Results of the survey of 4 years of HLPF

Total responses: 234
193 English
18 French
19 Spanish
2 Arabic
2 Russian

Who responded?

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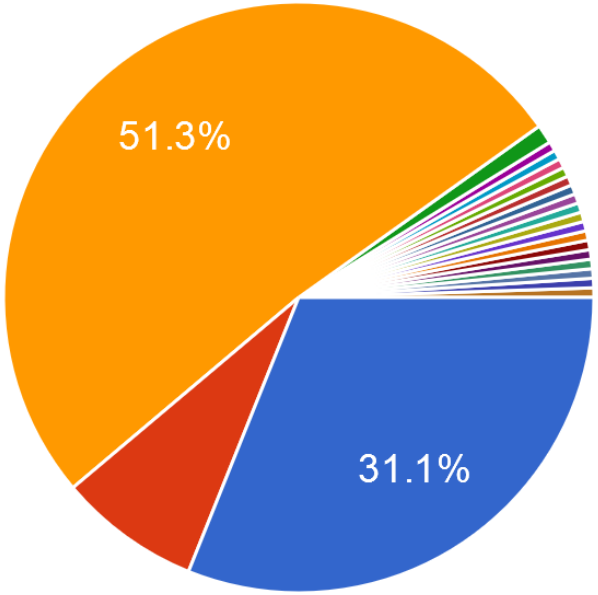

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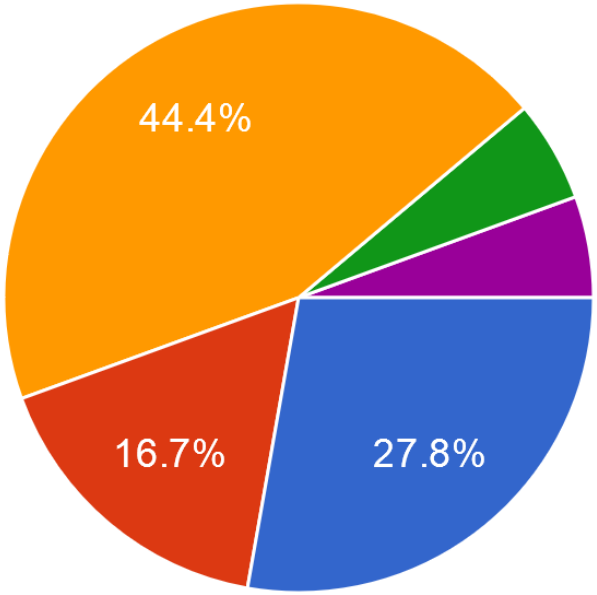

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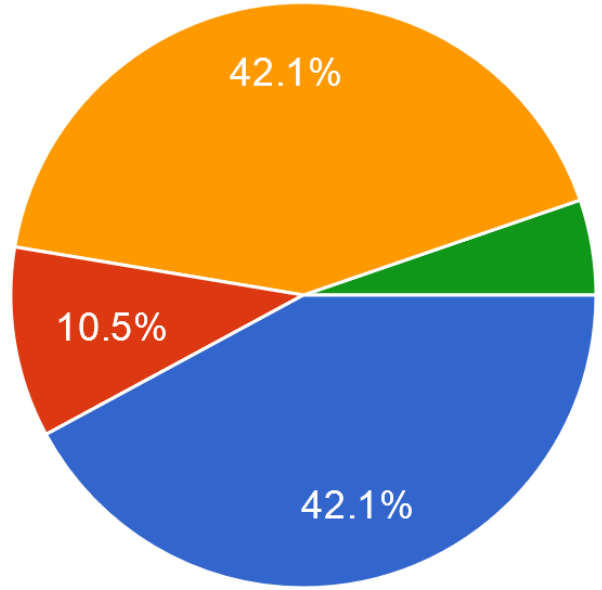

- Member State
- UN system
- Major groups and other stakeholders

HLPF Success

Overall, the HLPF has been successful in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

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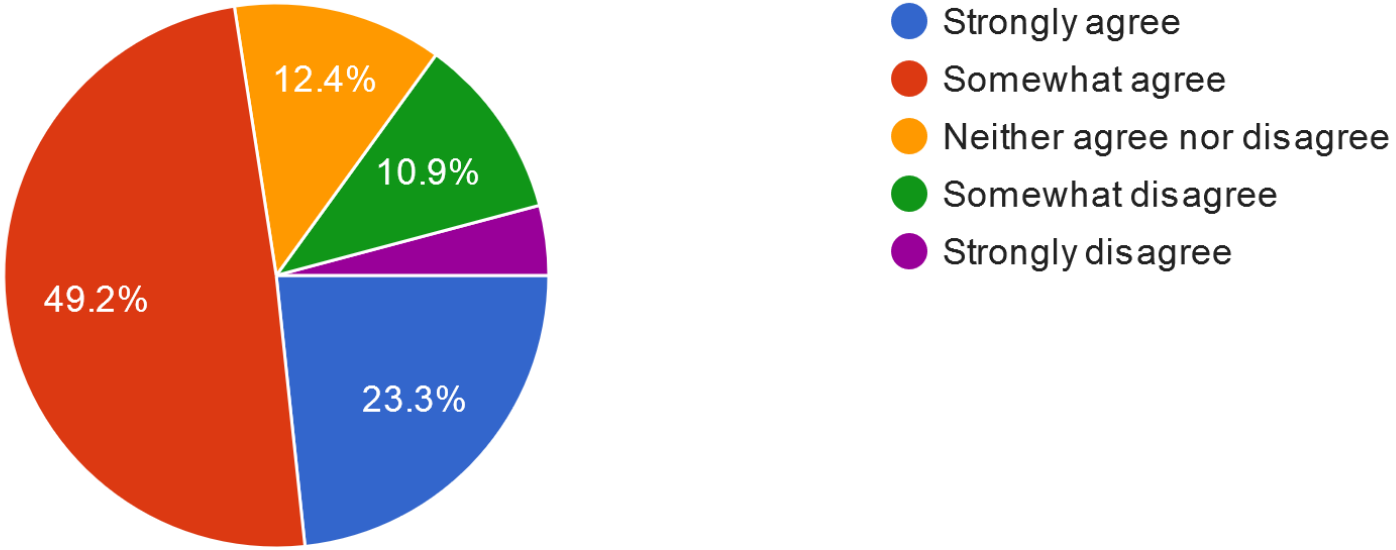

HLPF functions that have been fulfilled

- Thematic reviews of the Sustainable Development Goals (49%)
- Voluntary National Reviews (48%)
- Identification of trends and emerging issues (47%)
- Platform for partnerships (44%)
- Promotion of UN system-wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies (42%)
- Provision of high-level political leadership and guidance for sustainable development (35%)
- Improved science-policy interface (28%)

Consulted inputs to the HLPF

- **Voluntary National Reviews of countries**
- **SDG Progress Report**
- **The Global Sustainable Development Report**
- Compilation of main messages of the Voluntary National Reviews
- Synthesis report of voluntary submissions of ECOSOC Functional Commissions and other intergovernmental forums and bodies to the HLPF thematic review
- Summaries of SDG-related Expert Group meetings
- Background notes prepared for the SDG thematic reviews
- Reports of the regional sustainable development forums
- Co-Chair's Summary of the Multi-stakeholder Forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals
- Outcome of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up
- Outcome of the Development Cooperation Forum (every two years)
- The Note by the Secretariat on the discussion papers on the theme of the HLPF, submitted by the Major Groups and other stakeholders

Achievements of the HLPF

- The HLPF has helped to take stock of SDG progress. (81%)
- The HLPF has identified challenges and emerging trends for SDG implementation. (78%)
- The HLPF has brought together participants from all walks of life, working in all three dimensions of sustainable development. (76%)
- The HLPF has showcased good practices for SDG implementation. (74%)
- The HLPF discussions were sufficiently well-prepared and based on evidence, data and analysis. (70%)
- The HLPF has helped to mobilize partnerships for the SDGs. (65%)
- The HLPF and notably its reviews of SDGs have sufficiently discussed interlinkages among the SDGs and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. (60%)
- The HLPF has showcased solutions to address these challenges. (60%)

Usefulness of VNRs in order of importance

- VNRs have been useful for sharing lessons learned and experience gained.
- VNRs have been useful for sharing SDG implementation challenges.
- The preparations of the VNRs and the presentation of VNRs at the HLPF have been useful for advancing national implementation.
- The VNRs have been useful for mobilizing partnerships.

REVIEW OF SDGs AND THEME AT HLPF

The HLPF should continue to review a set of SDGs every year.

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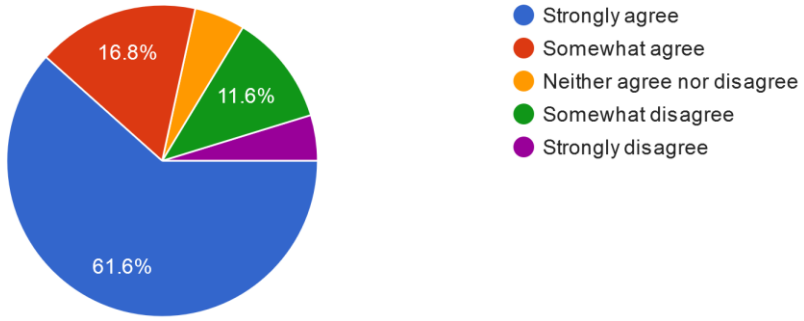

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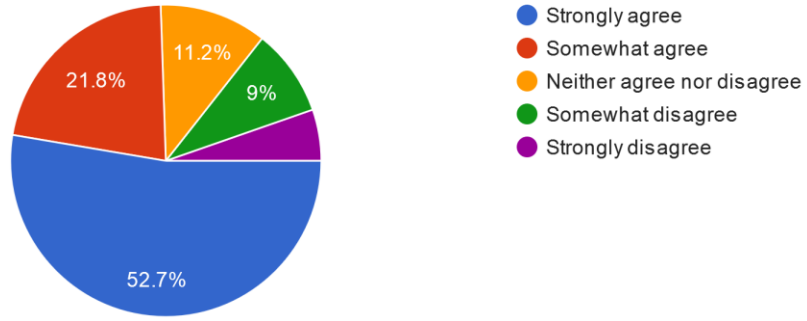

GUIDANCE AND TIME FOR VNRs

More specific guidance needs to be provided on the preparation, content and approach of the VNRs.

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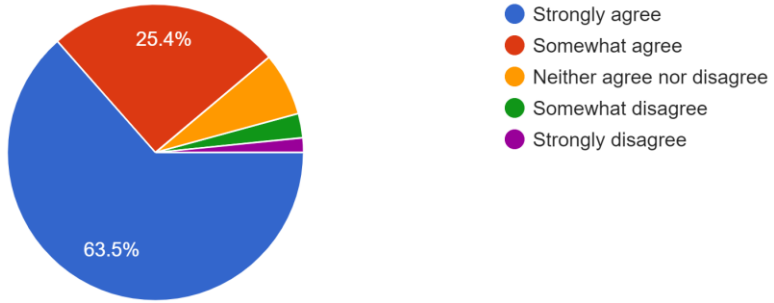

More time for VNR presentations would make them more relevant for lessons learned and peer learning.

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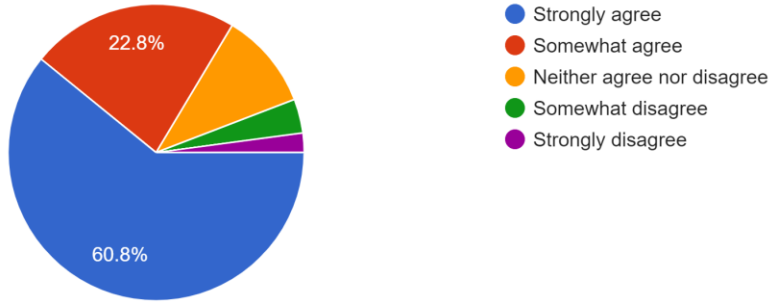

Reviews by other actors

The HLPF could discuss reviews by businesses, cities or other actors on their own contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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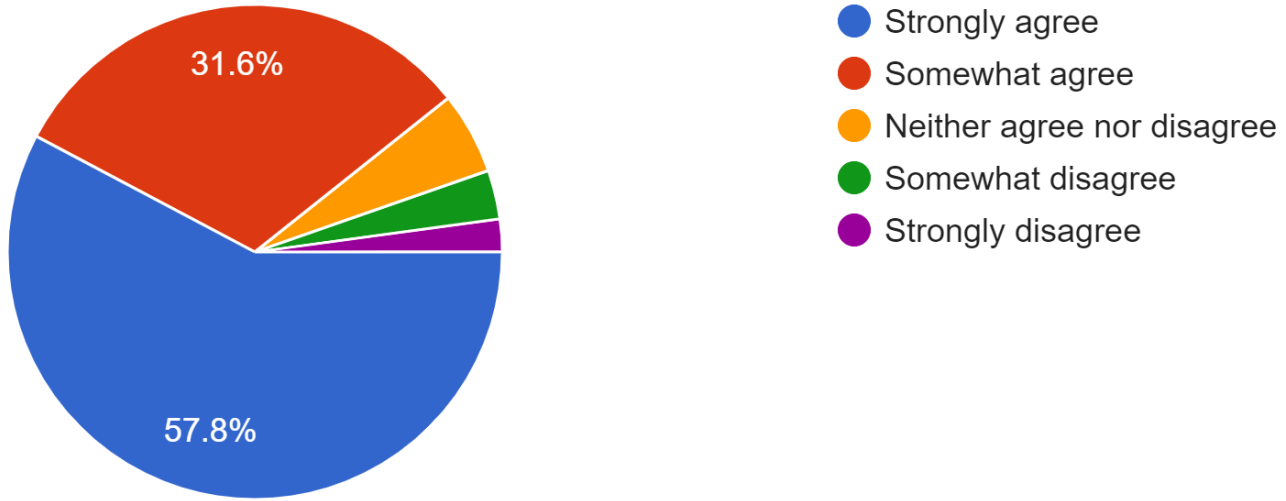
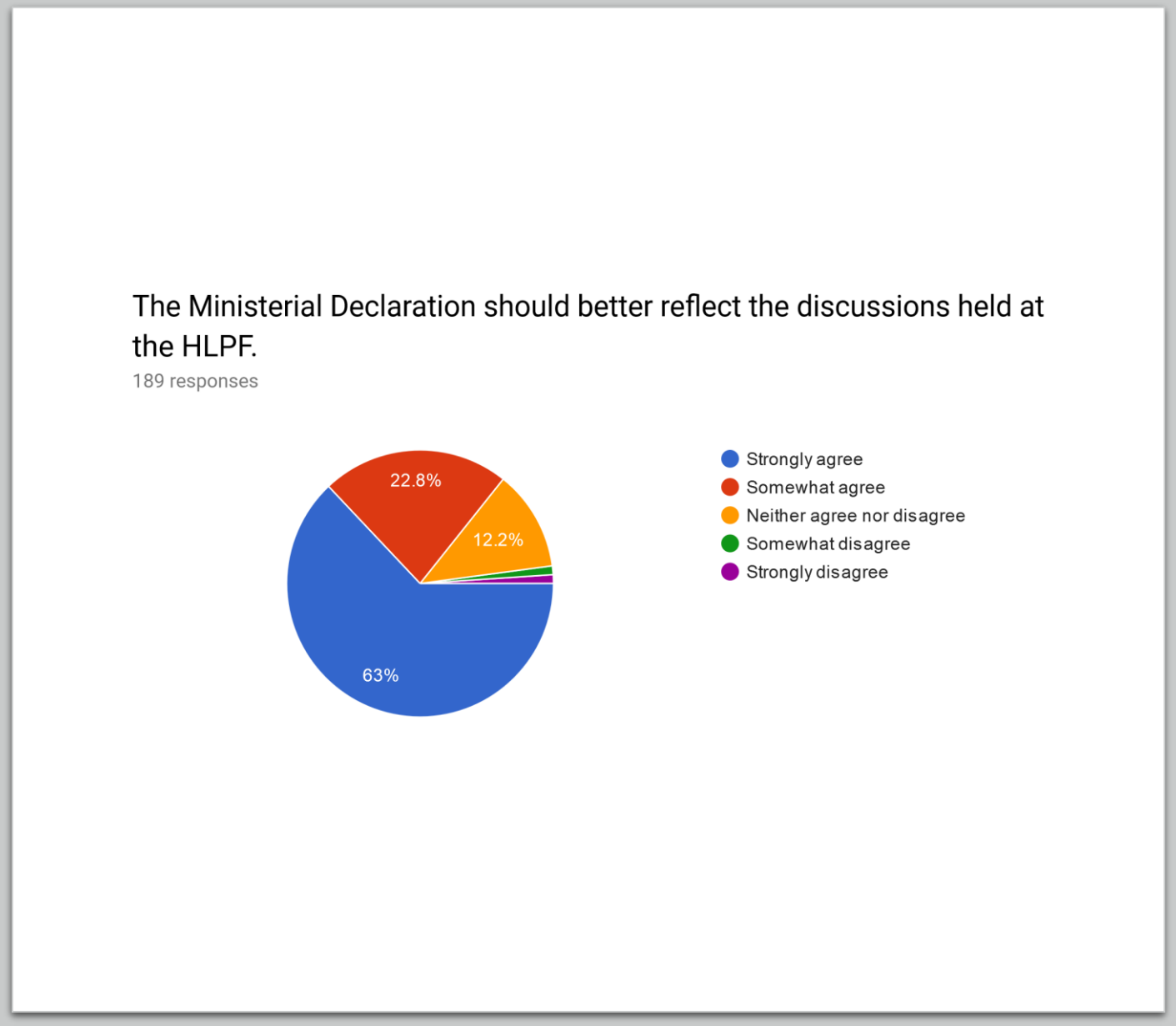


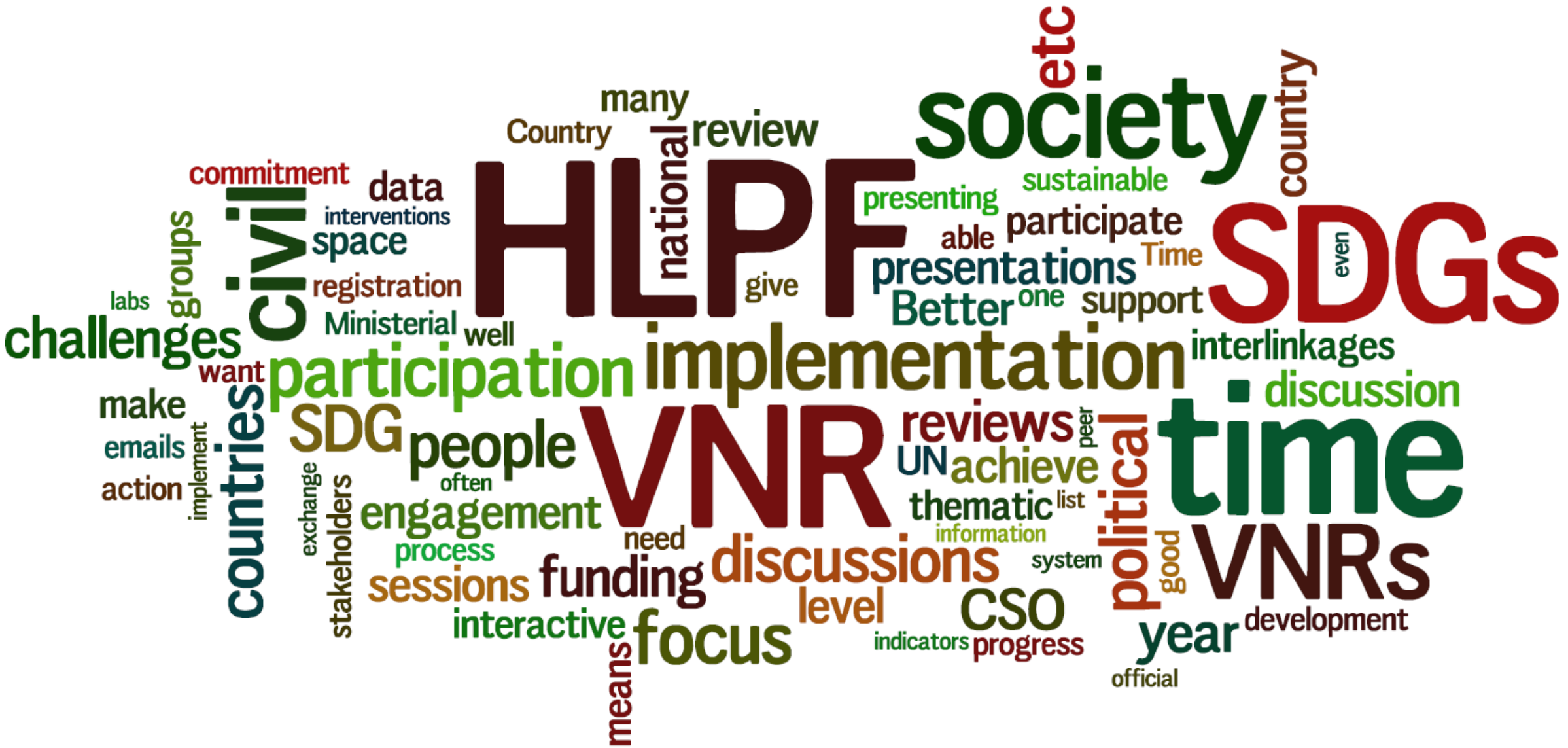
MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

- **TOPICS TO BE BETTER COVERED**
- Political guidance and recommendations for follow-up (85%)
- New and emerging trends (81%)
- Thematic reviews of the SDGs (67%)



Suggestions for Improvement: Major Points

- Increase civil society participation
- Allow for constructive critical reflection on the VNRs
- Increase time for VNR presentations to allow for more depth/peer learning
- Increase focus on SDG interlinkages, solutions and concrete recommendations
- More engaging discussion, fewer prepared statements



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