

Preparing for the 2022 HLPF:
Background, Overview and TAP Engagement

You can find an overview of all of TAP Network's events at the 2022 HLPF on our website at:

<https://tapnetwork2030.org/2022hlpf/>

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 2022 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

Background on the 2022 HLPF

The theme for the 2022 HLPF is **“Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”**

As the world is struggling to recover from COVID-19 amidst continuing crises, the HLPF will reflect on how recovery policies can reverse the negative impacts of the pandemic on the SDGs and move countries on to a path to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda. The HLPF will also review in-depth Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. It will take into account the different impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals.

Despite SDG16 not being under review, TAP Network will continue to engage extensively around this year's conference to underline the importance of the interlinkages SDG16 has with the goals under focus. Stay updated with our engagements and share news about your organizations endeavors through our dedicated HLPF page at <https://tapnetwork2030.org/2022hlpf/>.

When is the 2022 HLPF?

The 2022 HLPF will be held from **Tuesday, 5 July, to Thursday, 7 July, and from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022**. This includes the three-day ministerial segment of the forum **from Wednesday, 13 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022**. The [high-level segment of the Council](#) will conclude with a final day **on Monday, 18 July 2022**

What is the theme of the 2022 HLPF?

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Official Programme of 2022 HLPF

You can find the **official draft programme** of the 2022 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

You can find the **annotated programme** of the 2022 HLPF, which provides details on each session of the HLPF [here](#).

Civil Society Participation in the 2022 HLPF

You can find the most up-to-date information regarding **stakeholder engagement in the 2022 HLPF** on the HLPF website [here](#).

Given that the 2022 HLPF will be hosted in a predominantly virtual format for external stakeholders this year, registration for any organizations wishing to “attend” or engage in the 2022 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 2022 [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 2022 HLPF. Those individuals interested in staying updated on stakeholder engagement opportunities throughout the 2022 HLPF and beyond can register for the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism [Mailing List here](#).

You can find additional information and updates about the Major Groups and Other Stakeholder engagement during the HLPF on [this page here](#).

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2022 HLPF

In total, 44 countries have volunteered to present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2022 HLPF. VNR Presentations will begin starting on Monday, 11 July, and will continue through the high-level segment of the HLPF through 15 July. The VNR presentations will take place in person in Conference Room 4 of the UN. For more information on the VNR Sessions schedule, check out the programme of the [2022 HLPF here](#).

You can find more information about the **VNRs being presented** on the [2022 HLPF website here](#).

Special Events and Side-Events

In addition to the official sessions of the 2022 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 **special events and side-events** on the [2022 HLPF website here](#).

The TAP Network at the 2022 HLPF

The TAP Network will engage extensively in the 2022 HLPF, including through the **hosting of several special events and side-events** over the course of these two weeks. While our work will primarily take place in the virtual setting, we will be hosting an informal, in-person meeting with our TAP Members and Partners at our New York office for all organizations who will already be in town for events surrounding the conference. Light refreshments will be provided. Keep an eye out on the TAP listserv for a date, time and more information or reach out to Ellery Wong at wong@tapnetwork2030.org.

All other information on the events hosted by the TAP Secretariat and TAP Members and Partners can be found on our [2022 HLPF Website](#).