Comprehensive HLPF Survey Results

Evaluation of the HLPF after 4 years

Background

The conclusion of the first cycle of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) represents a critical opportunity to take stock of how the HLPF has delivered on its functions to promote and support the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and to reflect on opportunities to strengthen the HLPF in the future. To assist in taking stock of the first cycle of the HLPF, UN DESA invited HLPF participants to complete a short survey which was available in all six UN languages from 1 through 12 July 2019.

Total responses: 234

- 193 English
- 18 French
- 19 Spanish
- 2 Arabic
- 2 Russian



RESPONDENT BACKGROUND

PAST HLPF PARTICIPATION

■ 1 time ■ 2 times ■ 3 times ■ 4 times ■ More than 4 times ■ Never



Overall HLPF Performance

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree

OVERALL, THE HLPF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA & SDGS

Note: Percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who rated the input as wellor best-fulfilled (4 or 5 on a scale of 5).

HLPF FUNCTIONS THAT WERE BEST FULFILLED



HLPF INPUTS CONSULTED BY RESPONDENTS





HLPF HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE



HLPF HELPED TAKE STOCK OF SDG PROGRESS



HLPF DISCUSSIONS WERE SUFFICIENTLY WELL-PREPARED, BASED ON EVIDENCE, DATA, & ANALYSIS



HLPF SUFFICIENTLY DISCUSSED SDG INTERLINKAGES



HLPF SHOWCASED GOOD PRACTICES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION



HLPF IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES AND EMERGING TRENDS FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION



HLPF SHOWCASED SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES



HLPF MOBILIZED PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS



VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR SHARING LESSONS LEARNED & EXPERIENCE GAINED



VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR SHARING SDG IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES



PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF VNRS ADVANCED NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION



VNRS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR MOBILIZING PARTNERSHIPS



ENGAGEMENT OF MGOS AT HLPF HAS BEEN MEANINGFUL

Personal HLPF Experience



HLPF ALLOWED ME TO MEET COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES & EXPERTS IN OTHER FIELDS



HLPF ALLOWED ME TO PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



I TOOK GOOD EXAMPLES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION BACK TO MY COUNTRY FROM THE HLPF



VNR PRESENTATION STRENGTHENED SDG AWARENESS & IMPLEMENTATION IN MY COUNTRY

Reflections on the Way Forward



HLPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW A SET OF SDGS EVERY YEAR



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MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE PREPARATION, CONTENT, & APPROACH OF VNRS





MORE TIME FOR VNRS WOULD MAKE THEM MORE RELEVANT FOR LESSONS LEARNED

HLPF COULD DISCUSS REVIEWS BY BUSINESSES AND CITIES ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO 2030 AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION





THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION SHOULD BETTER REFLECT DISCUSSIONS AT HLPF

Note: Percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who rated the element as important or most important (4 or 5 on a scale of 5).

ELEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED BY THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION



Suggestions for Improvement: Major Points

MMM Increase civil society participation

Q Increase focus on SDG interlinkages, solutions and concrete recommendations

Allow for constructive critical reflection on the VNRS

increase time for VNR presentations to allow for more depth/peer learning

More engaging discussion, fewer prepared statements

