



**Introduction to the
2022 HLPF,
VNRs, and
Civil Society
Networks**

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

- Primary opportunity for **global** review of nations' progress toward SDGs
- Held annually in New York in July
- Governments invited to present progress reports on a voluntary basis, known as Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
- Civil society groups present their perspective on nations' progress (or lack thereof)
- Outcome: Governments produce a declaration with observations and intentions for year ahead



2022 HLPF Theme

Sustainable recovery from COVID-19, especially in relation to:

- SDG 4: quality education
- SDG 5: gender equality
- SDG 14: healthy aquatic ecosystems
- SDG 15: healthy land ecosystems
- SDG 17: partnerships to support all SDGs/ODS/ODD



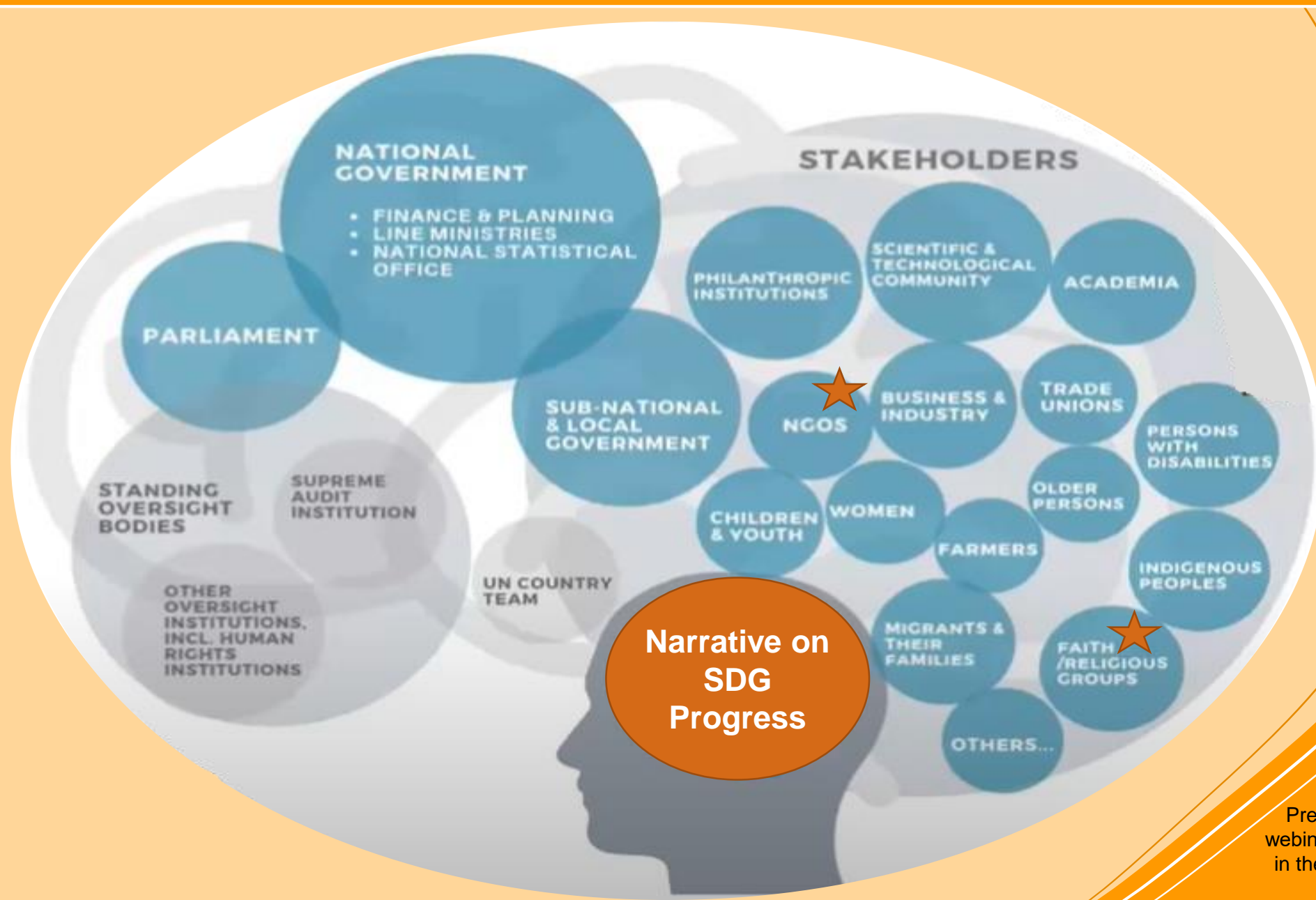
Governments presenting VNRs in 2022:

46 countries, including:

- Argentina
- Cameroon
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Greece
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Philippines
- São Tome e Príncipe
- Senegal
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Switzerland
- Uruguay



Who writes the global narrative on SDG progress?



Graphic source:
Presentation of Wardarina Thaib for MGoS CM
webinar "Introduction to stakeholder engagement
in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the
HLPF 2022" (31 Jan 2022)

Channels for Input:



Governments' VNR Reports

- Not enough time/space to present a comprehensive picture of reality (10-15 minutes)
- Governments typically...
 - focus almost exclusively on positive news or strengths in their work toward SDGs
 - leave gaps in the story
 - include little or no input from civil society
- Civil society role:
 - observe and fill gaps in governments' reports to help the world hear and understand the whole story
 - hold governments accountable for *all* SDGs
 - identify good policies and programmes that are accelerating progress toward SDGs (or have the *potential* to accelerate it)



2022 Regional Sustainable Development Fora



- ❖ **Purpose:** Gather knowledge and engage in dialogue within each region before reporting and exchanging ideas at the global HLPF
- ❖ **Online participation** possible for each region in 2022
- ❖ **Dates & registration details:**
 - **Africa**
 - **1-2 March:** Major Groups & other Stakeholders (civil society) Workshop: <https://www.uneca.org/?q=eighth-session-of-the-africa-regional-forum-on-sustainable-development/major-groups-and-other>
 - **3-5 March:** ECA Forum: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000380/>
 - **Latin America & Caribbean:**
 - **6-9 March:** CEPAL/ECLAC Forum: <https://foroalc2030.cepal.org/2022/es/informacion-evento>
 - **Asia-Pacific**
 - **22-26 March:** People's Forum: <https://unescap.org/events/2022/call-participation-apfsd-peoples-forum>
 - **28-31 March:** UNESCAP Forum: <https://unescap.org/events/2022/apfsd9-call-stakeholder-participation>
 - **Europe & North America**
 - **4-6 April:** Pre-meeting for stakeholders: <https://regionalforum.unece.org/events/pre-meeting-regional-forum-2022>
 - **6-7 April:** UNECE Forum: <https://regionalforum.unece.org/events/regional-forum-2022>

Channels for Civil Society Input:

Independent SDG Progress Reports from National Civil Society Networks

- At least one network has assembled in nearly every nation to participate in monitoring of SDG implementation
- Employ different methods of collecting input from development organisations and community leaders in their respective countries
- Generate independent reports to supplement government reports at the HLPF
- Typically open to participation of individuals representing NGOs and faith institutions



Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress

at the National or Regional Level

- **Argentina:** [Red Encuentro](#) (EENGD) [Sociedad Civil en Red](#)
- **Cameroon:** [Collectif des ONG Agréées du Cameroun](#) (CONGAC) [SDSN Sahel](#)
[AfroBarometer-Cameroun](#)
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- **Dominican Republic:** [Alianza ONG](#), [SDSN Caribbean](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS República Dominicana](#) [Caribbean Civil Society SDGs Knowledge Platform](#)
- **Ecuador:** [ODS Territorio Ecuador](#) [SDSN Andes](#) [SDSN Amazonia](#)
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- **Gabon:** [AfroBarometer-Gabon](#) [Société Civile Gabonaise pour le Développement](#) (SCGD)
- **Ghana:** [Ghana CSOs Platform on SDGs](#) [AfroBarometer-Ghana](#)
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- **Senegal:** [Conseil des ONG d'Appui au Développement \(CONGAD\)](#) Plateforme des Organisations de la Societe Civile pour le Suivi des ODD (POSCO-Agenda 2030; [Email](#))
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Channels for Civil Society Input:

Official Input of Major Groups & other Stakeholders (MGoS)

- MGoS VNR/ENV Team:
 - Asks a question of each reporting government following their VNR presentation
 - Crafts a written response to each reporting government's VNR presentation
 - To join the team for your country: [complete & submit this form](#) by 3 March
- NGO MG Position Paper Team: submits a detailed written statement to HLPF each year
 - Focuses on priority SDGs of that year
 - Highlights interconnections among SDGs
 - Drafted from February through May of each year
 - 4 March: deadline to [submit content](#) for inclusion in the paper & [join a team to help draft](#) a section of the paper)



Channels for Civil Society Input:



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



United Nations

Department of
Economic and
Social Affairs

**GLOBAL ONLINE
CONSULTATION**

**SDGs under review at the
2022 High-level Political Forum**

Deadline for submission: 11 March 2022

More information: bit.ly/SDGsConsultation2022



Channels for Civil Society Input:

Events During HLPF

- Panel discussions or interactive dialogues featuring perspectives on SDG progress
- “JCoR SDG Lab” during the HLPF
 - One interactive dialogue session for each of this HLPF’s priority SDGs
 - Your participation as JCoR delegates: contribute to at least one session in order to:
 - highlight progress (or lack of progress) toward your chosen SDG in the community you serve
 - share a good practice or recommendation you would like to see your national government employ in order to achieve that SDG
 - Invite other members of your congregation or local community to attend





Next Steps:

25 February – 22 April



Attempt to participate in your

Regional Sustainable Development Forum

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Questions to guide your reflection and input

as you participate in your Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- Where does my experience **align** with the reports and perspectives being shared?
- Where does my experience **conflict** with the reports and perspectives being shared?
- What **additional insights or recommendations** do I have to contribute to the conversation based on my experience?



Consider joining one of the teams that will craft the
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Submit your input on at least one SDG/ODS/ODD to the UN's Open Civil Society Consultation



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Recommendations for Communication with your National Civil Society Network(s):

- **Introduce yourself:** name, congregation, issues/SDGs on which you work through your ministry, where you serve
- **Ask:** Is this network preparing a civil society report to supplement our national government's VNR report to the 2022 HLPF on Sustainable Development?
- **If they *are* preparing a report for the HLPF, ask:** How can I submit ideas to the report or become involved in the creation of the report?



Prepare for the next JCoR global call:

22 April 2022

(1:00pm – 3:00pm UTC)

- Register here: <https://bit.ly/3ry4L6N>
- Watch your email box for informational material and reflection questions to explore ahead of global call #3
- Send any questions or requests for help with the tasks above to Teresa B (jcor.newyork@gmail.com)

