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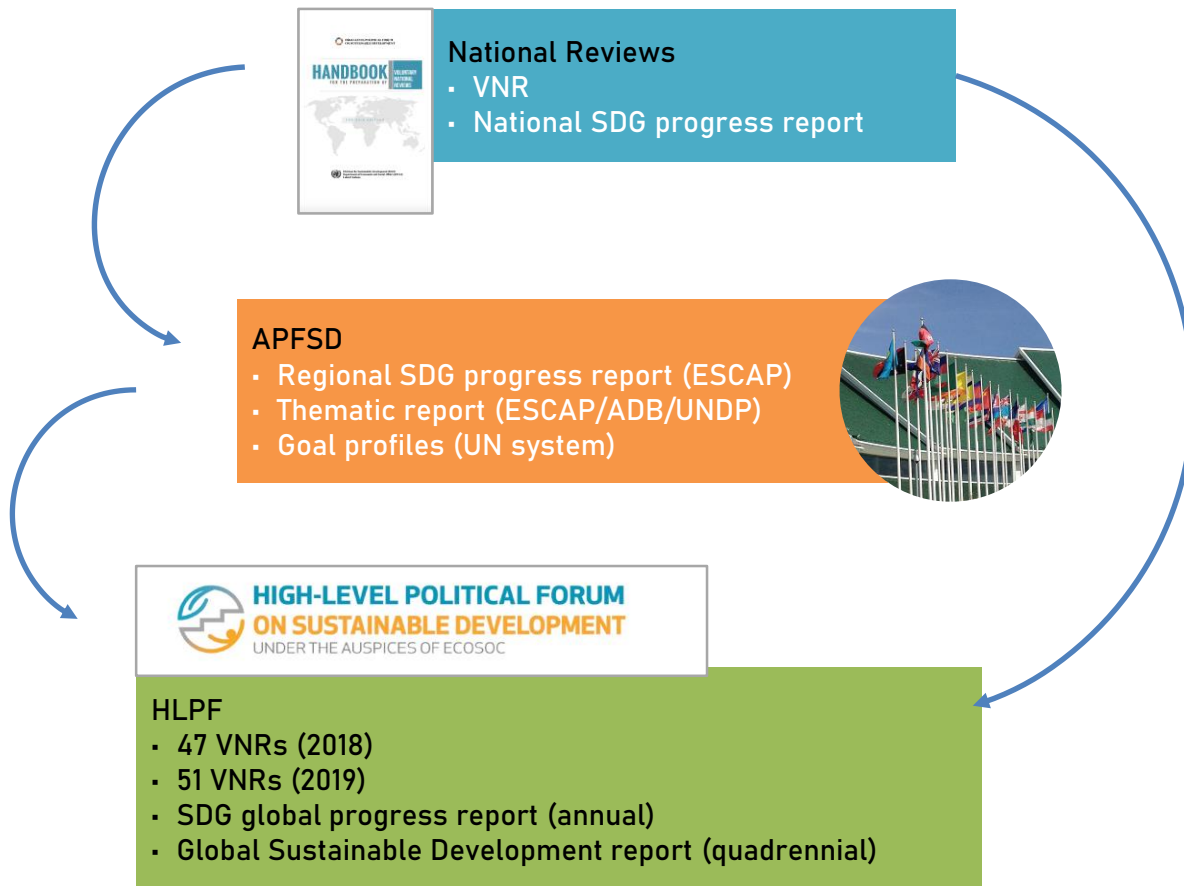
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Follow-up and review at the global level: HLPF



- ❑ 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



High-level Political Forum



Sub regional
Preparatory
Meetings



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

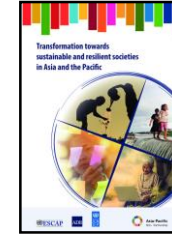
People's Forum
organized by Asia
Pacific Regional CSO
Engagement
Mechanism



Partnerships on Knowledge Products



Sustainable Development Goals
HELPDESK



Asia-Pacific
SDG Partnership



Stakeholder participation at the APFSD

Year	Total Participants	Major Group and Stakeholder Participants	Participants from academia/research/universities
2019	1000	145	45
2018	803	120	70
2017	509	85	20
2016	437	65	6
2015	409	75	10
2014	256	36	7

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.

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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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Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

HLPF 2019



DAYS



VOLUNTARY
NATIONAL
REVIEWS



HEADS AND DEPUTY HEADS
OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS,
VICE-MINISTERS & OTHER
MINISTERIAL LEVEL
OFFICIALS



SPEAKERS IN
PANELS



REGISTERED
PARTICIPANTS



SDGs
UNDER
REVIEW



MEETINGS



SIDE
EVENTS



SPECIAL
EVENTS



EXHIBITIONS

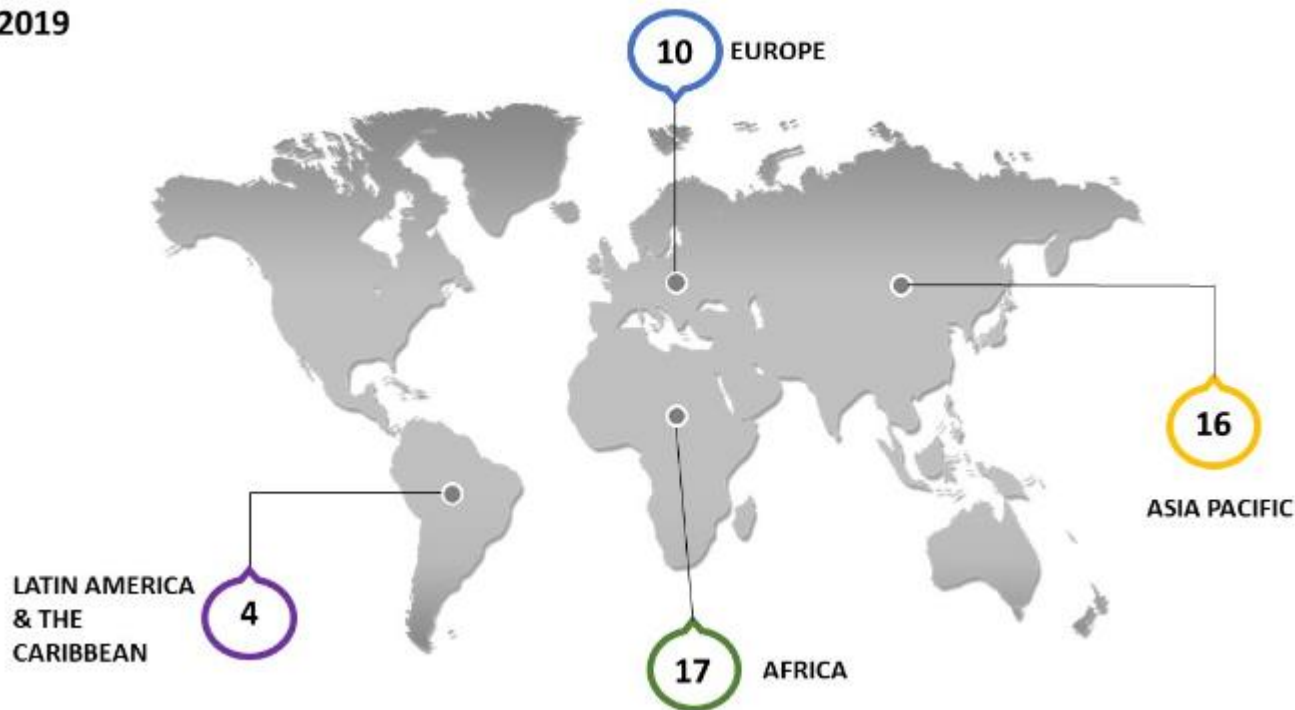


VNR
LABS

Voluntary National Reviews at the 2019 HLPF

Azerbaijan*,
Cambodia, Fiji,
Kazakhstan,
Indonesia*,
Mongolia,
Nauru, New-
Zealand,
Pakistan, Palau,
The Philippines*,
Timor-Leste,
Tonga,
Turkmenistan,
Vanuatu

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS 2019



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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)