



Final Preparations & Guidance for the 2026 HLPF

**JCoR Training Programme for the
HLPF on Sustainable Development**

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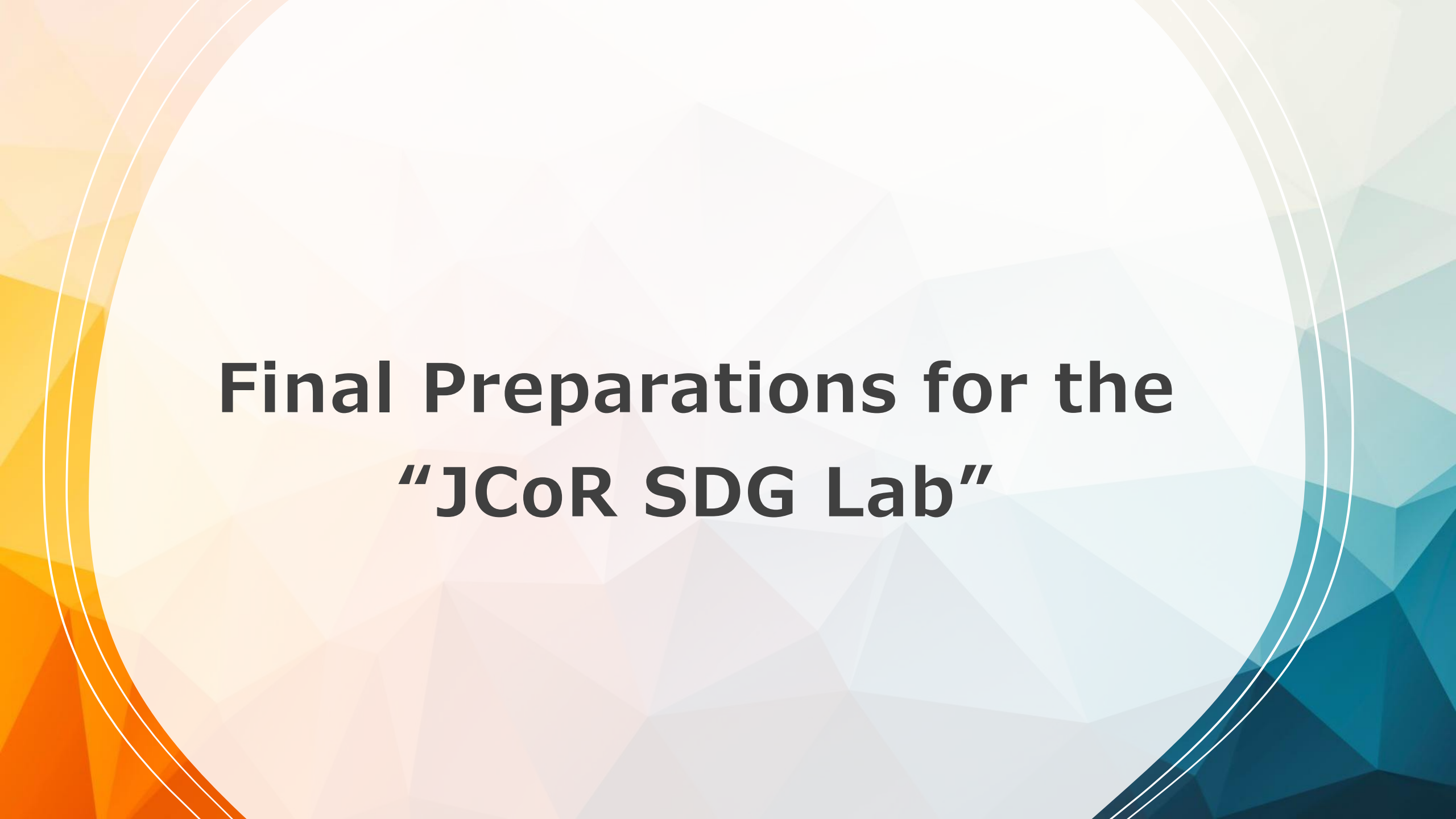


To make final preparations for the “JCoR SDG/ODS/ODD Lab” sessions:

- Review schedule
- Collect final preferences for speakers
- Review tips for speakers
- Review where to find your government’s written VNR report

Offer guidance & recommendations on HLPF participation:

- HLPF programme schedule
- Where to watch online
- Recommended events
- Social media engagement



Final Preparations for the “JCoR SDG Lab”

Schedule for the “JCoR SDG Lab” for the 2026 HLPF



The Lab will consist of one session dedicated to each of this year's priority SDGs:

- 27 July: SDG 6 (water & sanitation)
- 28 July: SDG 7 (clean energy)
- 29 July: SDG 9 (infrastructure, innovation, industry)
- 30 July: SDG 11 (sustainable cities & settlements)
- 31 July: SDG 17 (partnerships for the SDGs)

All sessions: 10:00 – 12:00 (New York time)
(14:00-16:00 Universal Coordinated Time)

Your participation in the “JCoR SDG Lab”

As a JCoR delegate, **you are asked to participate in at least one session of the lab** in one of the following ways:

- Offering your personal observations or a critique of your national progress toward the selected SDG/ODS
- Offering a critique of your government’s Voluntary National Review report on the selected SDG/ODS
- Presenting a ministry project of your congregation that contributes to progress toward the selected SDG/ODS
- Some combination of the above



Your participation in the “JCoR SDG Lab”



About which of the priority SDGs do you feel called to speak during the JCoR SDG Lab?

(Follow this link to submit your reply NOW if you have not already done so: <https://forms.gle/SKDqi6F8KqBmWioAA>)

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“JCoR SDG/ODS/ODD Lab” Reminders:

- Register for each Lab session separately:
 - 27 July: SDG 6 (water & sanitation): <https://bit.ly/4gcQYgR>
 - 28 July: SDG 7 (clean energy): <https://bit.ly/4gcRCei>
 - 29 July: SDG 9 (infrastructure, innovation, industry): <https://bit.ly/4v2FksI>
 - 30 July: SDG 11 (sustainable cities & settlements): <https://bit.ly/4vxEWDD>
 - 31 July: SDG 17 (partnerships for the SDGs): <https://bit.ly/4gMBNex>
- 4 languages available: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese
- We will record the events and share them on the JCoR YouTube channel after the HLPF
- Lab sessions are open to the public; please **invite members of your congregations, friends, and partners to attend!**

Actions to Take **BEFORE** the “Lab”:

- **3 days before your session:** If you have any video, images, or presentation slides you wish to share while speaking, send a copy to Teresa. (If you want help displaying your material on the screen while you speak, please inform Teresa when you submit the material to her.)
- **3 days before your session:** Send a written text or notes that you will use in your presentation to Teresa. (This text does not need to include the exact words you will speak but at least provide a general outline or notes that capture the key points of your sharing. These will be very helpful for the interpretation team to have in advance of each session, the sooner the better.
- **If you are worried about whether you will have a stable internet connection or electricity** on the day of your session: please record yourself sharing your comments via a camera on a phone or computer and email the recording to Teresa 3 days before your session
- Plan to join the session 15 minutes before the start time
- For best quality of image, try to seat yourself with a brighter light shining on your face than any light that is behind you and attempt to place the camera of your phone or computer at your eye level or slightly higher.

Guidance on Speaking DURING the “Lab”:

- Using a computer to connect to the Zoom room is preferable to a phone if you have the option.
- Please use a headset with a microphone if you have access to one.
- Remember to join your preferred language channel when you arrive in the Zoom room.
- If your internet connection is strong enough, plan to have your camera on when you are speaking. If you find that your internet connection is weak when you are attempting to present, try turning off your camera. (If you have any concerns about your personal security and wish to make your presentation anonymously, please inform me now. I will ensure we do not identify you by name and we will keep your camera off during the Lab.)
- Keep your microphone muted when you are not speaking
- Do your best to remember that three people are interpreting your words into other languages. Speak slowly and as clearly as you can.



**Where to find and critique
your government's
Voluntary National
Review report for the
2026 HLPF**

Where to find your Government's Voluntary National Review report

- “Main messages” of each nation's VNR
 - brief overview (typically 1-2 pages) of the forthcoming report
 - already available in original language in which they were submitted
- Full written reports for 2026:
 - due to UN by 8 June
 - Hope they will be posted on **HLPF website's [VNR Database](#)** no more than a week later



Where to find your Government's Voluntary National Review reports:

<https://hlpf.un.org/countries?f%5B0%5D=year%3A2026>



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VNRS VNRs Countries Inputs Major Groups & Other Stakeholders

Countries who have presented their Voluntary National Reviews

Download the Excel sheet with all VNRs prepared between 2016 and 2025

The documents and reports submitted by States that are available on this website have been placed on this website as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning its frontiers or boundaries. The Secretariat of the United Nations is guided by the resolutions of the principal organs of the United Nations.

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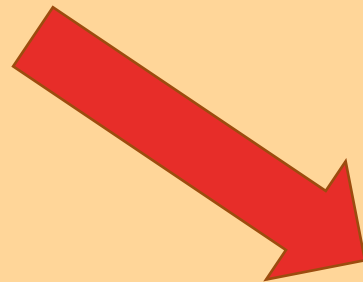
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36 Voluntary National Reviews

 Albania	 Algeria	 Bahrain	 Brazil
 Burkina Faso	 Burundi	 Cabo Verde	 Cameroon
 Democratic Republic of the Congo	 Egypt	 Estonia	 Gabon
 Guinea	 Guinea-Bissau	 Italy	 Jamaica
			

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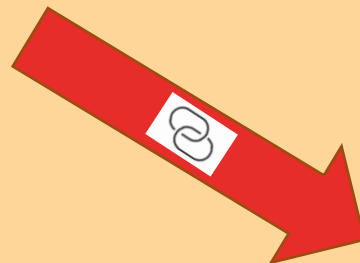


The screenshot shows the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) website for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The page features the UN logo and the text "United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development". A search bar is visible in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, About, HLPF 2026, SDGs, VNRs, Inputs to the HLPF, and HLPF Over the Years. The main content area displays the title "Democratic Republic of the Congo" next to the national flag. Below this, a horizontal bar contains links: Voluntary National Reviews, Voluntary National Reviews, HLPF 2020, Documents & Reports, Focal Point, Partnerships & Commitments, and Statements. The "Voluntary National Reviews 2026" link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the page content includes the title "Democratic Republic of the Congo" and a section for "Voluntary National Reviews 2026" with a brief description of the report. Other sections visible include "Voluntary National Reviews 2023", "Voluntary National Review 2020", "Documents & Reports", and "Democratic Republic of the Congo Focal Point".



Where to find your Government's Voluntary National Review reports:

<https://hlpf.un.org/countries?f%5B0%5D=year%3A2026>



A screenshot of the UN HLPF website. The browser address bar shows the URL: https://hlpf.un.org/countries/dem... The page title is 'Voluntary National Reviews 2026'. The breadcrumb trail is: HLPF / Countries / Democratic Republic of The Congo / Voluntary National Reviews 2026. The main heading is 'Voluntary National Reviews 2026'. Below it, the subtitle is 'RAPPORT D'EXAMEN NATIONAL VOLONTAIRE 2026 DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO'. The section 'MESSAGES CLES' contains a paragraph about the RDC's progress and challenges. The 'Documents' section on the right lists three documents: 'VNR 2026 Letter', 'VNR 2026 Main Message', and 'VNR 2026 Report'. The 'VNR 2026 Report' is circled in red. A red arrow points from the JCoR logo to this link. The 'Documents' section at the bottom of the page also lists these three documents, with the 'VNR 2026 Report' circled in red. A red arrow points from the JCoR logo to this link as well.

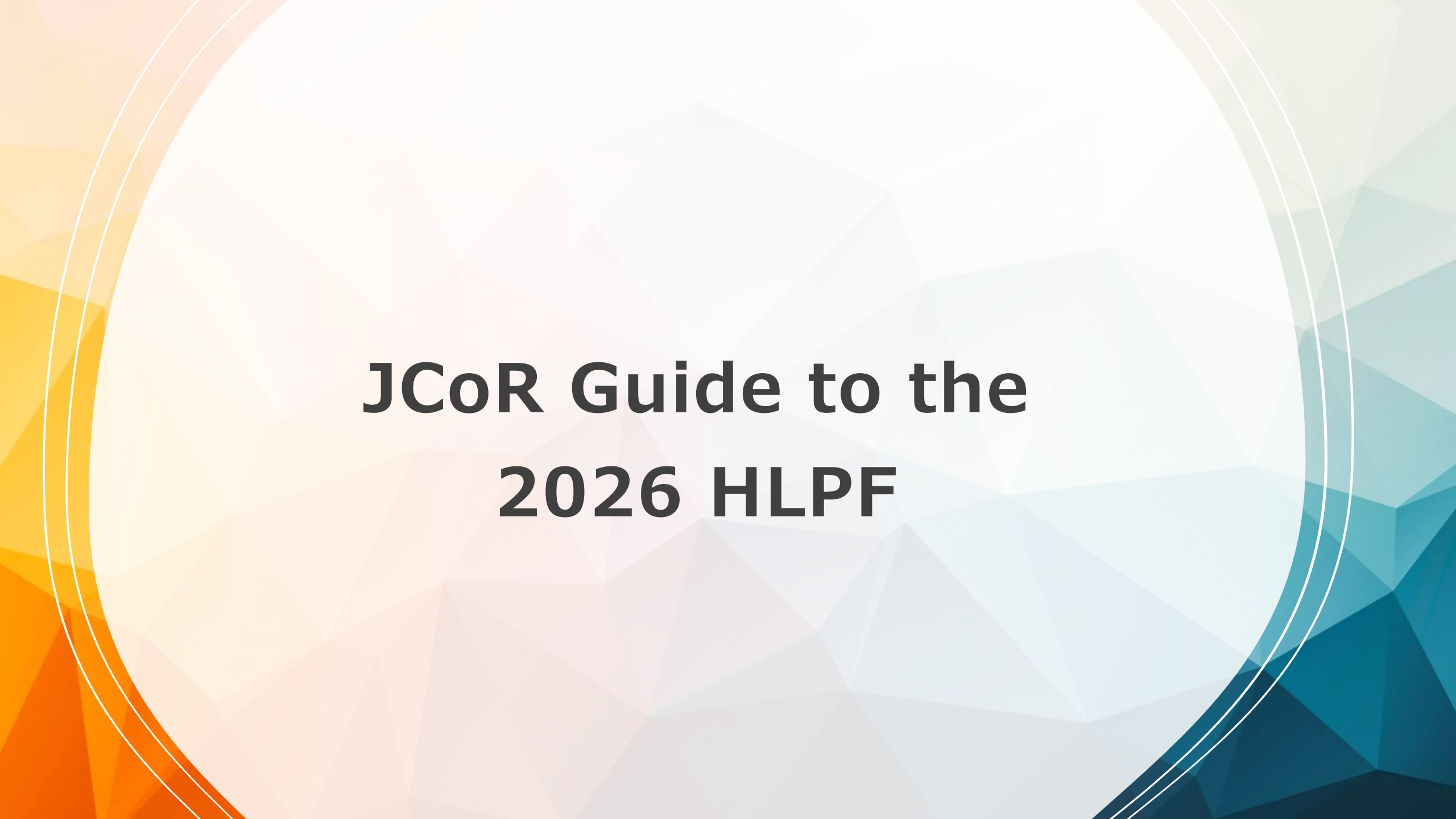
Questions to guide your reflection

on your Government's Voluntary National Review report:

- Where does my experience **align** with the report?
- Where does my experience **conflict** with the report?
- What **additional insights or recommendations** do I want to contribute to the narrative based on my experience?

***REMINDER:** You do not need to review the *entire* report from your country's VNR! Please select a section corresponding to the one or two SDGs that relate most directly with your ministry or experience.





JCoR Guide to the 2026 HLPF

Full JCoR Guide

to the

2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



7-15 July 2026

High-Level Political Forum

Essential Event Details and Information

When

7-15 July 2026

Where

In-person at the UN Headquarters in New York

Watch

Join online to follow the proceedings of the forum at [UNWebTV](#) (streamed in multiple languages)

Programme

7-15 July 2026, 10:00AM - 6:00PM (New York Time)

- **7 July:** Opening ceremony
- **7-9 July:** Panel discussions on priority SDGs (6, 7, 9, and 11)
- **10, 13-15 July:** Voluntary National Reviews (Reports from national governments on the progress they are making toward the achievement of the SDGs)
- **13-15 July:** General debate, "Delivering better: accelerating urgent and transformative action to achieve the SDGs by 2030"
- **16 July:** Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration & Conclusion
- **Every day:** Events sponsored by civil society (non-governmental organisations). See the following pages of this guide for event recommendations.

Visit the HLPF [programme webpage](#) for additional details, the list of official on-site [side events](#), the list of official [off-site and virtual events](#), and a schedule of [special events](#)

Official Website

For additional information, visit the [HLPF 2026 website](#)



Voluntary National Reviews

Introduction to VNRs

At the HLPF, government leaders report on their national progress toward achievement of the sustainable development goals. These reports, called voluntary national reviews (VNRs), aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

Visit the [VNR webpage](#) to learn more and access your government's current and past VNRs (click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions). You can also access reports from civil society on SDG progress in your country [here](#).



As governments report to this global forum on a voluntary basis, not every government presents a report each year. The 36 countries listed on right-hand side of this page will be presenting VNRs in 2026. Click on the name of your country to access a written copy of its report, and if you would like to watch your government present its VNR live, tune into [UNWebTV](#) at the specified time.

Schedule

10 July

11:30am-1:00pm (New York time)

1st Panel: [Jamaica](#), [Burkina Faso](#), [Guinea](#)

3:00pm-6:00pm (New York time)

2nd Panel: [Estonia](#), [Liberia](#), [Republic of the Marshall Islands](#)

3rd Panel: [Burundi](#), [Mozambique](#)

4th Panel: [Guinea-Bissau](#), [Togo](#)

13 July

3:00pm-6:00pm (New York time)

1st Panel: [Cabo Verde](#), [Italy](#), [Senegal](#)

2nd Panel: [Saudi Arabia](#), [Switzerland](#)

3rd Panel: [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#), [Tunisia](#)

14 July

11:45am-1:00pm (New York time)

1st Panel: [Albania](#), [Kiribati](#), [Uruguay](#)

3:00pm-6:00pm (New York time)

2nd Panel: [Cameroon](#), [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#), [Tonga](#)

3rd Panel: [Tanzania](#), [United Arab Emirates](#)

4th Panel: [Norway](#), [Somalia](#)

15 July

10:00am-1:00pm (New York time)

1st Panel: [Gabon](#), [Jordan](#), [Republic of Moldova](#)

2nd Panel: [Bahrain](#), [Malawi](#)

3rd Panel: [Algeria](#), [Brazil](#)

3:00pm-4:00pm (New York time)

4th Panel: [Egypt](#), [Rwanda](#)

JCoR SDG Lab at the 2026 HLPF

All sessions will be held from **10:00am-12:00pm** (New York time)



In addition to reports from governments, the HLPF also includes events sponsored by civil society groups, to highlight their perspectives on implementation and progress toward the SDGs in their respective countries. JCoR will join the conversation by offering a series of virtual discussion spaces, which we are calling the "[JCoR SDG Lab](https://bit.ly/sdg6lab)." This series will showcase Catholic Religious and their partners' perspectives on progress and good practices towards sustainable development. JCoR's SDG Lab will consist of one session dedicated to each of this year's priority SDGs. Click on the following links to register:

27 July: SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation <https://bit.ly/sdg6lab>

28 July: SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy <https://bit.ly/sdg7lab>

29 July: SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure <https://bit.ly/sdg9lab>

30 July: SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities <https://bit.ly/sdg11lab>

31 July: SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals <https://bit.ly/sdg17lab>

All are welcome to attend these JCoR SDG Lab sessions. Please register to join us for one or more of the sessions! *Interpretation will be available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.*

Recommended Events

Please visit JCoR's [HLPF 2026 webpage](#) to access a curated list of HLPF side events and parallel events that are recommended by JCoR and our Religious community at the United Nations in New York.

As you will find on our “HLPF 2026: Recommended Events” webpage, JCoR is also offering an in-person **welcome gathering for the 2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**. This event will be held for delegates of Religious NGOs who intend to participate in some part of the HLPF and it will take place on **7 July 2026**. The gathering will serve as an opportunity to meet other delegates, to pray and reflect on hopes and intentions for engagement with the HLPF process, and to ask questions about how to participate.



Social Media Advocacy

Who to **follow and tag**

Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)

Facebook: [@JCoR2030](#) Instagram: [@JCoR2030](#) LinkedIn: [JCoR2030](#)

United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Facebook: [@UNECOSOC](#) Instagram: [@un_ecosoc](#) Bluesky: [@un-ecosoc](#)

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Facebook: [@joinUNDESA](#) Instagram: [@undesa](#)

LinkedIn: [United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

UN Sustainable Development Platform

Facebook: [@SustDev](#)

UN Account for the Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Facebook: [@GlobalGoalsUN](#)

Your congregation's NGO at the United Nations

Click [here](#) to access a list of many congregations' NGO social media details

Your government's permanent mission to the United Nations



Hashtags

#HLPF

#SDGs

#SDG (insert number here)

#LeaveNoOneBehind

#2030Agenda

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Next Steps:

30 June – 6 August

Next steps:

- **Submit this form to indicate the SDG Lab Session in which you wish to speak:** <https://forms.gle/SKDqi6F8KqBmWioAA>
- **Review & share JCoR's Guide to the 2026 HLPF** (available here in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>) and save dates of all events you want to follow virtually
- **Register for the JCoR SDG Lab sessions:** <https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2026-high-level-political-forum-on-sustainable-development/>
- Finish **preparing your contribution to the JCoR SDG Lab** and submit your notes and any visual materials to Teresa **3 days before the session at which you will speak**
- Attend as much of the HLPF programme as you are able



Prepare for your second JCoR **REGIONAL** call:

**Date & Time to be determined by you
and other delegates in your region**

- Check your email box for email sent to you and others in your global region to facilitate the selection of a date and time for a **regional call between 16 and 24 July**
- “Reply all” to that email to indicate your availability
- Wait for email from Teresa B confirming final date/time

*****Read at least some section of the written VNR
report from your government before this meeting!*****

(see [VNR Database](#))



Prepare for our *final* JCoR global delegation call:

7 August 2026
(10:00-12:00pm New York time)

- Register here: <https://bit.ly/4eB6DWf>
- Send any questions or requests for help with the tasks above to Teresa B (jcor.newyork@gmail.com)

