



Programme for Religious NGO Digital Delegates to the 2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

revised January 2023

Participants: Religious Sisters, Brothers, priests, associates, and partners in mission who are based in, or have significant personal experience in, [countries who will present VNR reports to the 2023 HLPF](#)

Goals for participants:

- Build understanding of the role of the Religious voice in the UN system and global efforts toward just, sustainable development
- Establish or deepen understanding of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the related High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) on progress toward achieving them
- Get support from UN representatives of Religious NGOs toward participation in your national and global conversations on SDG progress
- Meet and learn from other women and men Religious and their partners who are seeking to implement and monitor SDGs in your region and other parts of the world

Format:

- Series of live, online gatherings to provide orientation and facilitate preparatory research and engagement of members between January and July 2023
 - Global gatherings (for all participants): 30 January, 27 February, 11 April, 22 May, 3 July, and 31 July
 - Regional gatherings:
 - 6-10 February (regional meet and greet)
 - March (follow UN Regional Fora on Sustainable Development)
 - 19-30 June: regional discussion of national government's reports
 - exact dates to be determined by those in each group
- Independent study/reflection activities to be completed between online gatherings
- "JCoR SDG Lab" during the HLPF (11-15 July 2023)
 - Platform featuring a series of open Zoom calls where members and partners can meet to share good practices/knowledge/expertise on various SDGs under review
 - time slots for live discussions to be focused on each of the SDGs under review at 2023 HLPF: 6 (water and sanitation), 7 (clean energy), 9 (innovation & infrastructure), 11 (sustainable urban housing, waste management, etc.), 17 (partnerships for the SDGs)

Commitment required for participation:

- Attendance at least 5 online gatherings
- Viewing recordings of any gathering a participant is unable to attend live
- Participation in at least one session of the “JCoR SDG Lab” during the HLPF in July
- Completion of all independent study/reflection activities between gatherings
- Effort to make contact with a national civil society network that is monitoring SDG implementation in the participant’s country

Topics to be covered in online gatherings:

- 30 January 2023:
 - What is the Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)?
 - What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
 - What is the role of Religious congregations in the UN system and the SDGs?
- 6-10 February 2023:
 - Meeting others with your region and learning about their personal areas of ministry and experience
 - Exact date and time to be selected by members from each region
- 27 February 2023:
 - What is the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)?
 - What are Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)?
 - How can we, members of civil society, participate in the VNR process and in the HLPF?
- March 2023 regional gathering:
 - What are key themes of our respective nations’ input to the HLPF?
 - What insights or concepts would we wish to reinforce? What would we add?
- 11 April 2023:
 - To which of the priority SDGs does each of us feel called to focus (and possibly speak about) during the JCoR SDG Lab?
 - What specific projects and ministries are we involved in that contribute to the priority SDGs for the 2023 HLPF?
- 22 May 2023:
 - How can we reflect on reports of governments and civil society to previous HLPF sessions?
 - What tasks do we need to complete by the end of June to prepare for our participation in the HLPF?
- 19-30 June 2023 regional gathering:
 - What are our responses to the most recent VNR presented by our respective governments?
 - What are our responses to the most recent VNR report developed by a civil society network in our respective countries?
 - Who will present key ideas from each country in our regional group?
- 3 July 2023:
 - What key ideas and reflections were shared during our June regional gatherings?
 - Who will represent their country by presenting key ideas/reflections on SDG progress during the JCoR SDG Lab?
 - Who will represent their country and congregation by presenting a good practice in SDG implementation during the JCoR SDG Lab?
- 31 July 2023:
 - What were our impressions of the 2023 HLPF?
 - How do we intend to take the lessons of this process forward?
 - What support from JCoR or our congregations would helpful to us as we continue to implement and monitor SDGs in our countries?

REGISTER separately for each global session you will attend live via these links:

30 January 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3iDS5ek>

27 February 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3XEoSvq>

11 April 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3CSLdQQ>

22 May 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3J3YDxg>

3 July 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3kpDbbM>

31 July 2023 (15:00-17:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3IXpcEu>

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