



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Introduction to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Orientation course on the Economic and Social Council
for Members of the Council, UNITAR

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High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

- A key outcome of the Rio+20 Conference in 2012
- A universal intergovernmental body that replaced Commission on Sustainable Development
- The **HLPF is the central platform for reviewing and following up on the agenda** and SDGs, at the global level.
- - provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow up;
 - keeps track of progress;
 - spurs coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences;
 - enhances the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;
 - addresses new and emerging issues;
 - strengthens science-policy interface.



The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

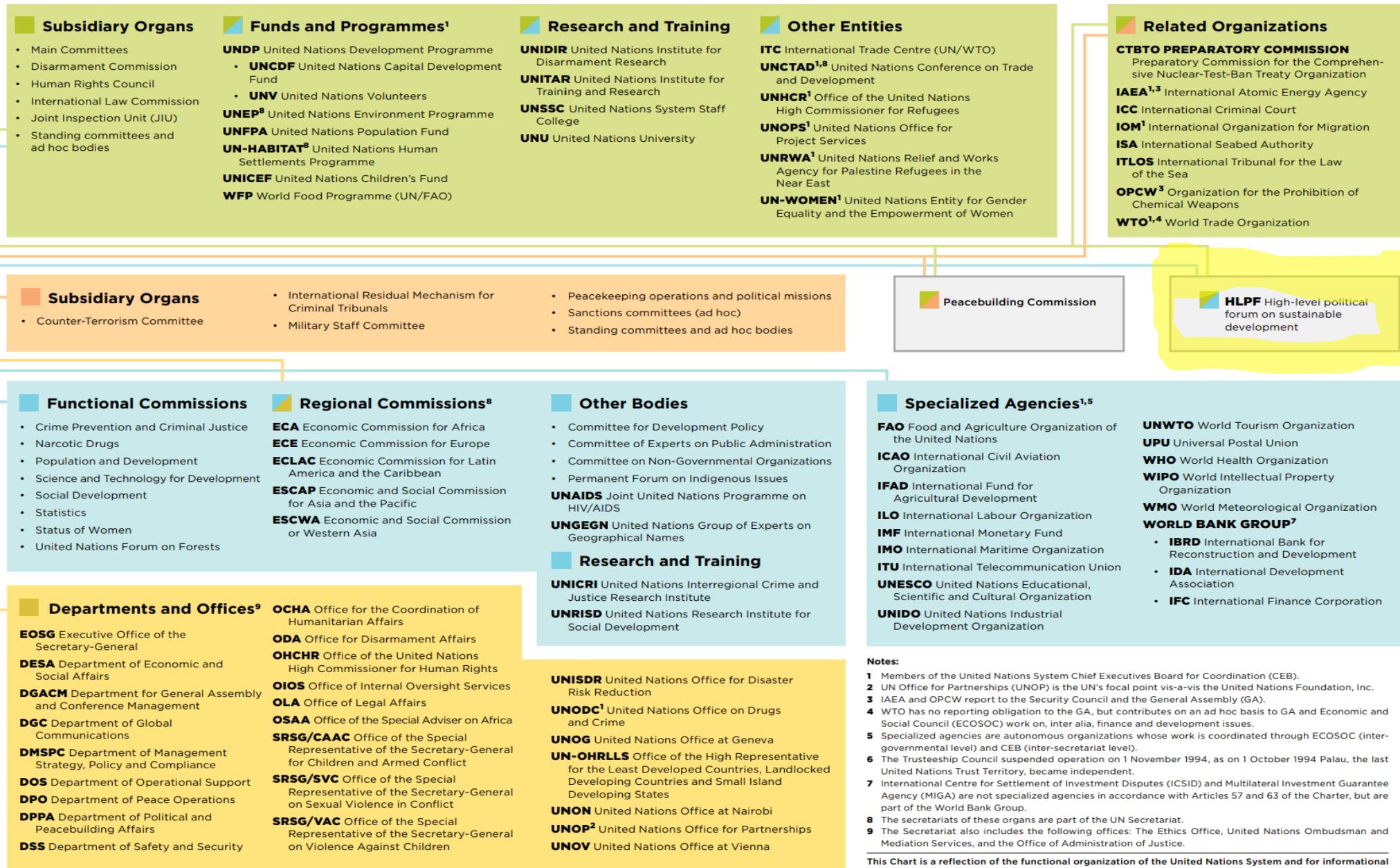
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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶



High-Level Political Forum Highlights
Under the auspices of ECOSOC **every year**

Thematic
Review of the
2030 Agenda
Interlinkages
Emerging
issues

**Voluntary
National
Reviews** on
follow-up and
review of the
2030 Agenda

Means of
implementation
(financing,
science,
technology,
innovation,
capacity
building)

SDG
implementation
at the regional
level

Countries in
special
situations

Special Events,
Side events,
VNR Labs and
Exhibitions



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Principles guiding follow-up and review at all levels

- Voluntary and country-led, take into account different national realities and capacities
- Track progress in implementing SDGs, including means of implementation
- Maintain a longer-term orientation, identify achievements, challenges, gaps and success factors
- Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent
- People-centered, gender-sensitive, respect human rights, focus on poorest, most vulnerable
- Build on existing platforms and processes, avoid duplication, and minimize reporting burden
- Rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and disaggregated data
- Require enhance capacity-building support for developing countries, including strengthening of national data systems and evaluation
- Benefit from active support of the UN system and other multilateral institutions



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Levels of follow-up and review

- **National level:**
 - Ambitious national responses to the overall implementation of 2030 Agenda supporting the transition to the SDGs building on existing planning instruments.
 - Conducting of regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels which are country-led and country-driven.
- **Regional level:**
 - Provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets.
 - Draw on national and sub regional-level reviews and contribute to follow-up and review at the global level, including at HLPF.
- **Global level:**
 - HLPF has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level, working coherently with the GA, ECOSOC and other relevant organs and forums, facilitate sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, and provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow-up, provide system-wide coherence and coordination of SD policies.
 - It conducts thematic reviews of progress on SDG and national reviews which are voluntary, while encouraging reporting.



Participation at HLPF

Countries – all state formula
includes also members of UN
specialized agencies

UN System – Funds,
programmes, specialized
agencies

**International and regional
organizations** – ASEAN, OECD,
WTO

**Major groups and other
stakeholders** – non state actors



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High-Level Political Forum in 2021

Under the auspices of ECOSOC

- The 2021 session will take place **6-15 July at UN Headquarters in New York**
- The theme is **“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”**
- 44 countries will present their **voluntary national reviews** (10 first time, 24 second timers and 10 third timers)
- The **set of goals** for the in-depth review on progress



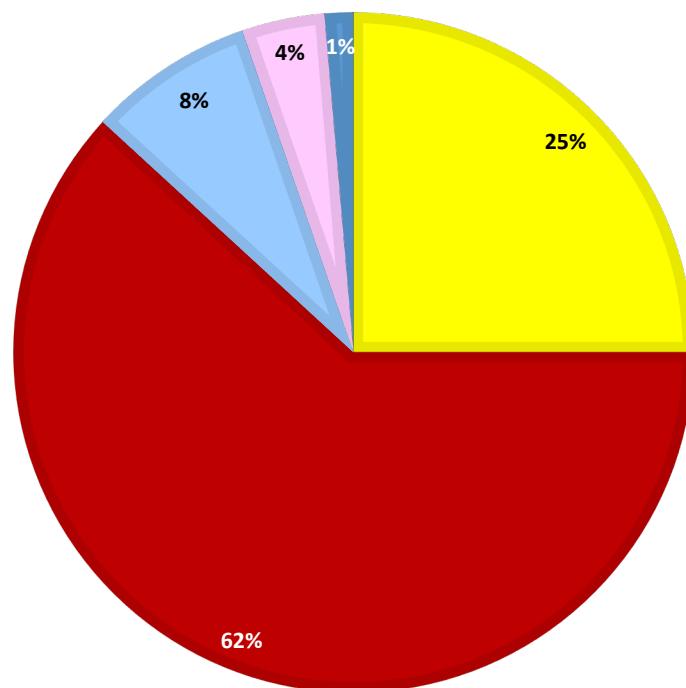
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HLPF REVIEW IN 2021

SURVEY RESULTS AT 2019 HLPF

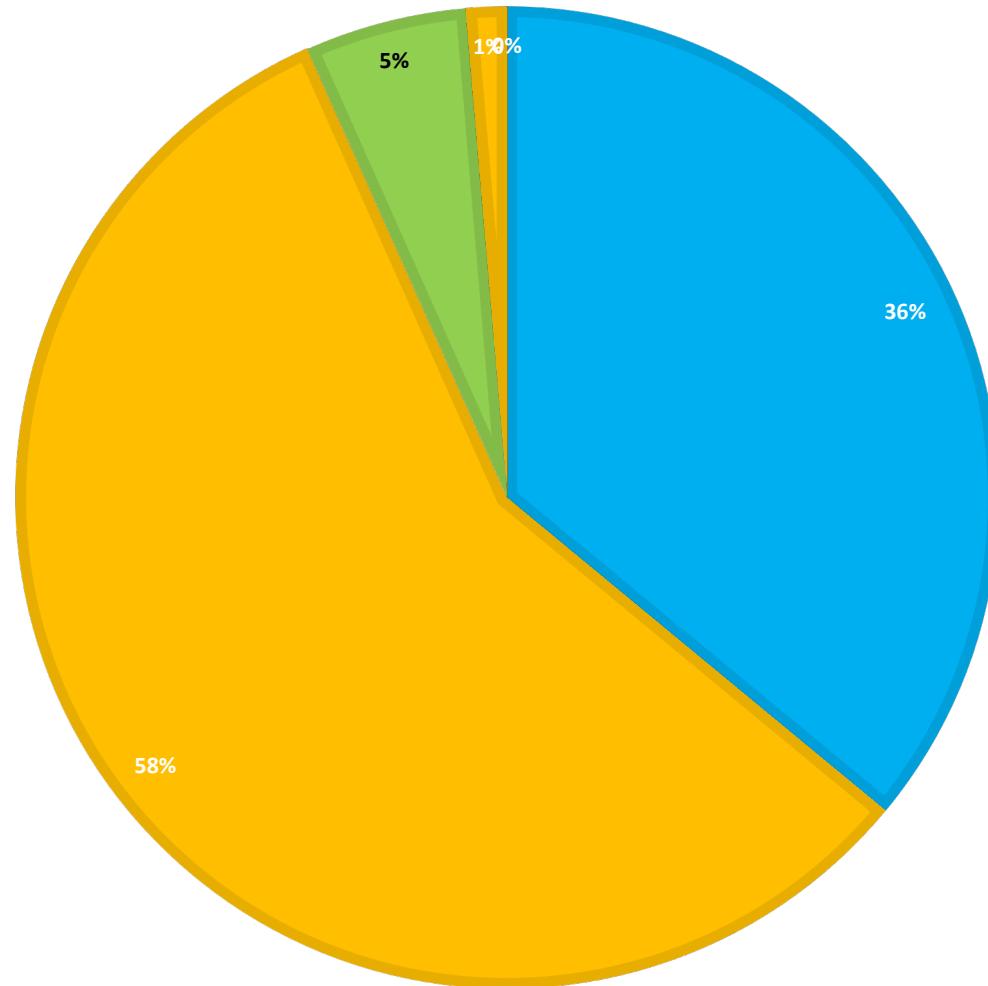
OVERALL, THE HLPF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW
OF THE 2030 AGENDA & SDGS

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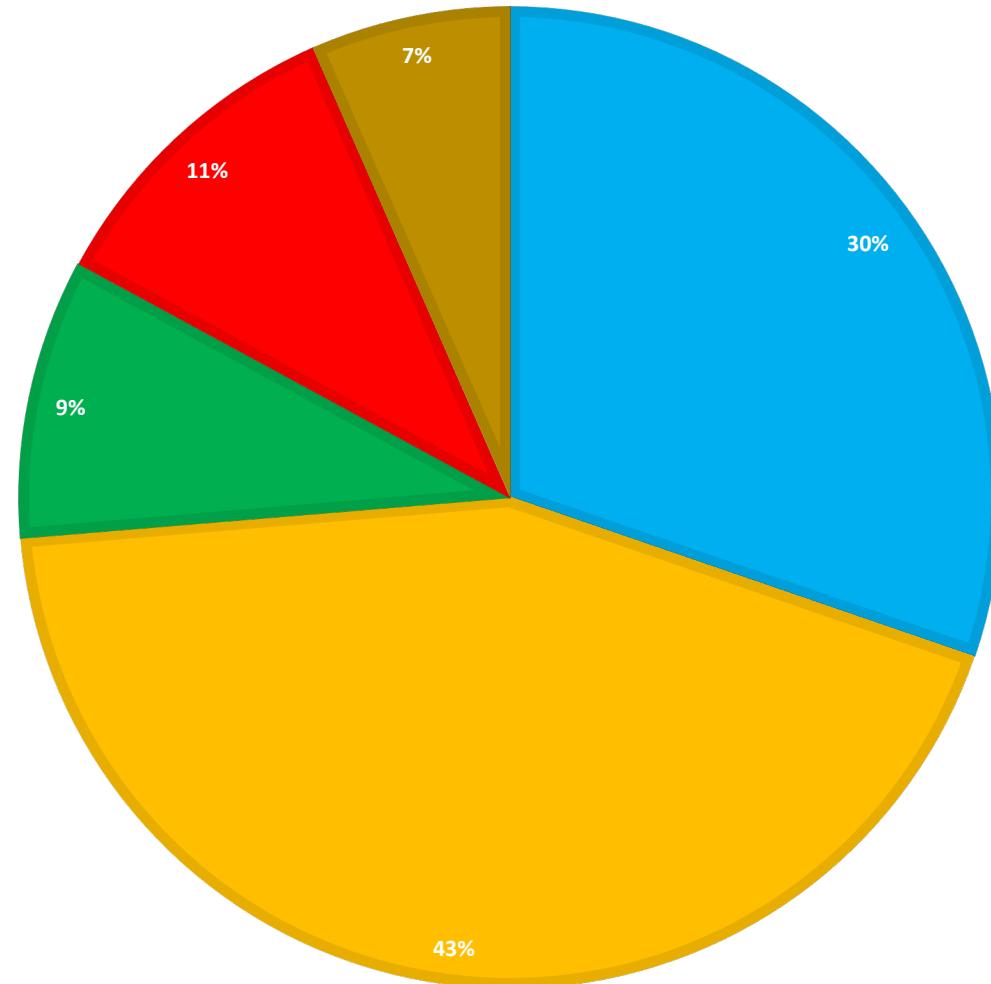
HLPF HELPED TAKE STOCK OF SDG PROGRESS

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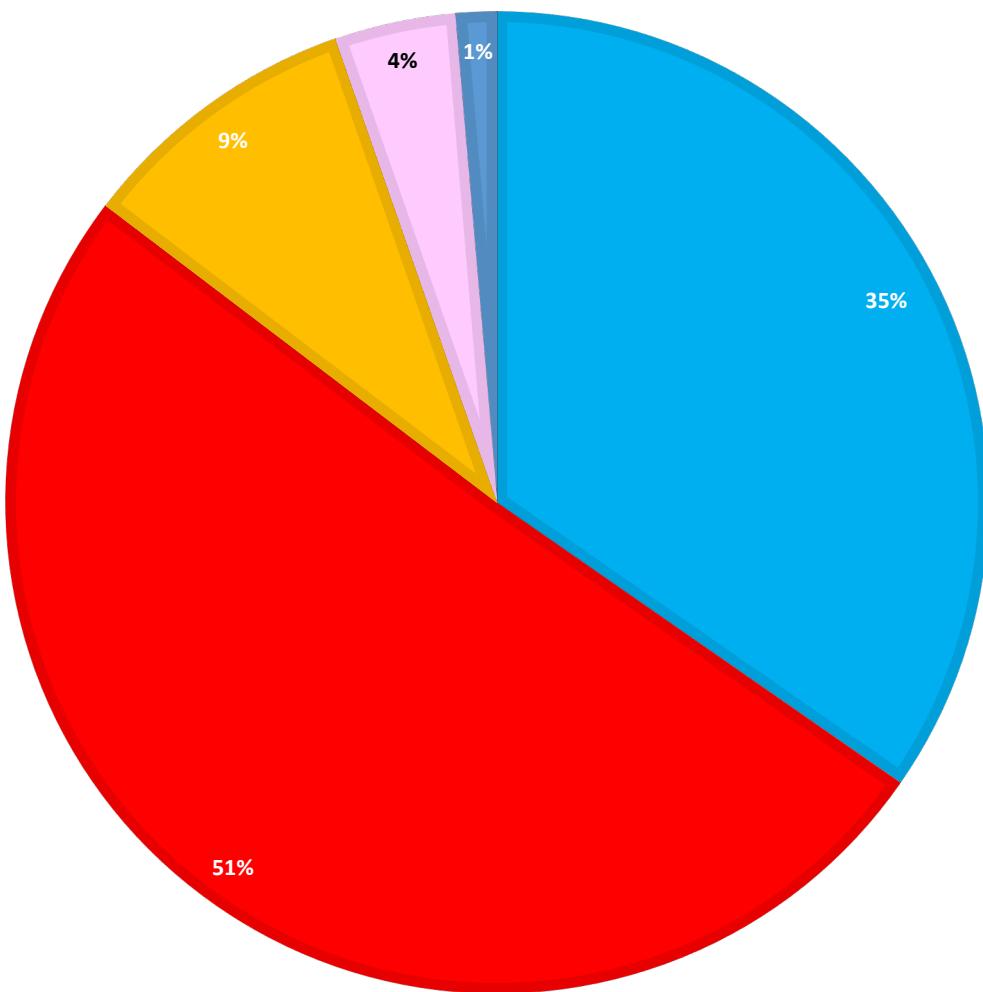
HLPF SUFFICIENTLY DISCUSSED SDG INTERLINKAGES

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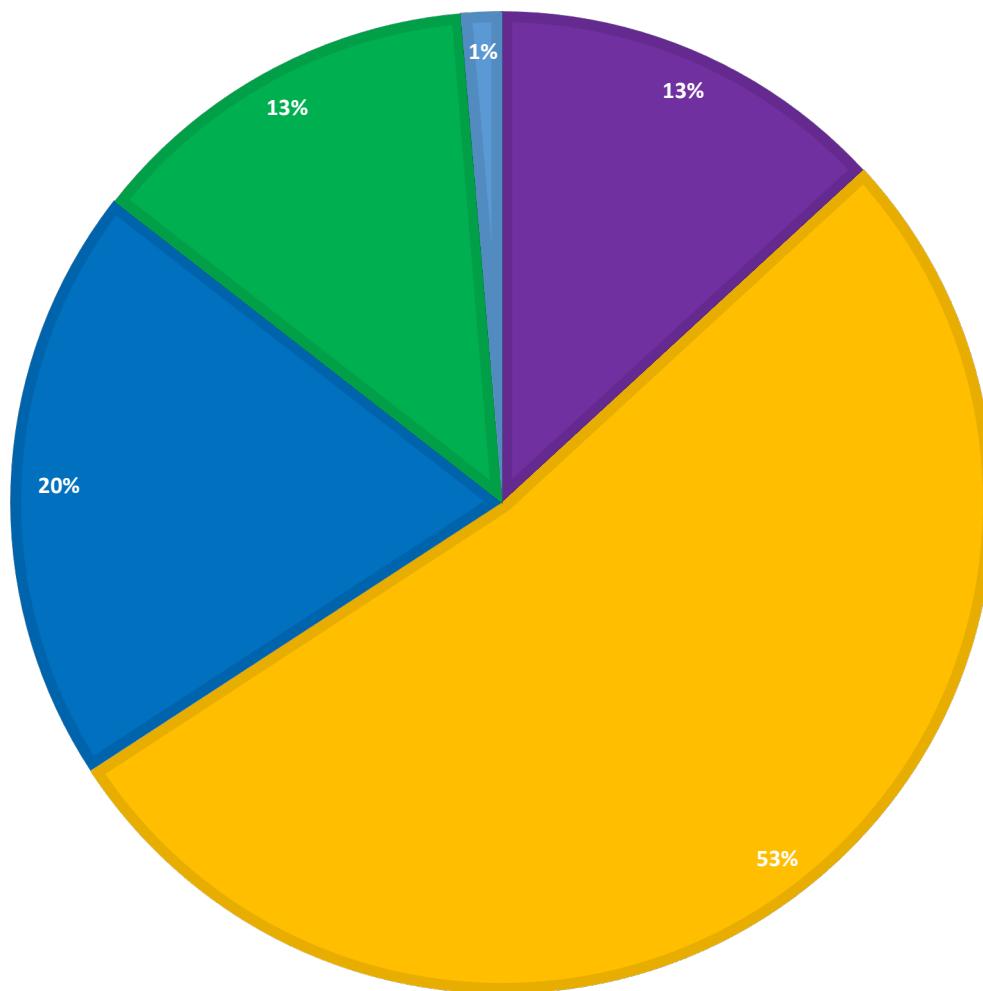
HLPF SHOWCASED GOOD PRACTICES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

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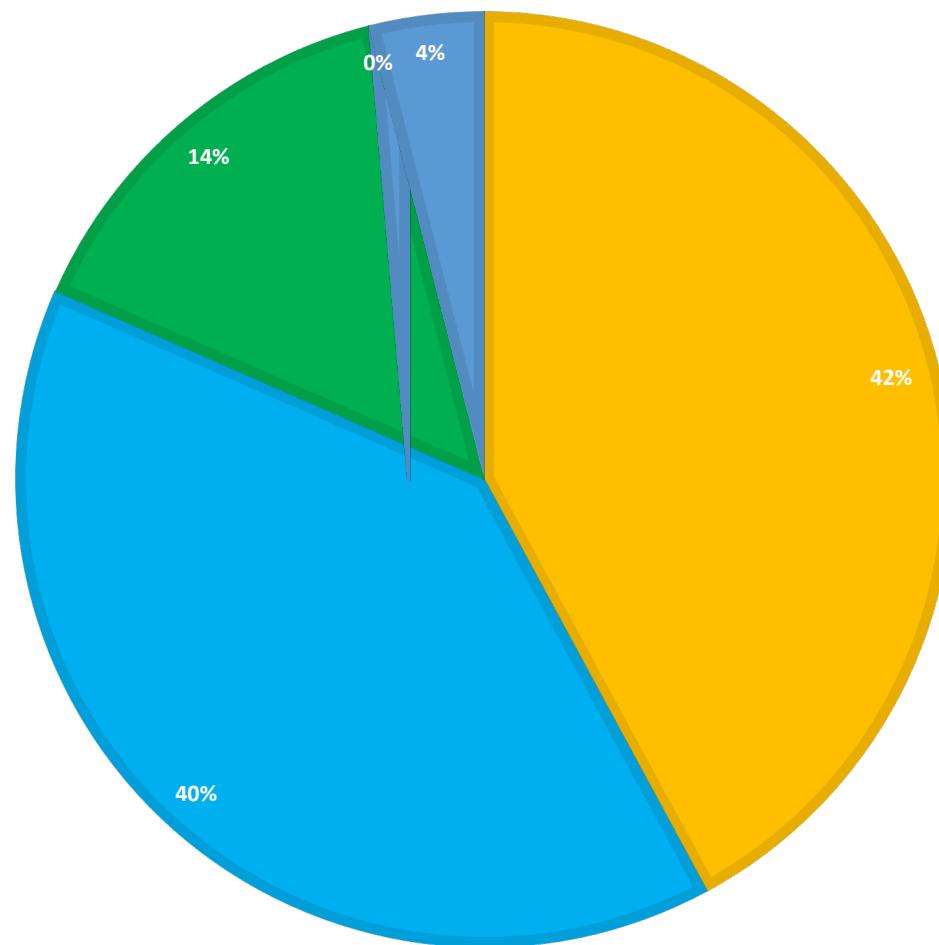
HLPF SHOWCASED SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES

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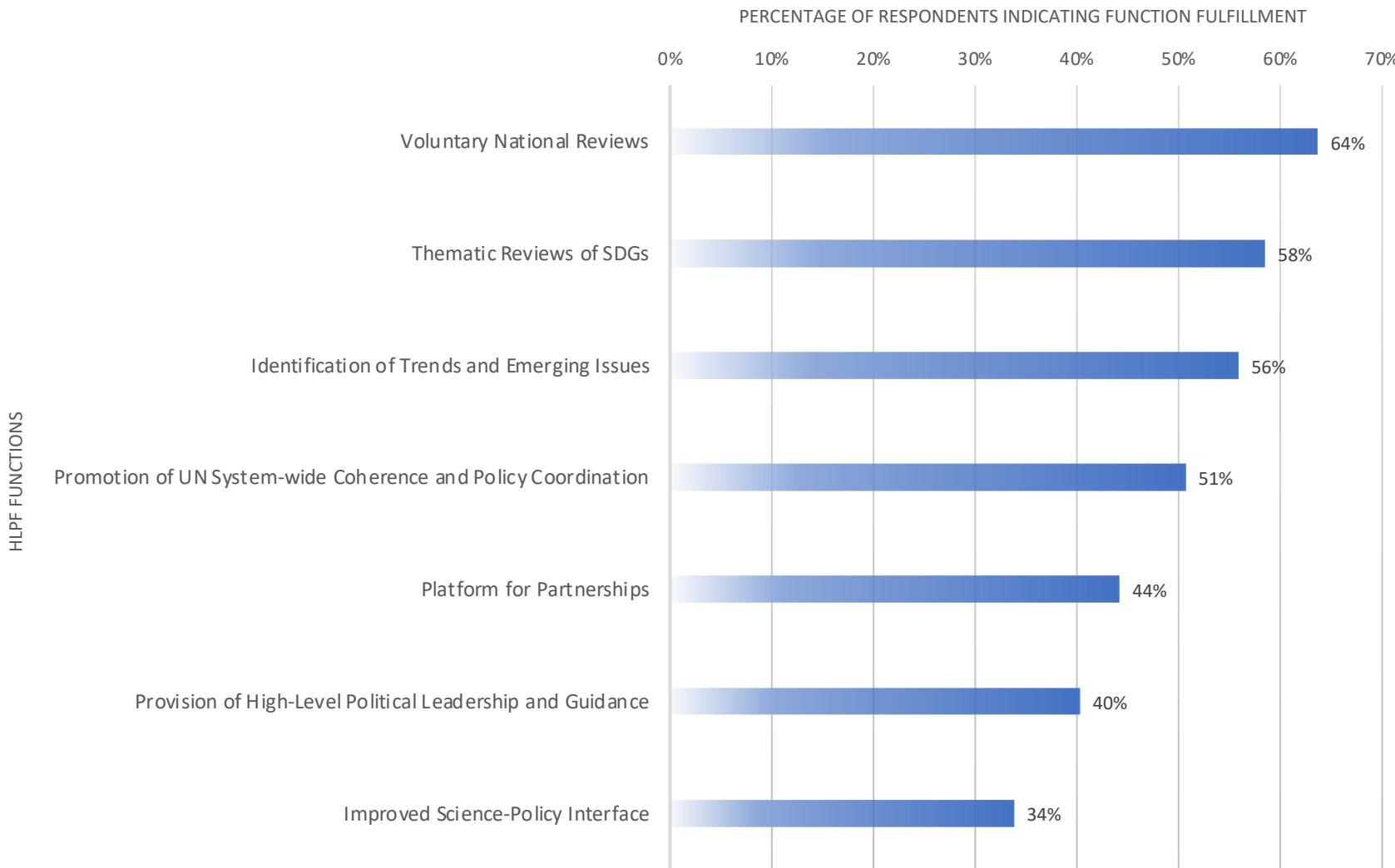


PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF VNRS ADVANCED NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

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HLPF FUNCTIONS THAT WERE BEST FULFILLED





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