2021 HLPF and SDG Reporting

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HLPF 2021 IN NUMBERS
(6-15 July 2021, hybrid meeting)

- **24** MEETINGS
- **10** HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
- **160** DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS, MINISTERS AND VICE MINISTERS
- **180** SPEAKERS IN TOWNHALL MEETING, PANELS, AND FIRESIDE CHATS
- **42** VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS
- **75** STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

- **9** SDGS IN-DEPTH REVIEW
- **17** VNR LABS
- **276** SIDE EVENTS
- **10** SPECIAL EVENTS
- **12** EXHIBITIONS
- **4,542** ARTICLES PUBLISHED WORLDWIDE
Data and Evidence-Based Voluntary National Reviews

• VNRs should be **underpinned by data** and should be **evidence-based**.

• In 2021 VNRs, nearly all countries incorporated data into their reviews, and **half** of all VNRs included a Statistical Annex.

• Data and statistics on the SDG indicators are used to present progress achieved and challenges encountered in reaching the goals and targets.
  ✓ Present baselines
  ✓ Present progress made towards achieving the Goals and targets (including using graphs, maps charts, tables)
  ✓ Present the impact of COVID-19
  ✓ Provide more details in **statistical annex**
  ✓ Refer to useful tools such as **online SDG data reporting platforms**
  ✓ Prepare a **national indicator report** as a separate document to further support their VNRs
Data Challenges identified in VNRs

- **Data gaps** and the lack of data for key indicators are frequently cited as difficulties in preparing evidence-based VNRs.
  - The selection of statistics presented doesn't always reflect national SDGs or policy priorities stated elsewhere in the same VNR.
- **Need for timely data** for swift policy interventions by governments and development partners.
- Many countries highlight the need to produce **disaggregated data to address LNOB**, but also stress they are facing difficulties in producing sufficiently disaggregated data.
- Countries highlight the need for **increased financial and technical support** to have sufficient data and statistics to produce a more evidence-based VNR and to monitor the SDGs.
Global SDG Reporting 2021

1. Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Report of the Secretary-General (E/2021/58)

and

the Statistical Annex (220 pages)

2. The SDG Development Goals Report 2021
3. The Sustainable Development Goals Report Progress Chart 2021

4. Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2021

5. The Extended Report