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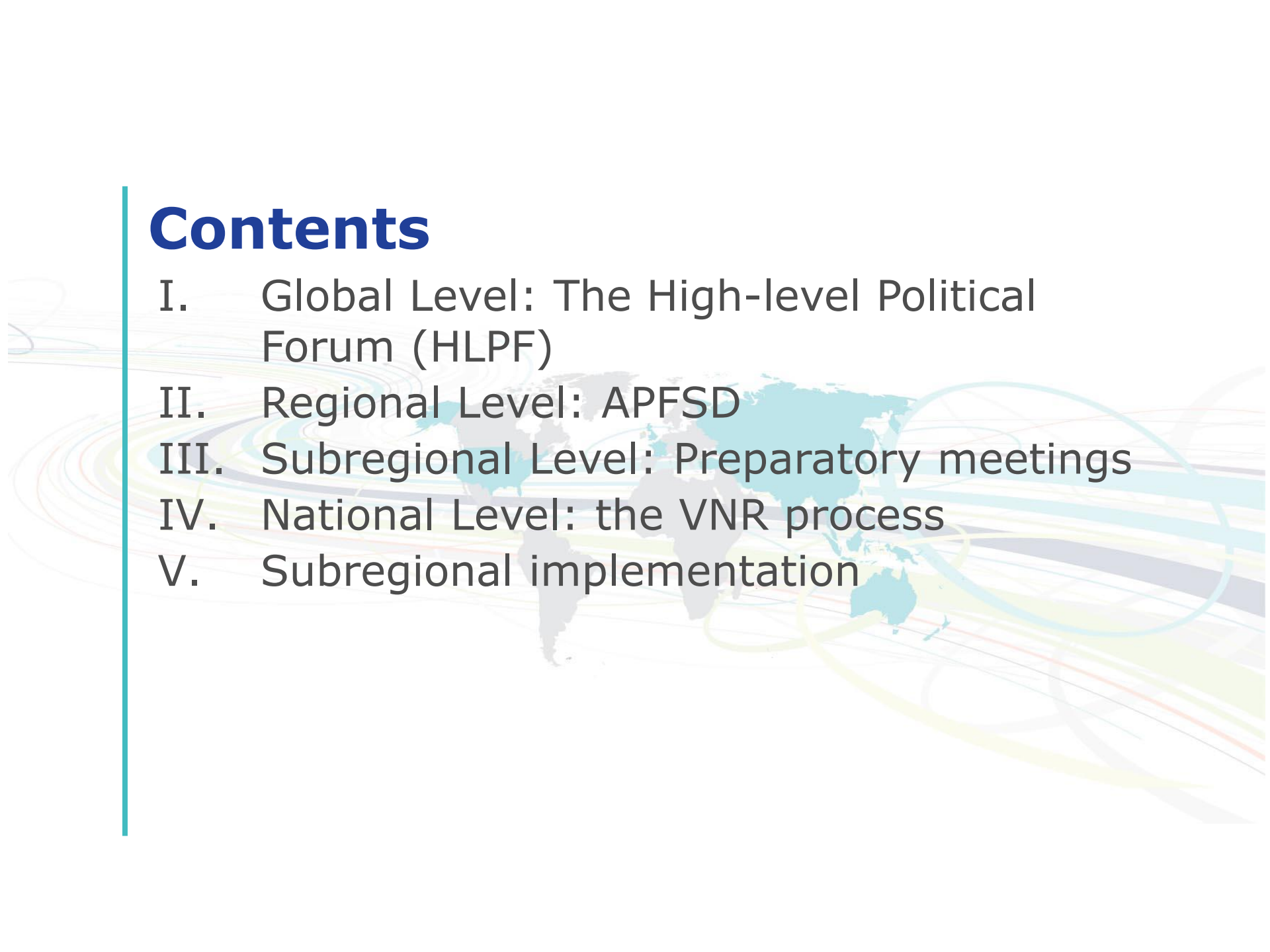
ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA

**ACROSS GLOBAL, (SUB)REGIONAL, AND
NATIONAL LEVELS**

South and South-West Forum for Implementation of the Sustainable
Development Goals

Kathmandu, Nepal, 1-2 November 2017

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I. The High-Level Political Forum - HLPF

» Global platform for follow-up and review of the SDGs

2017 Eradicating poverty & promoting prosperity in a changing world

2018 Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies



PROGRESS: National governments are strongly committed; SDGs are being internalized into strategies and planning processes;

CHALLENGES REMAIN: hunger and malnutrition; environmental stressors; widening inequality; public & private resources must be leveraged; lack of official statistics, data and effective monitoring systems; access to science and technology must improve.

II. Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

FUNCTION OF THE FORUM

- Support preparations for the HLPF
- 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

INCLUSIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

- ... Inter-agency support through UN Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism
- ... Provides space for multi-stakeholder engagement
- ... Considers subregional perspectives on the themes addressed by the Forum

VI. ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2018:

- 28-30 March 2018, Bangkok
- Theme: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”

- 5 goals under review



- Discussion on goal 17



- Support to VNR Preparations

III. APFSD : A Regional Road Map

EXPECTATION

- strengthen regional cooperation on priority issues
- enable continued and more efficient and coordinated support
- facilitate more effective knowledge sharing

PRACTICAL MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

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

THEMATIC AREAS OF COOPERATION

WITH MULTISECTORAL IMPACTS

- Leave no one behind
- DRR & resilience
- Climate change
- Natural resource management
- Connectivity
- Energy

IV. Sub-regional preparatory meetings for APFSD

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance awareness and understanding of the theme of the upcoming HLPF
- Identify ways to strengthen implementation efforts through follow up and review
- Link national, sub-regional, regional and global processes
- Provide sub-regional inputs
- Opportunity for peer learning

SESSIONS

- The Process (VNRs, HLPF, APFSD)
- The substance (2018 Theme, Goals, Resilience)

V. The VNR process



VNRs

- 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**

2017 43 countries, 11 from Asia-Pacific

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

PROCESS

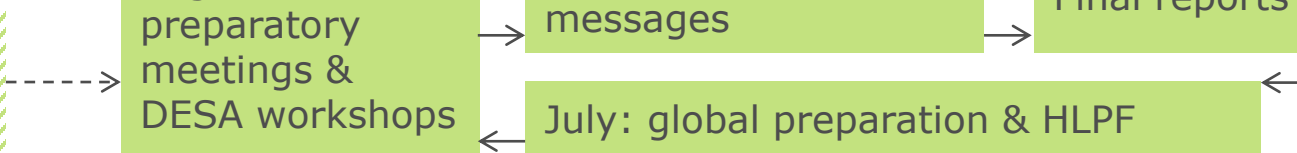
Subregional preparatory meetings

Regional preparatory meetings & DESA workshops

Main country messages

Final reports

July: global preparation & HLPF



VII. Subregional implementation

NEXT STEPS

- Outcome of discussions to feed into APFSD 2018
- SDG Help Desk – development of support services
- Technical assistance for implementation – integration, stakeholder engagement, sectoral support (e.g. trade)

KEY QUESTIONS

- How can global, regional and subregional processes better support implementation?
- How can the UN system and subregional organisations better support implementation?
- What sub-regional cooperation mechanisms exist and can be adapted? - Who are the main players to be involved?

Thank you

For information on the APFSD, road map etc. please visit:
<http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd4/>

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