

JCoR Guide to the

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

5-15 July 2022



Justice
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Religious

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 20 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). For centuries, congregations of Religious have served people who have been rendered poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized by existing global systems. Through our membership in JCoR, we have united with our sister and brother organizations to enhance collaboration among our members—at UN Headquarters and around the world—in our common mission: to improve quality of life for people who are living in poverty and to enhance our stewardship of the natural environment.

The primary aim of our collaboration is to strengthen the capacity of Catholic Religious and their partners to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering.

We work toward this goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015-2030.

We hope these pages will help you join us in this mission!



High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

WHAT IS IT?



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

The [High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#) (HLPF) is the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 commitments made by every government represented at the United Nations. They aim to end extreme poverty, inequality, and climate change by 2030. Visit the [Global Goals website](#) to learn more and take action.



VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

At the HLPF, government leaders report on their national progress toward achievement of the SDGs. These 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. As governments report to this global forum on a voluntary basis, not every government presents a report each year. Check the [VNR webpage](#) to find out if your government will be presenting at this year's HLPF, and on this webpage you can also access a written version of your government's report.

OUTCOME

The HLPF will negotiate and adopt what is called a Ministerial Declaration. This Ministerial Declaration is meant to assess progress on, and challenges to, achieving the SDGs, as well as highlight concrete actions that will accelerate implementation efforts. Click [here](#) to read the draft Ministerial Declaration.

THEME

The 2022 HLPF theme is “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” It will assess the different impacts the pandemic across the SDGs and address the integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature of the Goals.

FOCUS SDGS

Each year, the UN selects particular SDGs to focus on for a more in-depth review. The 2022 HLPF will focus on the following SDGs: 4 quality education, 5 gender equality, 14 healthy aquatic ecosystems, 15 healthy terrestrial ecosystems, and 17 partnerships for the Goals. See the following pages to learn more about each of these focus SDGs.



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Quality Education:

Education is an essential building block that will allow many other SDGs to be achieved. With access to quality education, people can break from the cycle of poverty. Education therefore helps to reduce inequalities and to reach gender equality. It also empowers people everywhere to live more healthy and sustainable lives.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG4 and how you can take action.



To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

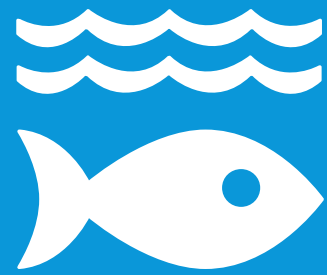
Gender Equality:

Women and girls make up half of the world's population and therefore half of its potential. But, today gender inequality persists everywhere and stagnates social progress. Gender equality is a fundamental human right, and advancing gender equality is critical to all areas of a healthy society, from reducing poverty to promoting the health, education, protection and the well-being of all of humanity.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG5 and how you can take action.



14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



To conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems:

The ocean is essential to our existence. It generates the oxygen we breathe; regulates global climate; supplies livelihoods; and provides the water, energy, and food we need to survive. Billions of humans, animals, and plants rely on a healthy ocean, and we have exploited and caused tremendous damage to this resource. We must chart a sustainable path to recovery, to protect the ocean and our planet.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG14 and how you can take action

15 LIFE
ON LAND



To protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems:

Forests cover nearly 31% of our Earth's land area. They sustain life in many ways – from the air we breathe, to the water we drink, to the food we eat – and they provide vital habitats for more than 80% of all terrestrial species of animals, plants and insects. However, land degradation is undermining the well-being of approximately 3.2 billion people, driving species to extinction, and intensifying climate change. Forests possess the potential to play a significant role in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies as they can deliver benefits that will increase the resilience of both people and planet.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG15 and how you can take action.



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



To strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Partnerships for the Goals:

Given the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs, the 2030 Agenda can only be achieved if the international community works together. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that collaboration is key to addressing the world's problems and ensuring no one is left behind. Global investments, support, and partnerships, are essential to ensure sustainable development and robust green economies. To build a better world, we need to be supportive, empathetic, inventive, passionate, and above all, cooperative.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG17 and how you can take action.

High-Level Political Forum Details

ESSENTIAL EVENT INFO



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WHEN

5-15 July 2022

WHERE

Online and at the UN Headquarters in New York

WATCH

Join online at webtv.un.org

PROGRAMME

5-18 July 2022, 10:00AM - 6:00PM (New York Time)

- 5-11 July: Panel discussions on priority SDGs (4, 5, 14, 15, 17)
- 11-15 July: Voluntary National Reviews (Reports from national governments on the progress they are making toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals)
- 18 July: Panel discussions led by the UN Secretary-General and government ministers on SDG achievement and COVID-19 recovery
- Every day: Events sponsored by civil society (non-governmental organisations)

Visit the official HLPF programme [webpage](#) for additional details

GENERAL INFO

Official [website](#) for the 2022 HLPF

[Information note](#) for in-person participants

VNR Presentations from Governments

VOLUNTARY REPORTS ON THE SDGS

From 11-15 July, the HLPF will engage in VNR presentations from [44 countries](#). 11 countries will present for the **1st time**, 28 for the **2nd time**, 3 for the **3rd time**, and 2 countries for the **4th time**. First-time presenters will have 15 minutes for their presentation and 20 minutes for questions and answers (Q&A). They will choose whether to present in an individual format or in a panel with other countries. The second, third and fourth timers will have 10 minutes for their presentation and around 15 minutes for Q&A and will present in a panel format. During the allotted time for Q&A, there will be an opportunity for a limited number of questions and comments by participating States and stakeholders. At the end of the session, the VNR countries will be given a few minutes to respond to the interventions.

Schedule of VNR's (watch online via [UNWebTV](#))

11 July

12:00PM-1:00PM (New York time)

Panel: [Togo](#), [Uruguay](#)

12 July

11:00AM-1:05PM (New York time)

Panel: [Argentina](#), [Ghana](#), [Latvia](#), [Philippines](#), [Switzerland](#)

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

1st Panel: [El Salvador](#), [Belarus](#), [Eswatini](#), [Gambia](#)

2nd Panel: [Greece](#), [Mali](#), [United Arab Emirates](#)

13 July

11:40AM-1:00PM (New York time)

Individual: [Eritrea](#)

Panel: [San Tome and Principe](#), [Somalia](#)

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

Individual: [Djibouti](#), [Dominica](#), [Suriname](#)

Panel: [Equatorial Guinea](#), [Tuvalu](#)

14 July

10:45AM-1:00PM (New York time)

Individual: [Gabon](#), [Grenada](#)

Panel: [Guinea-Bissau](#), [Netherlands](#)

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

1st Panel: [Andorra](#), [Cote d'Ivoire](#), [Ethiopia](#),
[Jordan](#)

2nd Panel: [Kazakhstan](#), [Senegal](#), [Sudan](#)

15 July

9:00AM-1:00PM (New York time)

1st Panel: [Italy](#), [Jamaica](#), [Lesotho](#)

2nd Panel: [Liberia](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Malawi](#)

3rd Panel: [Montenegro](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Pakistan](#)

3:00PM-3:50PM (New York time)

Panel: [Botswana](#), [Cameroon](#)

Recommended Events

PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY FROM YOUR CORNER OF THE WORLD

JCoR SDG Lab

Series of showcases of Catholic Religious and their partners' perspectives on progress and good practices toward SDGs 4, 5, 14, 15, and 17

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 conversations, which we are calling the "JCoR SDG Lab." The series will run from 5-13 July and include sessions dedicated to each of the aforementioned SDGs of focus for the 2022 HLPF.

In each of the JCoR SDG Lab sessions, delegates of Catholic NGOs who have participated in JCoR's HLPF training programme, will share their observations on SDG progress (or lack of progress) and present some of their own ministry projects that are contributing to the achievement of the Goals.

All are welcome to attend these JCoR SDG Lab sessions. Please see the details below, and register to join us for one or more of the sessions!

Tuesday, 5 July, 8:00AM-9:45AM (New York time): SDG 4 (Part 1) **Quality Education**

Wednesday, 6 July, 8:00AM-9:45AM (New York time): SDG 5 **Gender Equality**

Thursday, 7 July, 1:00PM-2:45PM (New York time): SDG 4 (Part 2) **Quality Education**

Monday, 11 July, 8:00AM-9:45AM (New York time): SDG 14 **Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems**

Tuesday, 12 July, 8:00AM-9:45AM (New York time): SDG 15 **Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems**

Wednesday, 13 July, 8:00AM-9:45AM (New York time): SDG 17 **Partnerships for the Goals**

[Click here to register!](#)



Recommended Events

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Leadership for Change: A Call to Action for Sisters Supporting Vulnerable Communities

7 July, 1:00PM-2:30PM (New York Time)

Sponsored by UNANIMA International

Register: Save the date. The registration link will be available soon.

Invest in SDG 4.7 to Unleash the Transformative Power of Education

11 July, 7:30AM-9:00AM (New York Time)

Sponsored by Salesian Missions

This event addresses the critical need for a holistic education focused on target 7 of SDG 4.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3y5sRZI>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3bClhwY>

Community Action for Recovery: Grassroot models for the benefit for all

11 July, 7:30AM-9:00AM (New York Time)

Sponsored by the NGO Major Group

Register: Save the date. The registration link will be available soon.



Recommended Events

PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY FROM YOUR CORNER OF THE WORLD

Delivering SDG 4.7: Catholic Religious Organisations and the Lifelong Formation of Global Citizens

12 July, 7:30AM-9:00AM (New York Time)

Sponsored by JCoR and REDES (Red de Entidades para el Desarrollo Sostenible)

This side event on the margins of the 2022 UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will bring together the voices of faith-based organisations from the Catholic tradition, which have a presence across many global regions, to share good practices and recommendations with respect to the achievement of SDG 4's Target 7.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3Ntx4fJ>

****Interpretation will be available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish****

Quality Education and Gender Equality: Keys to Building Forward to Achieving the SDGs

13 July, 7:30AM-9:00AM (New York Time)

Sponsored by Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate

Quality education is a transformative right that transcends and informs all other rights and freedoms. It is a powerful tool in the development of people and in breaking down cycles of exclusion. At this event, co-Sponsored by Vivat International and Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate, we will hear from voices at the grassroots. Through their experiences, we hope to see the important linkages of the SDGs, particularly access to quality education, gender equality, life on land and working in partnership with local and global stakeholders.

Register: <https://bit.ly/39ZXlyZ>

Recommended Events

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Creating an Enabling Gender-Responsive Work Environment for the Future: The Role of ILO Convention 190 in Addressing Violence and Harassment in the World of Work

14 July, 7:30AM-9:00AM (New York Time)

In the spirit of SDG 17, this side event will bring together multi-stakeholder partners: government, private sector, trade unions, informal sector and NGOs to explore strategies to promote ratification and effective implementation of ILO C190 as part of a broader push that goes beyond job creation to the provision of safe, violence-free environments with decent jobs for all (SDG 5, SDG 8).

Register: <https://bit.ly/3HKdnPr>

For the most up-to-date list of recommended events,
please visit the JCoR website at

<https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

Who to Follow and Tag on Social Media

AND SUGGESTED HASHTAGS

#Hashtags:

#HLPF2022 or #HLPF

#SDGs

#SDG(insert specific SDG number here)

#LeaveNoOneBehind

Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)

Twitter: [@JCoR2030](https://twitter.com/JCoR2030) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](https://www.facebook.com/JCoR2030)

JCoR Members

Click [here](#) to access Twitter list of JCoR members

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Twitter: [@UNDESA](https://twitter.com/UNDESA)

UN DESA Sustainable Development

Twitter: [@SustDev](https://twitter.com/SustDev)

UN Account for the Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Twitter: [@GlobalGoalsUN](https://twitter.com/GlobalGoalsUN)

United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Twitter: [@UNECOSOC](https://twitter.com/UNECOSOC)

Your congregation's NGO at the United Nations

Need help? Find many congregations' NGO's social media details [here](#)

Your government's permanent mission to the United Nations

Sample Social Media Messaging

PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL ADVOCACY



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[#HLPF2022](#) (July 5-15) is a space where [@UN](#) Member States and civil society gather to assess progress on the [#SDGs](#) and work together to build a better world, for all of creation, by 2030. [#LeaveNoOneBehind](#)
Learn more & participate: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

As our world is facing multiple crises, the need for global solidarity is more urgent than ever. We are gathering with [#UN](#) Member States at the [#HLPF](#) on [#SustainableDevelopment](#) to work together to create a better world for all. [#SDGs](#)
Learn more & join in: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>



The [#SustainableDevelopmentGoals](#) are the focus of [@UN's](#) [#HLPF2022](#). What are they? The [#SDGs](#) are the blueprint to build a better and more sustainable world. They are essential building blocks to [#ProtectOurFuture](#).

Learn more about the SDGs: <https://www.globalgoals.org/>

TAKE ACTION TODAY! Even if you cannot join the [#SDG](#) discussions at the [#HLPF2022](#), there are many positive actions you can take to make real change. What action will you take today? [#SDGAction](#)

Learn more: <https://www.globalgoals.org/take-action/?>

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Sample Social Media Messaging

PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL ADVOCACY



COVID-19 has wiped out 20 years of education gains. Education can be the engine of [#SustainableDevelopment](#) & contribute to each one of the [#SDGs](#) – but we need to act urgently to get children learning. [#SaveOurFuture](#) [#SDG4](#) [#HLPF](#)
Read <https://saveourfuture.world/white-paper/> by [@savefuturenow](#)

[#SDG4](#) Quality Education: Makes it possible for each of us to contribute to a progressive, healthy society. Learning benefits every human being & should be available to all. 5 July, join JCoR's [#HLPF](#) SDG Lab to learn from civil society perspectives on SDG4: <https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2022-high-level-political-forum/>



Why does [#SDG5](#) matter? [#GenderEquality](#) is a human right & it is critical to all areas of a healthy society, from reducing poverty to promoting the health, education, protection & well-being of all. Join us during the [#HLPF](#) to push for action on SDG5. Info: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/goal-05/>

[#GenderEquality](#) is a human right & it is critical to all areas of a healthy society, from reducing poverty to promoting the health, education, protection & well-being of all. Join JCoR's 6 July [#HLPF](#) SDG Lab to contribute to civil society voices on [#SDG5](#): <https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2022-high-level-political-forum/>

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Earth's oceans & seas continue to struggle against rising temperatures, increased acidification & pollution – endangering the planet's largest ecosystem and billions of livelihoods depending on them. At [#HLPF2022](#) we call for urgent action on [#SDG14](#)

Info: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/goal-14/>

Healthy oceans contribute to poverty eradication & mitigate [#ClimateChange](#). But, the benefits they provide are increasingly undermined by human activities. Learn more about [#SDG14](#) and hear civil society perspectives, join JCoR's [#HLPF](#) SDG Lab on 11 July: <https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2022-high-level-political-forum/>



Ending environmental degradation & restoring our planet is vital to sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that by threatening biodiversity, humanity threatens its own survival. At [#HLPF2022](#) we call for urgent action on [#SDG15](#)

Info: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/goal-15/>

We must commit to [#SDG15](#): protect, restore & promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, combat desertification, and reverse land degradation & biodiversity loss. Hear civil society perspectives on SDG15, join JCoR's [#HLPF](#) SDG Lab on 12 July: <https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2022-high-level-political-forum/>

Sample Social Media Messaging

PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL ADVOCACY



Why is [#SDG17](#) (Partnerships for the Goals) so important? Given the integrated & interlinked nature of the [#SDGs](#), they can only be achieved if the international community works together. Let us join hands at [#HLPF2022](#) & build a better future for all.

Info: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/goal-17/>

[#SDG17](#) : Global investments, support, and partnerships, are vital to solving the world's problems and to ensuring [#SustainableDevelopment](#) for all. [#LeaveNoOneBehind](#)
Learn more about SDG17 at JCoR's [#HLPF](#) SDG Lab on 13 July:

<https://jcor2030.org/jcor-sdg-lab-at-the-2022-high-level-political-forum/>

If you wish to incorporate infographics in your social media messaging, infographics for each of the SDGs can be accessed at

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/overview/>

CALL TO ACTION:

“Be a global citizen. Act with passion and compassion. Help us make this world safer and more sustainable today and for the generations that will follow us. This is our moral responsibility.”

Former UN Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon

