

Preparing for the 2021 HLPF: *Background, Overview and TAP Engagement*

You can find an overview of all of TAP Network's events at the 2021 HLPF on our website at <https://tapnetwork2030.org/hlpf-2021/>.

What is the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)?

The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is a multi-stakeholder platform engaging 197 members states in the exchange of experiences in implementation of the SDGs, identifying gaps and lessons learned. It is also a forum for rallying further action and solutions to this end by all stakeholders. The HLPF seeks to enhance the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The HLPF also provides a platform for the creation of multi-stakeholder partnerships and the promotion of international cooperation as we advance towards achieving the Goals. It meets annually under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council for eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment and every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days.

You can find more about the 2021 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

Background on the 2021 HLPF

Given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, **the 2021 HLPF will be hosted in an entirely virtual format this year**, with very limited participation of Member State delegations in New York, as necessary. This provides distinct challenges as it relates to coordinating the activities and outcomes of the 2021 HLPF, but also provides opportunities for a broader range of stakeholders to follow this year's HLPF more closely, and for a more diverse range of organizations to host or engage in official or side-events throughout the HLPF.

This year, Sustainable Development Goal 16, amongst a handful of other SDGs, is being reviewed at the 2021 HLPF, making this year highly relevant to TAP Network's collective advocacy interests. TAP Network will engage extensively around this year's conference by underlining the importance and interlinkages of SDG16, while promoting many several new outputs that will help to support work with SDG16. Visit our dedicated HLPF page for more details on how to get involved: <https://tapnetwork2030.org/hlpf-2021/>.

You can find a comprehensive Information Note from the HLPF Secretariat on the official HLPF website [here](#).

When is the 2021 HLPF?

The 2021 HLPF will be held from **Tuesday, 6 July to Thursday, 15 July 2021**. This includes a high-level segment from Tuesday, 13 July through Thursday 15 July, with VNR Presentations scheduled from Monday 12 July through Thursday 15 July.

What is the theme of the 2021 HLPF?

The theme of the 2021 HLPF is *"Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"*

Official Programme of 2021 HLPF

You can find the **official programme** of the 2021 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

You can find the **annotated programme** of the 2021 HLPF, which provides details on each session of the HLPF [here](#).

Civil Society Participation in the 2021 HLPF

You can find the most up-to-date information regarding **stakeholder engagement in the 2021 HLPF** on the HLPF website [here](#).

Given that the 2021 HLPF will be hosted in a virtual format this year, **registration** for any organizations wishing to "attend" or engage in the 2021 HLPF meetings **will not be required**. Instead, all meetings will be broadcast virtually via [UN Web TV](#), and all side-events will be hosted on various virtual conference call platforms. While following the official HLPF sessions does not require registration, **participation in various side-events MAY REQUIRE registration in advance**. You can find a full list of all of the side-events and special events, along with relevant registration information, on the HLPF 2021 [website here](#).

All stakeholder engagement in official HLPF meetings is facilitated by the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism's Steering Group, and will be pre-determined in advance of the 2021 HLPF. Those individuals interested in staying updated on stakeholder engagement opportunities throughout the 2021 HLPF and beyond can register for the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism [Mailing List here](#).

You can find a document that provides an overview of stakeholder engagement opportunities related to the HLPF overall [here](#).

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2022 HLPF

In total, 44 countries have volunteered to present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2021 HLPF. VNR Presentations will begin starting on Monday, 12 July, and will continue through the high-level segment of the HLPF through 15 July. All VNRs will be presented virtually, either by a pre-recorded video or a livestreamed intervention from each delegation. For more information on the VNR Sessions schedule, check out the programme of the [2021 HLPF here](#).

You can find more information about the **VNR countries, and read full VNR reports** on the [2021 HLPF website here](#).

Special Events and Side-Events

In addition to the official sessions of the 2021 HLPF, this year's meeting will feature virtual side-events and special events that participants can register for and attend from all around the world.

You can find up-to-date information on all of these **special events and side-events** on the [2021 HLPF website here](#).

The TAP Network at the 2021 HLPF

The TAP Network will engage deeply in the 2021 HLPF, including through the **hosting of several special events and side-events** over the course of these two weeks. While in-person coordination for advocacy around the 2021 HLPF will not be a feature of TAP's engagement this year, we hope that many of you are able to join for some of TAP's events. Please note that **all of these events will require registration in advance, so please plan accordingly and register your interest ASAP!** Please learn more at our dedicated website:

<https://tapnetwork2030.org/hlpf-2021/>.