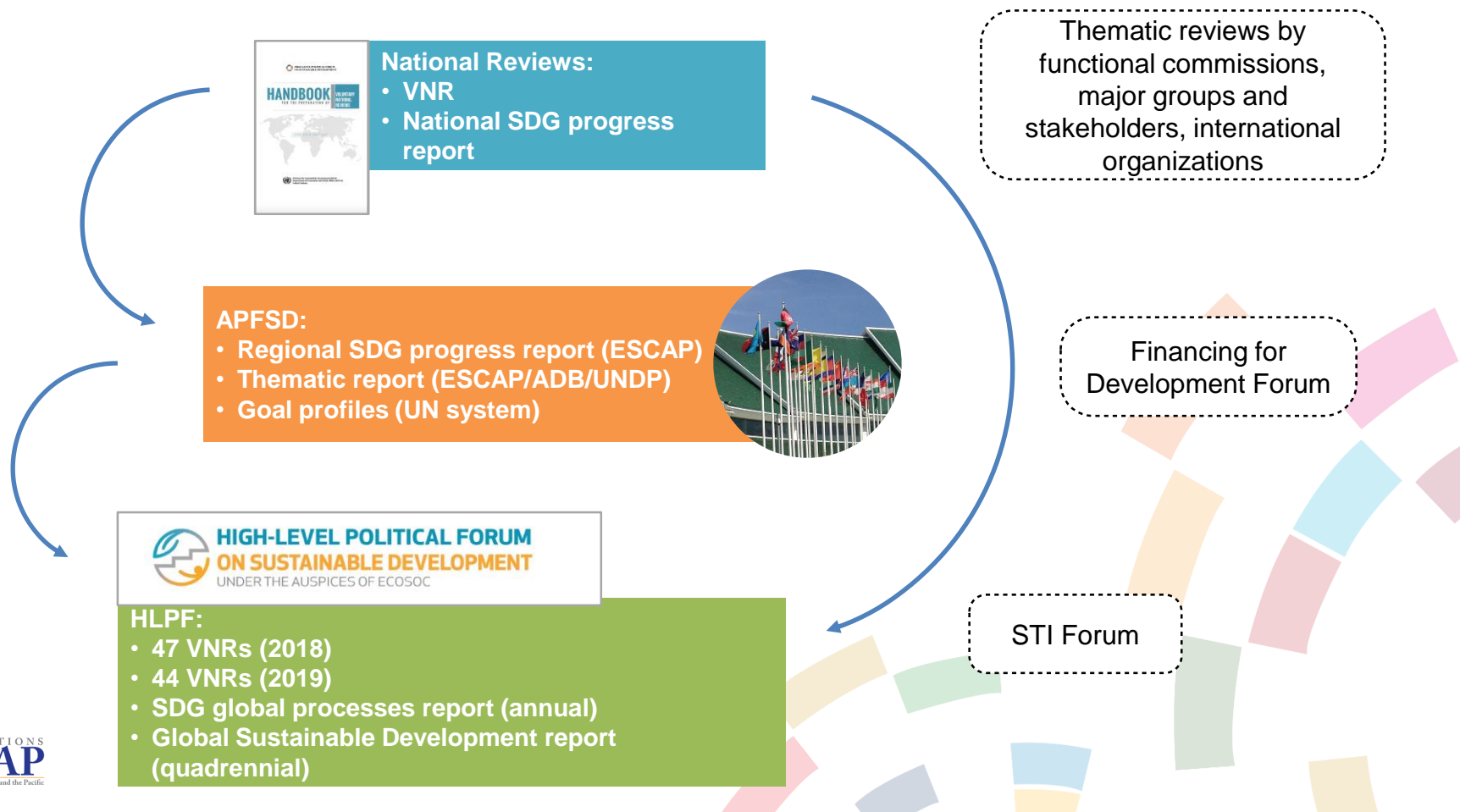
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Snapshot of SDG Progress in 2017: North and Central Asia



Review process in the Asia-Pacific region



Follow-up and Review

High-level Political Forum

Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

- 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
- Support presentation of VNRs, review progress of regional road map

VNR Support

- Support member States in the preparation of the VNR presentation and main messages

Subregional Preparatory Meetings for APFSD

- Enhance awareness and understanding of the theme of the upcoming HLPF
- Identify ways to strengthen implementation efforts through follow up and review
- Opportunity for peer learning

ESCAP/ADB/UNDP Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership

- Yearly regional reports aligned with HLPF theme
- Tracking the progress of SDGs: snapshot analysis across all SDGs in the region
- SDG Data Portal: SDG indicators from the globally agreed framework for which data sources could be identified



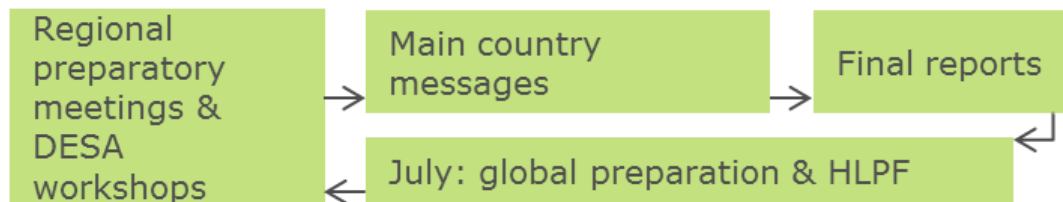
The VNR process

- link the national and global
- are voluntary and state-led
- outline progress, share successes and challenges
- guidelines for presentation at HLPF
- (sub)regional frameworks facilitate
- **ESCAP: workshops and sessions to support VNR countries**

2018 Armenia, Australia, Bhutan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

2019 Azerbaijan, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nauru, New-Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Vanuatu.

PROCESS



Regional Road Map for implementing the 2030 in Asia and the Pacific

Background and process

Based on extensive dialogue between member states and inputs from civil society organizations and the broader UN community, Asia and the Pacific developed a regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda.

The road map stemmed from decisions mandated at the Second and Third Asia- Pacific Forums on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in 2015 and 2016.

The road map was adopted in March 2017 - in the Fourth session of the APFSD.

It is the only [inter-governmentally agreed, member-state driven, regional roadmap for implementing the 2030 Agenda](#).

A Regional Road Map for Asia and the Pacific

Expectation

- Strengthen regional cooperation on priority issues
- Enabled continued and more efficient and coordinated support
- Facilitate more effective knowledge sharing

Practical means of implementation

- Data and statistics
- Technology
- North-South, South-South, international and regional partnerships
- Finance
- Policy coherence

Thematic areas with multisectoral impacts

- Leave no one behind
- DRR & resilience
- Climate change
- Natural resource management (including Oceans)
- Connectivity
- Energy

SDG Implementation Support

Strengthening the VNR process through support to stakeholder engagement, policy coherence and data & statistics



SDG Rapid Response Facility

Respond to requests from countries and UN country teams to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Technical assistance is provided in ESCAP's core areas of expertise



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HELP DESK

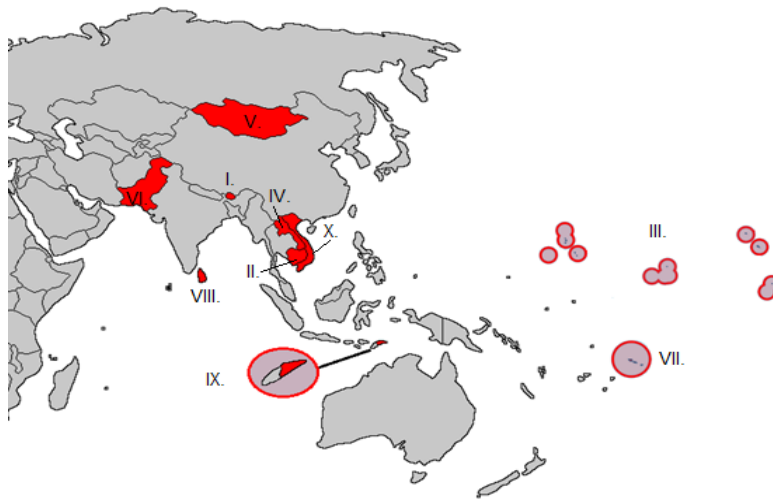
SDG Help Desk

One-stop online gateway to tools, knowledge products, expertise, good practices, advice and opportunities for peer-learning and regional South-South cooperation

SDG Rapid Response Facility

Technical Assistance is provided with an emphasis on:

- Strengthening of national statistical systems, including data mapping, data visualization, development of SDG outlooks;
- Policy prioritization through analysis of interlinkages as well as stakeholder engagement;
- Voluntary National Review processes;
- Strengthening regional connectivity and removing barriers to trade.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HELP DESK

What is the SDG Help Desk?

Launched in March 2018,
during the Fifth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

A one-stop, partnership-based online gateway to knowledge products

Service lines

Access to Knowledge Hub, Data Portals, Technical Assistance, Community of Practice, and Toolboxes

Search engine

Harvesting information from various sources and providing information more accurately and effectively

Knowledge repository

Where multiple knowledge products and databases are compiled to give users more easy and direct access to information

Partnerships

Linking platforms and collaborating with other UN agencies, research institutes and think tanks in the region and beyond

The High-Level Political Forum 2019

2019 Theme Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

SDGs under review



44 VNRs including Azerbaijan, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nauru, New-Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Vanuatu.

Reflections on the review process

HLPF under review in 2019-member countries and other stakeholders to reflect on the success and limitations of the current process

Role of the stakeholders to be strengthened- to allow a wider contribution from the different actors at the country level

Need of a stronger regional and sub-regional follow-up and review- to allow countries to discuss and exchange perspectives in a smaller setting

Role of South-south cooperation and twinning of countries to support the VNR process

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