



Programme for Religious NGO Digital Delegates to the 2024 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

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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 2024 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 2024
 - Global gatherings (for all participants): 15 January, 12 February, 29 April, 20 May, 1 July, and 5 August
 - Regional gatherings (separate calls for delegates from Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Asia-Pacific):
 - 22 January-9 February: regional meet and greet
 - March (follow UN Regional Fora on Sustainable Development)
 - 24 June-3 July: 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" immediately following the HLPF (22-26 July 2024)
 - 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 2024 HLPF: 1 (end poverty), 2 (end hunger), 13 (climate action), 16 (peace, justice, strong institutions), 17 (partnerships for the SDGs)

Requirements for participation:

- Member, co-member, associate, or mission partner of a congregation of Catholic Sisters, Brothers, or priests
- Ability to converse in English, Spanish, and/or Portuguese
- Participation in at least 5 online gatherings (global and/or regional)
- Viewing of recordings of any gathering one is unable to attend live
- Participation in at least one session of the “JCoR SDG Lab” in July
- Completion of all independent study/reflection and outreach activities between gatherings
- Effort to make contact with a national civil society network that is monitoring SDG implementation in the participant’s country
- Participation in a JCoR WhatsApp group with other HLPF delegates throughout the programme

Topics to be covered in online gatherings:

- 15 January 2024: Global Call #1
 - 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?
- 22 January - 9 February 2024: Regional Calls: Round 1
 - 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
- 12 February 2024: Global Call #2
 - 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?
- February-April 2024: Regional Fora on Sustainable Development
 - Dates for each region:
 - Asia-Pacific: 20-23 February 2024
 - Western Asia: 5-7 March 2024
 - Europe: 13-14 March 2024
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: 15-19 April 2024
 - Africa: week of 22 April 2024
 - What are the central themes or concerns my national government is emphasizing in our input to the Regional Forum?
 - What ideas or concerns are absent from my government’s input to the Regional Forum?
 - How does my government’s input compare to those of other countries in the region?
- 29 April 2024: Global Call #3
 - What were key themes of our respective nations’ input to their Regional Fora?
 - What insights or concepts from our respective governments’ input would we wish to reinforce? What would we add?
 - What key ideas or observations did we take away from the Regional Forum as a whole?
- 20 May 2024: Global Call #4
 - How can we reflect on reports of governments and civil society that were submitted to previous HLPF sessions?
 - To which of the priority SDGs does each of us feel called to focus (and possibly speak about) during the JCoR SDG Lab?
 - What tasks do we need to complete in order to prepare for our participation in the HLPF and JCoR SDG Lab?

- 24 June – 3 July 2023: Regional Calls: Round 2
 - 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?
- 1 July 2024: Global Call #5
 - 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?
 - a good practice in SDG implementation during the JCoR SDG Lab?
 - How do we follow the proceedings of the HLPF remotely or in person?
- 5 August 2024: Global Call #6
 - What were our impressions of the 2024 HLPF and JCoR SDG Lab?
 - How do we intend to take the lessons of this process forward?
 - What support from JCoR or our congregations would be helpful to us as we continue to implement and monitor SDGs in our countries?

REGISTER separately for each global session via these links:

15 January 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): <https://bit.ly/3sOa1YI>

12 February 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): see [JCoR website](#)

29 April 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): see [JCoR website](#)

20 May 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): see [JCoR website](#)

1 July 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): see [JCoR website](#)

5 August 2024 (13:00-15:00 UTC): see [JCoR website](#)

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