

WEBINAR

Exploring the global architecture for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda: Reflections from the 2017 UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

September 6 2017, 9:30 – 11:00 am (NY time)

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Background:

The [2017 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#), held from 10-19 July 2017 in New York, marked another critical opportunity for the international community to come together to collectively discuss implementation and progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, convened under the theme of *“Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world.”*

The 2017 HLPF was highly significant, with 43 countries presenting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR), nearly double the amount from 2016. It also marked the first time that thematic reviews were undertaken around specific SDGs, which included an in-depth examination of the following goals:

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (to be considered each year).

In the 2030 Agenda, Member States have also emphasized that the HLPF should draw high-level political attention to gaps or areas where commitments are lagging behind and provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow up to accelerate progress. While the 2017 HLPF made it clear that momentum is building towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda in many contexts, significant challenges still remain.

This webinar will provide an opportunity for participants to take stock of the outcomes and key takeaways from the 2017 HLPF, and will discuss key questions regarding the future of the HLPF and reviews of the 2030 Agenda.

Key questions to consider:

- What were some of the successes and shortcomings of the 2017 HLPF? How can this be improved upon in future years?
- What lessons can be learned from these VNR presentations from 2017?

- What were the strengths and shortcomings of this VNR process, and how can we collectively improve upon this to maximize the potential of VNRs in coming years?
- How effective were the thematic reviews of progress? How can they be improved?
- How can the HLPF bring voices “from the ground” to ensure that no one is left behind?

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9:30 – 9:35	Welcome and review of the Agenda Facilitator: John Romano , International Coordinator, TAP Network
9:35 – 09:50	Session 1: The role of the global level in the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda: Is the HLPF delivering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA ● Graham Long, Newcastle University
09:50 – 10:05	Discussions
10:05 – 10:30	Session 3 – Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs): towards accountability to citizens or previews of implementation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Philipp Schönrock and Camilo Gamba, Cepei – Perspectives from Latin America ● Jyotsna Mohan, Regional Coordinator, Asia Development Alliance (ADA) – Perspectives from Asia ● Priscilla Achakpa, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) - Perspectives from Africa ● Lonne Poissonnier, Concord Europe – Perspectives from Europe
10:30 – 10:55	Discussions
10:55 – 11:00	Wrap up and closing Naiara Costa , Together 2030 International Secretariat