



**Introduction to the  
2026 HLPF,  
VNRs, and  
Civil Society  
Networks**

## Our foci for this session:

- What is the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF/FPHN/FPAN)?
- What are Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs/ENV/RNVs)?
- How can we, members of civil society, participate in the VNR process and in the HLPF?



# High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (**HLPF / FPHN / FPAN**)

- 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)***
  - ***Examens Nationaux Volontaires (les ENV)***
  - ***Revisões Nacionais Voluntárias (RNVs)***
  - ***Exámenes Nacionales Voluntarios (los ENV)***
- Civil society groups present their perspective on nations' progress (or lack thereof)
- Outcome: Governments produce a declaration of their shared observations and intentions for the years ahead



# Governments presenting VNRs in 2026:

36 countries, including:

- Albania
- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- DR Congo
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Honduras
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kiribati
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Marshall Islands
- Mozambique
- Norway
- Moldova
- Rwanda
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Tunisia
- United Arab Emirates
- Tanzania
- Uruguay



# 2026 HLPF Theme:

**“Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all”**

**« Des actions transformatrices, équitables, innovantes et coordonnées pour le Programme de Développement Durable à l'horizon 2030 et ses objectifs de Développement Durable pour un avenir durable pour tous »**

**“Ações transformadoras, equitativas, inovadoras e coordenadas para a Agenda 2030 para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável e seus Objetivos de Desenvolvimento Sustentável para um futuro sustentável para todos”**

**“Acciones transformadoras, equitativas, innovadoras y coordinadas para la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible y sus Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible, con miras a un futuro sostenible para todos”**

# 2026 HLPF Theme:

Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions, especially in relation to the “**priority SDGs**” for 2026:

- **SDG 6**: water and sanitation for all
- **SDG 7**: affordable, reliable, sustainable, modern energy for all
- **SDG 9**: resilient infrastructure, inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and innovation
- **SDG 11**: inclusive, safe, resilient, sustainable cities and human settlements
- **SDG 17**: partnerships to support all SDGs/ODD/ODS



# “Decoding” the 2026 HLPF Theme

This Forum is calling for the **proposal and illumination of...**

**ACTIONS** = policies, programmes, practices, and approaches to achievement of the SDGs

that are:

- **TRANSFORMATIVE** = have an enduring, positive impact on many people
- **EQUITABLE** = prioritise the most marginalized groups and account for the depth and nature of their unique challenges
- **INNOVATIVE** = creative and/or original
- **COORDINATED** = involving partnerships (e.g. between different government agencies, government and civil society, groups within civil society)



# Truth & Narrative

**Truth:** lived experience and reality of people and ecosystems

## **Narrative:**

- the story that is told or the image that is projected when we communicate about reality
- may represent reality in a manner that is:
  - accurate and complete,
  - accurate but conspicuously incomplete, or
  - completely false



# The role of Truth: a faith perspective



“The **Supreme Good and the moral good meet in truth**: the truth of God, the Creator and Redeemer, and the truth of [humanity], created and redeemed by [God]. **Only upon this truth is it possible to construct a renewed society and to solve the complex and weighty problems** affecting it, above all the problem of **overcoming** the various forms of **totalitarianism**, so as to **make way for the authentic freedom of the person**.

‘Totalitarianism arises out of a denial of truth in the objective sense. **If there is no transcendent truth...then there is no sure principle for guaranteeing just relations between people**. Their self-interest as a class, group or nation would inevitably set them in opposition to one another. If one does not acknowledge transcendent truth, then **the force of power takes over**, and each person tends to make full use of the means at his disposal in order to impose his own interests or his own opinion, with **no regard for the rights of others**.’”

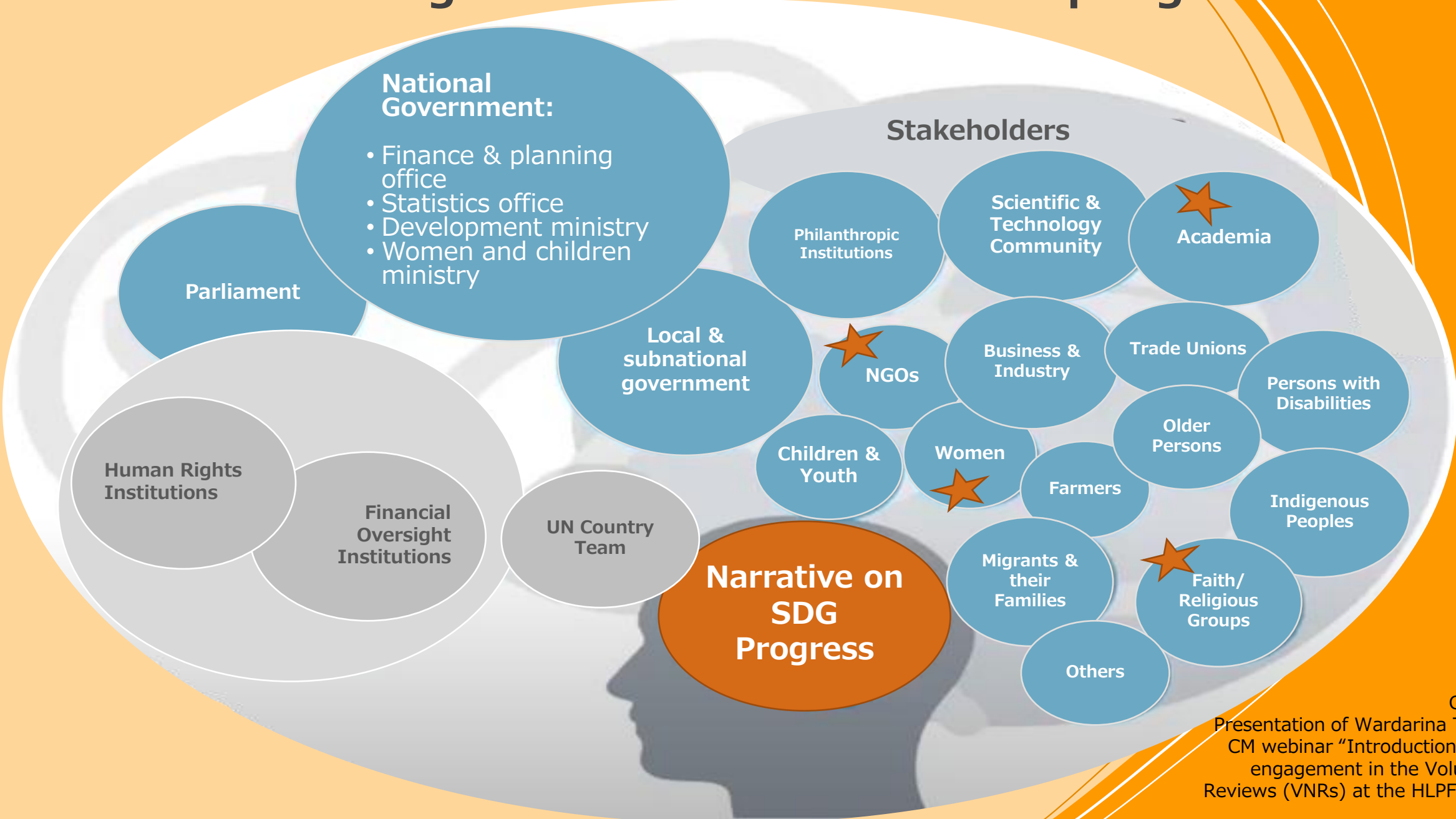
**Pope John Paul II (*Veritatis Splendour*, 1993)**

# Truth & Narrative: our Challenge

- **for the UN, media, and all fora in which people are communicating about history or our current reality: to ensure that the narrative being presented in the forum is as close as possible to truth**
- How the UN attempts to meet it:
  - encouraging proposals that are “science- and evidence-based”
  - inviting governments to respond to one another’s narratives with questions and challenges
  - Inviting civil society to respond to their government’s narrative with statements, written reports, and events that include additional/alternate perspectives on reality and challenges to falsehoods within the narrative of the government

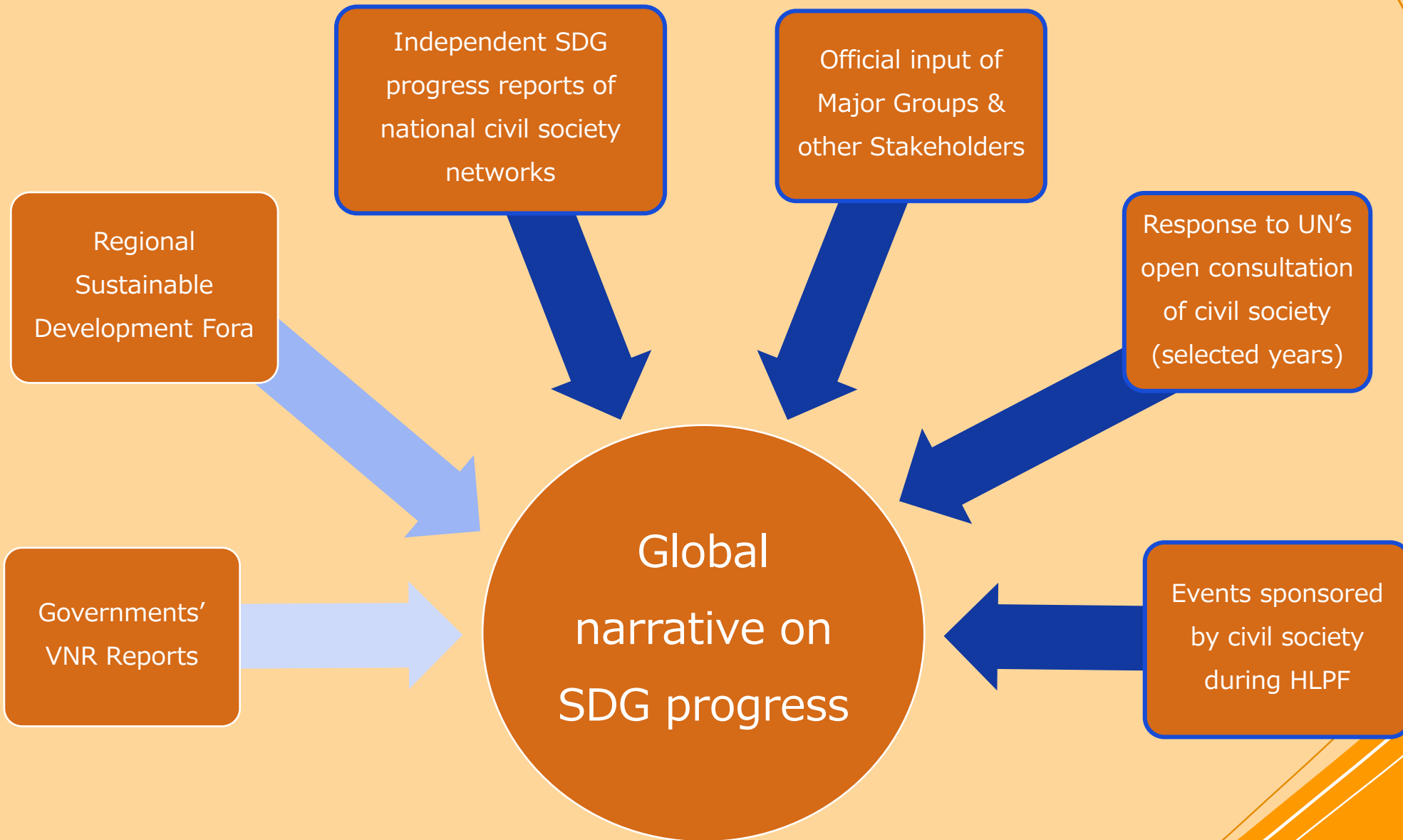


# Who writes the global narrative on SDG progress?



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)
- Typical approach of Governments...
  - 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
  - may invite input of select representatives of civil society who agree to support narrative of government and to withhold all critiques (“**GONGOs**”)
- Role of independent members of civil society:
  - observe and fill gaps in governments' narratives 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)





## *Channels for Civil Society Input:*

# 2026 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 at least some components of fora in each region
  
- ❖ **Asia-Pacific: 18-27 February 2026**
  - **18 Feb 2026: Launch of the 2026 Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report:** [view recording](#)
  - **18-20 Feb 2026: APFSD Youth Forum:** follow via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) ([more details](#))
  - **22-23 Feb 2026: APFSD People’s Forum:** follow via [Facebook](#) ([more details](#))
  - **25 February 2025: “[Generation Hope Goals: Action for the SDGs](#)”:** 11:30-13:00 hours (Bangkok time) via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/GHGRegister>
  - **24-27 February 2026: Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development**
    - Main programme: livestreamed on [ESCAP YouTube channel](#)
    - Full programme with links to view livestream: see “PROGRAMME” tab on [APFSD page](#)
    - Events sponsored by civil society & governments (some accessible online): see “SIDE EVENTS” tab on [APFSD website](#)

# 2026 Regional Sustainable Development Fora



## ❖ Latin America & Caribbean: 13–16 April 2026

- **13 April 2026: Forum of Children, Adolescents and Youth of Latin America and the Caribbean:** 9:00-13:00 (Santiago, Chile time)
- **13 April 2026: Interfaith Preforum of the ninth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development:** 13:30-18:00 (Santiago, Chile time)
- **14-16 April 2026: CEPAL/ECLAC Forum on Sustainable Development:** [full details](#)
  - Main Programme: [livestream](#)
  - side events: [schedule and registration links](#)

## ❖ Europe & North America: UNECE Forum on Sustainable Development: 21-22 April 2026

- Main programme: follow via [UN WebTV](#)
- Virtual side events: [schedule & registration links](#)
- Meetings for civil society: details coming soon on [2026 ECE RFSD website](#)
- Peer Learning Round-Table Discussions: details coming soon on [2026 ECE RFSD website](#)

## ❖ Arab Region (Western Asia): ESCWA Arab Forum on Sustainable Development: 21-23 April 2026

- Main Programme: Livestreamed on [AFSD website](#)
- Register by 21 April to attend virtually: <https://indico.un.org/event/1021638/registrations/24248/>

## ❖ Africa: 28-30 April 2026

- **27 April 2026: Major Groups & other Stakeholders (civil society) Workshop:** <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2026/mgos>
- **28-30 April 2026: ECA Forum on Sustainable Development:** Kampala, Uganda & online: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2026>

*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
- Some very active and 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 National & Regional Levels



**PAMPA 2030**  
Plataforma Argentina de Monitoreo Para la Agenda 2030

- **Angola:** [Afrobarometer-Angola](#), [United Cities and Local Governments of Africa](#); [African Centre for Cities/LIRA 2030](#) (contact: Prof. Sylvia Croese: [scroese@uci.edu](mailto:scroese@uci.edu)); SDSN-[Great Lakes](#)
- **Antigua & Barbuda:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Argentina:** [Plataforma Argentina de Monitoreo para la Agenda \(PAMPA\)](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Agueda Andersen), [Red Encuentro \(EENGD\)](#), [Sociedad Civil en Red](#)
- **Australia:** [SDSN Australia, New Zealand & Pacific](#), [Australian Council of Social Services \(ACOSS\)](#), [Australian Council for International Development \(ACFID\)](#)
- **Austria:** [SDG Watch Austria](#), [SDSN-Europe](#)
- **Belize:** [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Bolivia:** [Unitas La Unión Nacional de Instituciones para el Trabajo de Acción Social](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Bolivia](#) (Coordinator: Favio Junior Valencia Huanca), [SDSN Bolivia](#), [SDSN Amazonia](#), [SDSN Andes](#)
- **Botswana:** [Botswana Council of Non-Governmental Organisations \(BOCONGO\)](#), [AfroBarometer-Botswana](#)
- **Brazil:** [Grupo de Trabalho da Sociedade Civil para a Agenda 2030 do Desenvolvimento Sustentável \(GTSC A2030\)](#), [Santa Catarina Movimento Nacional ODS](#), [Pacto Global Rede Brasil](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Luis De Oliveira Santos)
- **Burkina Faso:** [SDSN-Sahel](#), [Secrétariat Permanent des Organisations Non Gouvernementales \(SPONG\)](#), [Reseau de Plates-formes Nationales D'ONG D'Afrique de L'Ouest et du Centre \(REPAOC\)](#)



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- **Cambodia:** Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC)
- **Cameroon:** [Collectif des ONG Agréées du Cameroun](#) (CONGAC), [SDSN Sahel](#), [AfroBarometer-Cameroun](#)
- **Canada:** [British Columbia Council for International Cooperation](#) (BCCIC), [Cooperation Canada](#), [SDSN-Canada](#), [Global Compact Network-Canada](#)
- **Chad:** Centre d'information et de Liaison des ONG (CILONG):  
Contact: Mahamat Ahmat Abakar ([cilong@intnet.td](mailto:cilong@intnet.td) Tel: 235 515 410),  
[SDSN-Sahel](#), [Union des Syndicats du Tchad](#) (UST)/[ITUC-Chad](#)
- **Chile:** [Asociación Chilena de ONG](#) (ACCIÓN), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS-Chile](#), [Central Unitaria de Trabajadores de Chile](#) (CUT)
- **Colombia:** [Confederación Colombiana de ONG](#) (CCONG), [Red de Ciudades Cómo Vamos](#) (RCCV), [SDSN-Amazonia](#), [SDSN-Andes](#), [SDSN-Caribbean](#), [Unidos por los ODS](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Laura Restrepo)
- **Costa Rica:** [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Costa Rica](#) (Coordinator: Jorge Eduardo Blanco Chan), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Côte d'Ivoire:** [Convention de la Société Civile Ivoirienne](#) (CSCI), [Union Générale des Travailleurs de Côte d'Ivoire](#) (UGTCI), [AfroBarometer-Côte d'Ivoire](#)
- **Cuba:** [SDSN-Caribbean](#)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels

- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** [Nouvelle Société Civile Congolaise](#) (NSCC), SDSN-[Great Lakes](#), [SDG Center for Africa](#), [Global Compact Network-RDC](#)
- **Dominican Republic:** Alianza ONG ([website](#) / [Facebook](#)), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS República Dominicana](#) (Coordinator: Neris Ramos), [Caribbean Civil Society SDGs Knowledge Platform](#), SDSN-[Caribbean](#)
- **Ecuador:** [ODS Territorio Ecuador](#), [Rendir Cuentas-Ecuador](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Wania Fernanda Espinoza Molina), SDSN-[Andes](#), SDSN-[Amazonia](#)
- **El Salvador:** [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Enrique López), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Equatorial Guinea:** no known network (data available from [Africa Information Highway](#) and [Sustainable Development Report](#))
- **Fiji:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **France:** [Coordination SUD](#)-Solidarité Urgence Développement, SDSN-[France](#) / SDSN-[Mediterranean](#) / SDSN-[Europe](#), [Mondial Réseau-France](#)
- **Gabon:** [AfroBarometer-Gabon](#) [Société Civile Gabonaise pour le Développement](#) (SCGD)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels



- **Gambia:** [The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (TANGO), SDSN-[Sahel](#)
- **Germany:** [Netzwerk 2030-NGO](#), [2030 Watch/SDG Austausch](#), SDSN-[Germany](#) / SDSN-[Europe](#)
- **Ghana:** [Ghana CSOs Platform on SDGs](#), [AfroBarometer-Ghana/CDD-Ghana](#)
- **Greece:** [Hellenic Platform for Development](#), SDSN-[Greece](#), SDSN-[Europe](#)
- **Grenada:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Guatemala:** [Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas](#) (CONGCOOP), [SDSN-Caribbean](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Guatemala](#) (Coordinator: Virginia Yazmín González)
- **Guinea-Bissau:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Guyana:** SDSN-[Caribbean](#)
- **Haiti:** SDSN-[Caribbean](#)
- **Honduras:** [Asociacion De Organismos No Gubernamentales](#) (ASONOG), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Honduras](#) (Coordinator: Caleb Navarro Reyes), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **India:** [Wada Na Todo Abhiyan](#), [Voluntary Action Network India](#), SDSN-[South Asia](#)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels



- **Indonesia:** [Indonesian CSO Coalition for SDGs](#), [SDSN-Indonesia](#), [International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development \(INFID\)](#), [Indonesia Global Compact Network \(IGCN\)](#)
- **Ireland:** [Irish Coalition 2030](#); [SDSN-Ireland](#) / [SDSN-Europe](#); [Global Compact-Ireland](#); [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Israel:** [Federation of Local Authorities in Israel](#) / [Council of European Municipalities and Regions \(CEMR\)](#)
- **Italy:** [Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile \(ASviS\)](#), [GCAP-Italia](#), [SDSN-Italy](#) / [SDSN-Europe](#)
- **Jamaica:** [Caribbean Civil Society SDGs Knowledge Platform](#), [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Japan:** [Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs \(SDGs Japan\)](#)
- **Kenya:** [SDGs Kenya Forum](#), [SDSN-Kenya](#), [SDSN-Great Lakes](#)
- **Latvia:** [Latvijas Platforma Atīstības Sadarbībai \(LAPAS\)](#)
- **Jamaica:** [SDSN-Caribbean](#)
- **Lithuania:** Lithuanian NDGO Platform
- **Madagascar:** [Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels

- **Malawi:** [Council for Non-Governmental Organisations in Malawi \(CONGOMA\)](#), [Malawi Congress of Trade Unions \(MCTU\)](#)
- **Malaysia:** SDSN-[Malaysia](#)
- **Mali:** Fédération des Collectif d'ONG du Mali (FECONG), SDSN-[Sahel](#)
- **Marshall Islands:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Mexico:** [DECA Equipo Pueblo](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Mexico](#) (Coordinator: Viridiana Hernández), SDSN-[Mexico](#) / SDSN-[Caribbean](#)
- **Micronesia:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Mozambique:** [JOINT - League For NGOs in Mozambique](#)
- **Namibia:** [International Trade Union Confederation-Namibia](#)
- **Nepal:** [SDGs National Network Nepal](#), [Nepal SDGs Forum](#), [NGO Federation of Nepal \(NFN\)](#), SDSN-[South Asia](#)
- **Netherlands:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Nicaragua:** [Federación de Organismos no Gubernamentales de Nicaragua](#), [SDSN-Caribbean](#), [Red Internacional de Promotores ODS Nicaragua](#)



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- **Nigeria:** [Nigeria Network of NGOs \(NNGO\)](#), [Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development \(CSCSD\)](#), SDSN-[Sahel](#)
- **Norway:** [Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment \(ForUM\)](#), [ITUC / Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions](#), SDSN-[Northern Europe](#) / SDSN-[Europe](#)
- **Palau:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Palestine:** [Arab NGO Network for Development](#), [CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness](#), [Al Marsad-the Social and Economic Policies Monitor](#), SDSN-[Mediterranean](#)
- **Panamá:** [Red Internacional Promotores ODS Panamá](#) (Coordinator: Rocío Milagros Collantes González), SDSN-[Caribbean](#)
- **Paraguay:** [Asociación de ONGs del Paraguay](#) (POJOAJU)
- **Perú:** [Asociación Nacional de Centros de Investigación Promoción Social y Desarrollo / Grupo Agenda 2030 \(ANC\)](#), [Grupo Agenda 2030-Perú](#), [Red Internacional de Promotores ODS Perú](#) (Coordinator: Irene Margarita Eberhardt Asto), SDSN-[Andes](#) / SDSN-[Amazonia](#)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels

- **Philippines:** [Social Watch Philippines](#), [Caucus of Development NGO Networks](#) (CODE NGO), SDSN-[Philippines](#)
- **Poland:** [Grupa Zagranica](#), Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)-Poland (contact: Wojciech Szymalski: [w.szymalski@ine-isd.org.pl](mailto:w.szymalski@ine-isd.org.pl)), SDSN-[Europe](#), [Global Compact Network-Poland](#)
- **Portugal:** [Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD](#), SDSN-[Mediterranean](#), Global Compact Network-[Portugal](#)
- **Republic of the Congo:** SDSN-[Great Lakes](#), [International Trade Union Confederation-Congo](#)
- **Samoa:** [Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations](#) (SUNGO)
- **São Tomé e Príncipe:** [Federação das ONGs São Tomé e Príncipe](#) (FONG-STP)
- **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](#)), SDSN-[Sahel](#)
- **Sierra Leone:** [Global Call to Action Against Poverty-Sierra Leone](#) (contact: [coordinator@yppdatwork.org](mailto:coordinator@yppdatwork.org))
- **Slovakia:** [Ambrela-Platform of Development Organisations](#), SDSN-[Europe](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Development Services Exchange](#)
- **South Africa:** South African Working CSO Group on SDGs (led by [African Monitor](#)), SDSN-[South Africa](#), [UN Global Compact Network-South Africa](#)



# Civil Society Networks Monitoring Development Progress at National & Regional Levels

- **South Sudan:** [SDSN-Great Lakes](#) (another network well positioned to monitor SDGs: [South Sudan NGO Forum](#); additional SDG data available from [Africa Information Highway](#) and [Sustainable Development Report](#))
- **Spain:** [Futuro en Común](#), [La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo](#), [Red Internacional Promotores ODS](#) (Coordinator: Víctor Quesada Cubo), [Pacto Mundial Red Española](#), [SDSN-Spain \(REDS\)](#) / [SDSN-Mediterranean](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [Sri Lanka Stakeholder SDG Platform](#) ([Email](#)), [SDSN-South Asia](#)
- **Sudan:** [Sudanese SDGs Platform](#), [GCAP-Sudan](#) (contact: [Niemat Kuku Mohamed](#)), [Sudanese CSO Forum for SDGs](#) (Coordinator: [Dr. Yousif Alzubair](#)), [SDSN-Great Lakes](#), [UN Global Compact Sudan Network](#)
- **Switzerland:** [Platform Agenda 2030](#), [SDSN-Switzerland](#), [SDSN-Europe](#)
- **Tanzania:** [Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform](#), [Global Compact Network Tanzania](#) (GCNT), [SDSN-Great Lakes](#)
- **Thailand:** [Thailand HLPF Alliance](#) / [Climate Watch Thailand](#), [ITUC](#) / [State Enterprises Workers' Relations Confederation](#), [Open Development Thailand](#)
- **Timor Leste:** [Forum ONG Timor Leste](#) (FONGTIL); [SDG Working Group](#) (convened by National Ministry of Finance's Development Partnership Management Unit); [UN-Timor Leste](#)
- **Togo:** [Fédération des Organisations Non Gouvernementales au Togo](#) (FONGTO) [Groupe de Travail des OSC sur les ODD au Togo](#)



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- **Trinidad & Tobago:** [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Uganda:** [Uganda National NGO Forum](#), [SDSN-Uganda](#), [SDSN-Great Lakes](#)
- **United Kingdom:** [UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development](#), [UN Global Compact Network UK](#)
- **United States:** [SDSN-USA](#); [Local2030 Islands Network](#)
- **Uruguay:** [Asociación Nacional de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales Orientadas al Desarrollo \(ANONG\)](#), [Red Internacional de Promotores ODS Uruguay](#)
- **Venezuela:** [Sinergia Red Venezolana de OSC](#), [Red Internacional de Promotores ODS Venezuela](#) (Coordinator: María Pérez), [SDSN-Caribbean](#), [SDSN-Amazonia](#), [SDSN-Andes](#)
- **Viet Nam:** [VUFO-NGO Resource Center](#), [SDSN-Southeast Asia](#)
- **Zambia:** Civil Society SDGs Campaign Zambia (convener: [GCAP-Zambia](#) coordinated by Dennis Nyati: [dennisnyatipost2015@gmail.com](mailto:dennisnyatipost2015@gmail.com) / [gcapzambia@gmail.com](mailto:gcapzambia@gmail.com)); [Zambia Council for Social Development \(ZCSD\)](#), [SDSN-Great Lakes](#)
- **Zimbabwe:** [Zimbabwe CSOs-SDG Reference Group](#) (convened by PFRT; contact Judith Kaulem [judith@prftzim.org](mailto:judith@prftzim.org)); [National Association of NGOs \(NANGO-Zim\)](#)



*Channels for Civil Society Input:*

## **Official Input of Major Groups & other Stakeholders (MGoS): VNR Teams**

- Crafts a written response to each reporting government's VNR presentation
- Asks a question of each reporting government following their VNR presentation
- Publishes the written response to the government in [this database](#)

**\*To join the team for your country:  
[complete & submit this form](#) by 1 March 2026!**



# Join VNR Team for your country:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCmOatTmlyks6zvhcK9EEemLrIww1H8mxhoS6mmZsMMRUwzg/viewform>



**MGoS VNR Stakeholder Engagement 2026**

**EN** This form has been designed to collect contacts from organizations and individuals that would like to contribute to MGoS statements during the Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) sessions at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2026. We encourage colleagues representing organizations and networks (global, regional, national, and grassroots levels) from 36 VNR countries that are engaged in national Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) implementation and VNR preparation to join the process. **We are looking forward to hearing from you – please fill in this form as soon as possible, even though it will remain open until March 1, 2026. Please share it with all potentially interested in joining this process.**

**FR** Ce formulaire a été conçu pour recueillir des contacts d'organisations et d'individus souhaitant contribuer aux déclarations du MGoS lors des sessions des Examens Nationaux Volontaires (ENV) au Forum Politique de Haut Niveau (FPHN) 2026. Nous encourageons les collègues représentant des organisations et des réseaux (mondiaux, régionaux, nationaux et locaux) des 36 pays ayant un ENV, engagés dans la mise en œuvre nationale des Objectifs de Développement Durable (ODD) et dans la préparation des ENV, à participer au processus. **Nous sommes impatients d'avoir de vos nouvelles – veuillez remplir ce formulaire dès que possible, même s'il restera ouvert jusqu'au 1er mars 2026. Veuillez le partager avec toutes les personnes potentiellement intéressées par ce processus.**

**ES** Este formulario ha sido diseñado para recopilar contactos de organizaciones e individuos que deseen contribuir a los posicionamientos de MGoS durante las sesiones de las Revisiones Nacionales Voluntarias (VNR) en el Foro Político de Alto Nivel (HLPF) 2026. Alentamos a colegas que representen a organizaciones y redes (globales, regionales, nacionales y locales) de 36 países de VNR que estén involucrados en la implementación nacional de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) y en la preparación del VNR a unirse al proceso. **Estamos deseando saber de usted – por favor complete este formulario lo antes posible, aunque permanecerá abierto hasta el 1 de marzo de 2026. Compártalo con todas las partes interesadas en unirse a este proceso.**

Does your organization operate independently from government bodies and corporate interests, and can you briefly indicate how this independence is ensured? You may optionally share a reference or trusted partner who can confirm this independence. / Votre organisation fonctionne-t-elle de manière indépendante des organismes gouvernementaux et des intérêts privés, et pouvez-vous indiquer brièvement comment cette indépendance est garantie ? Vous pouvez, si vous le souhaitez, fournir une référence ou un partenaire de confiance pouvant confirmer cette indépendance. / ¿Opera su organización de manera independiente de los organismos gubernamentales y de los intereses corporativos, y puede indicar brevemente cómo se garantiza esta independencia? Opcionalmente, puede compartir una referencia o un socio de confianza que pueda confirmar esta independencia. / Работает ли ваша организация

## RESPONSE:

“Yes. We are a congregation of Catholic Religious [Sisters/Brothers/priests], a community which has taken vows regarding our personal and institutional conduct. We operate according to an institutional constitution of our own creation and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These frameworks compel us to uphold human dignity, prioritise the poorest and most marginalized, care for Earth and her ecosystems, and serve the common good. They detail our mission of service to people and the planet and require our de jure and de facto independence from both governmental entities and corporate interests. We implement these frameworks through a variety of ministries at the community level and through partnership with our peers in civil society. We engage in regular meetings which monitor our adherence to these frameworks. [We also maintain accreditation with the UN [Economic and Social Council/Department of Global Communications] as a non-governmental organization, which we obtained through demonstration of our independent contribution to vision of the human rights framework and UN Charter.]”

*Channels for Civil Society Input:*

## **Official Input of the NGO Major Group: Position Paper**

- a detailed written statement that is submitted to the HLPF each year
- Focuses on priority SDGs of that year
- Highlights interconnections among SDGs
- Drafted from March through June of each year
- Papers from past years [available to read here](#)

### **To contribute to the paper:**

**By 2 March 2026:** [Review and submit edits to the executive summary](#)

**By 9 March 2026:** [Join the team to draft the full paper](#)

**By 19 March 2026:** [Submit your content/ideas for the full paper](#)



## *Channels for Civil Society Input:*

### **Live Events**

- Panel discussions or interactive dialogues featuring perspectives on SDG progress
- **“JCoR SDG Lab” (27–31 July)**
  - 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:**

21 February – 27 March



## *Channels for Civil Society Input:*

# 2026 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 at least some components of fora in each region
  
- ❖ **Asia-Pacific: 18-27 February 2026**
  - **18 Feb 2026: Launch of the 2026 Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report:** [view recording](#)
  - **18-20 Feb 2026: APFSD Youth Forum:** follow via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) ([more details](#))
  - **22-23 Feb 2026: APFSD People’s Forum:** follow via [Facebook](#) ([more details](#))
  - **25 February 2025: “[Generation Hope Goals: Action for the SDGs](#)”:** 11:30-13:00 hours (Bangkok time) via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/GHGRegister>
  - **24-27 February 2026: Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development**
    - Main programme: livestreamed on [ESCAP YouTube channel](#)
    - Full programme with links to view livestream: see “PROGRAMME” tab on [APFSD page](#)
    - Events sponsored by civil society & governments (some accessible online): see “SIDE EVENTS” tab on [APFSD website](#)

# 2026 Regional Sustainable Development Fora



## ❖ Latin America & Caribbean: 13–16 April 2026

- **13 April 2026: Forum of Children, Adolescents and Youth of Latin America and the Caribbean:** 9:00-13:00 (Santiago, Chile time)
- **13 April 2026: Interfaith Preforum of the ninth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development:** 13:30-18:00 (Santiago, Chile time)
- **14-16 April 2026: CEPAL/ECLAC Forum on Sustainable Development:** [full details](#)
  - Main Programme: [livestream](#)
  - side events: [schedule and registration links](#)

## ❖ Europe & North America: UNECE Forum on Sustainable Development: 21-22 April 2026

- Main programme: follow via [UN WebTV](#)
- Virtual side events: [schedule & registration links](#)
- Meetings for civil society: details coming soon on [2026 ECE RFSD website](#)
- Peer Learning Round-Table Discussions: details coming soon on [2026 ECE RFSD website](#)

## ❖ Arab Region (Western Asia): ESCWA Arab Forum on Sustainable Development: 21-23 April 2026

- Main Programme: Livestreamed on [AFSD website](#)
- Register by 21 April to attend virtually: <https://indico.un.org/event/1021638/registrations/24248/>

## ❖ Africa: 28-30 April 2026

- **27 April 2026: Major Groups & other Stakeholders (civil society) Workshop:** <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2026/mgos>
- **28-30 April 2026: ECA Forum on Sustainable Development:** Kampala, Uganda & online: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2026>

# 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*  
**Official Input of Major Groups &  
other Stakeholders (MGoS)**

**MGoS VNR Team:** asks questions and presents joint response to each government's VNR/ENV

[Complete and submit this form by 1 March](#) to join the team for your country!

**NGO MG Position Paper Team:** help draft the written report submitted to HLPF each year on behalf of the NGO community

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# *Contact or register as a member of a* **Civil Society Network Monitoring Development Progress in your Country**

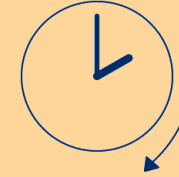
- **Introduce yourself:** name, congregation, issues/SDGs on which you work through your ministry, where you serve
- **Ask:** Is this network preparing a civil society report to supplement our national government's VNR report to the 2026 HLPF on Sustainable Development?
- **If they *are* preparing a 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:

**27 March 2025**  
**(14:00-16:00 UTC)**

North America:



- **If you have WhatsApp:** accept invitation from “Teresa Blumenstein” to join 2026 HLPF Group
- **Register for global call #3:** <https://bit.ly/4kKQLBU>
- **Watch your email box for:**
  - email to select date/time selection for your first “regional call” with other delegates from your region in this programme
  - recording from today’s call
  - slides from today’s call
- **Send any questions** or requests for help with the tasks above to Teresa B ([jcor.newyork@gmail.com](mailto:jcor.newyork@gmail.com))

