

Preparing for the 2023 HLPF: *Background, Overview and TAP Engagement*

You can find an overview of all of TAP Network's events at the 2023 HLPF on our website at <https://tapnetwork2030.org/2023hlpf/>

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 2023 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

Background on the 2023 HLPF

The theme for the 2023 HLPF is **“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.”**

The international situation has greatly changed since 2015 when the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted and since 2020 when the theme of the HLPF was decided. Progress towards most of the Sustainable Development Goals is badly off track. The world is grappling with severe financial, energy, food and humanitarian crises triggered or amplified by the war in Ukraine. These compound the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the longstanding climate emergency, against the backdrop of a worsening macro-economic situation in many countries.

The Forum will assess comprehensively the impacts of these interlinked crises on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and on all the Sustainable Development Goals. Participants will discuss policies and transformations needed to overcome the crises, make up the lost ground on the SDGs and shift the world on to a path to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The discussions will be guided by the continuing strong commitment to realizing the 2030 Agenda and reinforce international solidarity.

The HLPF will also review in-depth Sustainable Development Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for 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/2023hlpf/>.

When is the 2023 HLPF?

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held from **Monday, 10 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023**, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. This includes the three-day ministerial segment of the forum from **Monday, 17 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023** as part of the High-level Segment of the Council. The last day of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC will be on **Thursday, 20 July 2023**.

What is the theme of the 2023 HLPF?

The theme will be "**Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.**"

Official Programme of 2023 HLPF

You can find the **official draft programme** of the 2023 HLPF on the official HLPF website [here](#).

You can find the **annotated programme** of the 2023 HLPF, which provides details on each session of the HLPF [here](#).

Civil Society Participation in the 2023 HLPF

You can find the most up-to-date information regarding **stakeholder engagement in the 2023 HLPF** on the HLPF website [here](#).

In contrast to the past few years, the 2023 HLPF will be hosted in a predominantly in-person format at and around the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, with a few side-events in hybrid or virtual format. In addition, meetings within UNHQ will be broadcast virtually via [UN Web TV](#), and all side-events will be hosted on various virtual conference call platforms. You can find a full list of all of the side-events and special events, along with relevant registration information, on the HLPF 2023 [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 2023 HLPF. Those individuals interested in staying updated on stakeholder engagement opportunities throughout the 2023 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 2023 HLPF

In total, 40 countries have volunteered to present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2023 HLPF. VNR Presentations will begin starting on Friday 14 July and will continue through the high-level segment of the HLPF through 19 July. For more information on the VNR Sessions schedule, check out the programme of the [2023 HLPF here](#).

You can find more information about the **VNRs being presented** on the [2023 HLPF website here](#).

Special Events and Side-Events

In addition to the official sessions of the 2023 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 [2023 HLPF website here](#).

The TAP Network at the 2023 HLPF

The TAP Network will engage extensively in the 2023 HLPF, including through the **hosting of several special events and side-events** over the course of these two weeks. Our events will take place in a combination of in-person, virtual and hybrid settings. You can find all up-to-date information about our events and the events of our TAP Members and Partners on our [2023 HLPF Website](#). For additional inquiries, please reach out to Ellery Wong at wong@tapnetwork.org.