



## 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

### SECURITY COUNCIL

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### SECRETARIAT

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

### TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL<sup>6</sup>

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Main Committees
- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup>

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
  - **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

#### Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

#### Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**<sup>1,8</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**<sup>1</sup> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

#### Related Organizations

- CTBTO PREPARATORY COMMISSION** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**<sup>1,3</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM**<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW**<sup>3</sup> Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**<sup>1,4</sup> World Trade Organization

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee

- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Military Staff Committee

- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Peacebuilding Commission

- HLPF** High-level political forum on sustainable development

#### Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

#### Regional Commissions<sup>8</sup>

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission or Western Asia

#### Other Bodies

- Committee for Development Policy
  - Committee of Experts on Public Administration
  - Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
  - Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNGEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

#### Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

#### Departments and Offices<sup>9</sup>

- EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

#### Specialized Agencies<sup>1,5</sup>

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP**<sup>7</sup>
- **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
  - **IDA** International Development Association
  - **IFC** International Finance Corporation

#### Notes:

- 1 Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- 2 UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- 3 IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- 4 WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- 5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- 6 The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- 7 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- 8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- 9 The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

**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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**ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



# 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

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

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**UN System** – Funds,  
programmes, specialized  
agencies

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

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**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



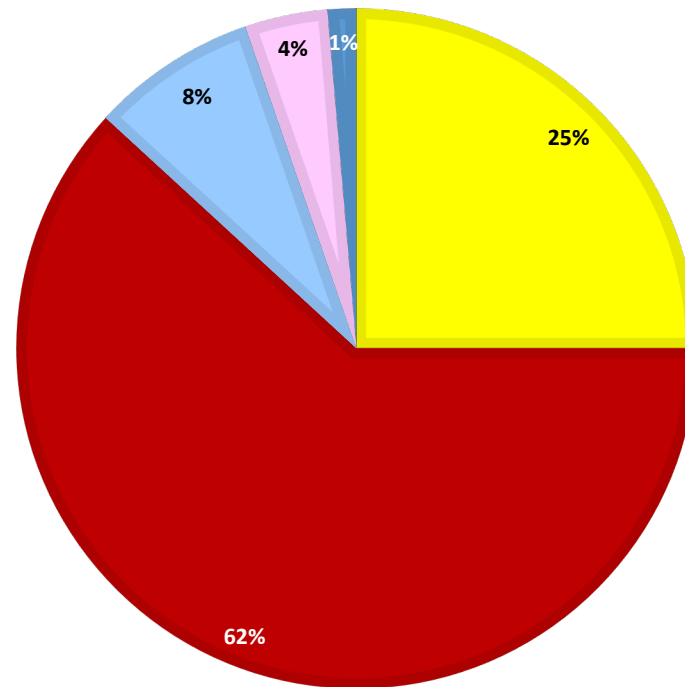
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# HLPF REVIEW IN 2021

## SURVEY RESULTS AT 2019 HLPF

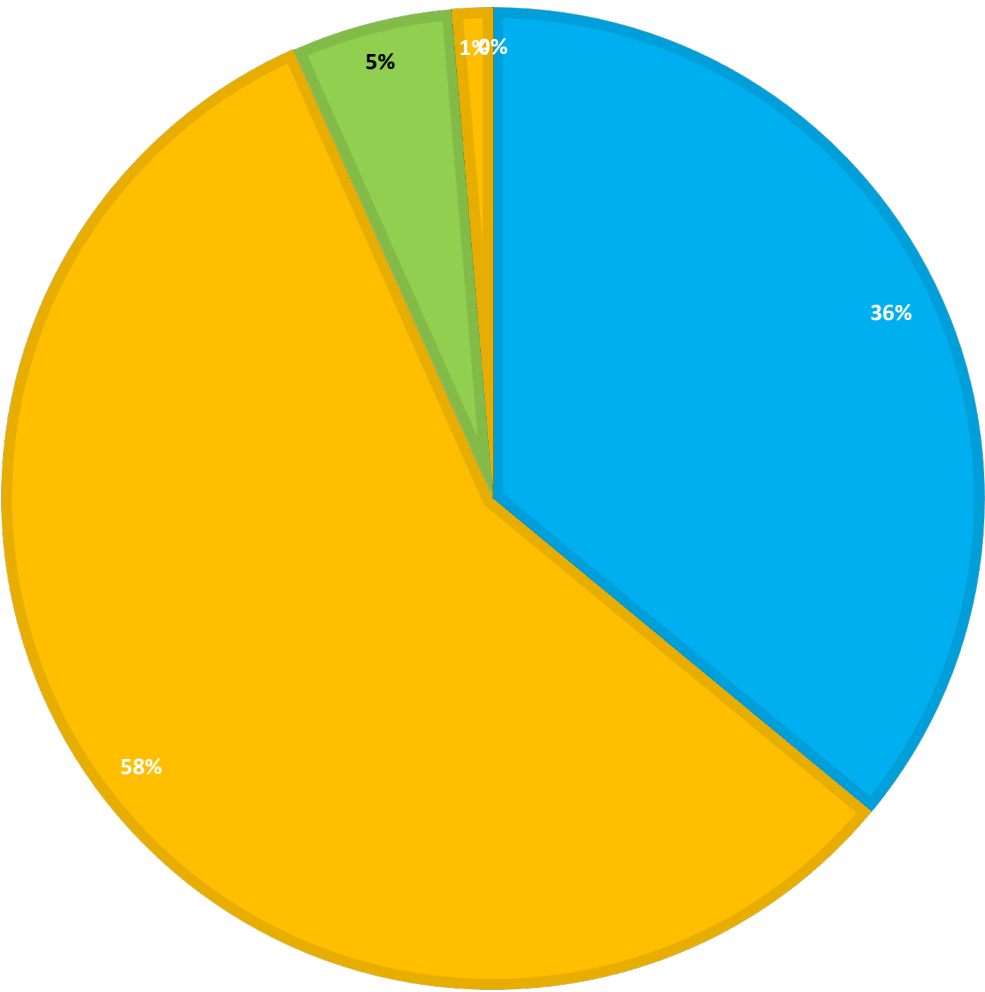
OVERALL, THE HLPF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW  
OF THE 2030 AGENDA & SDGS

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HLPF HELPED TAKE STOCK OF SDG PROGRESS

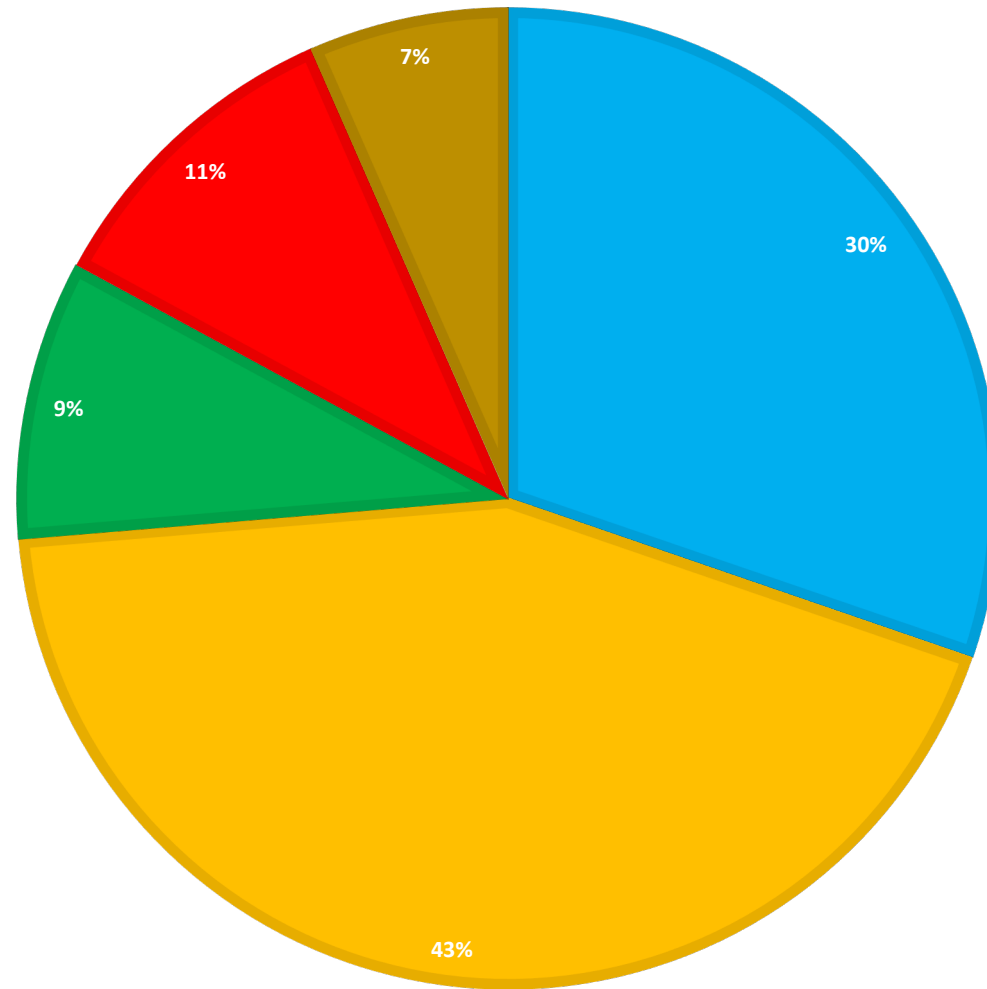
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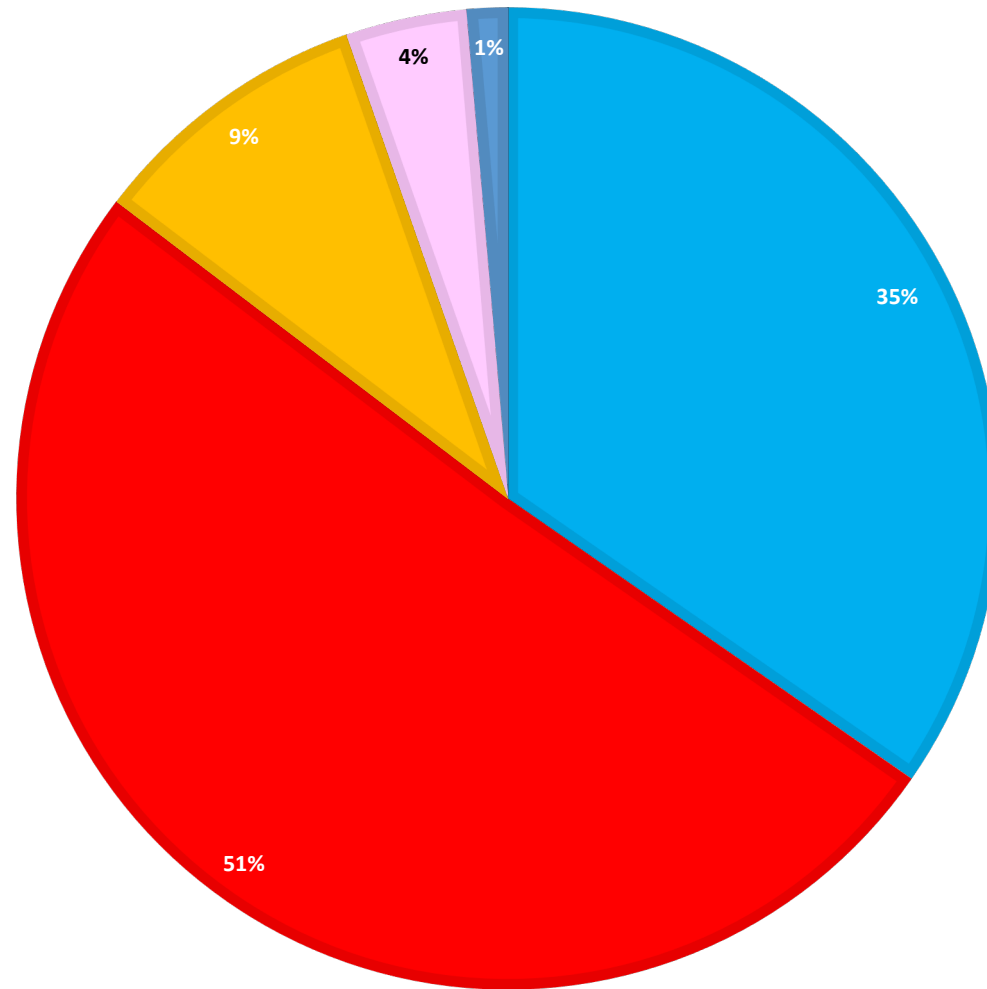
### HLPF SUFFICIENTLY DISCUSSED SDG INTERLINKAGES

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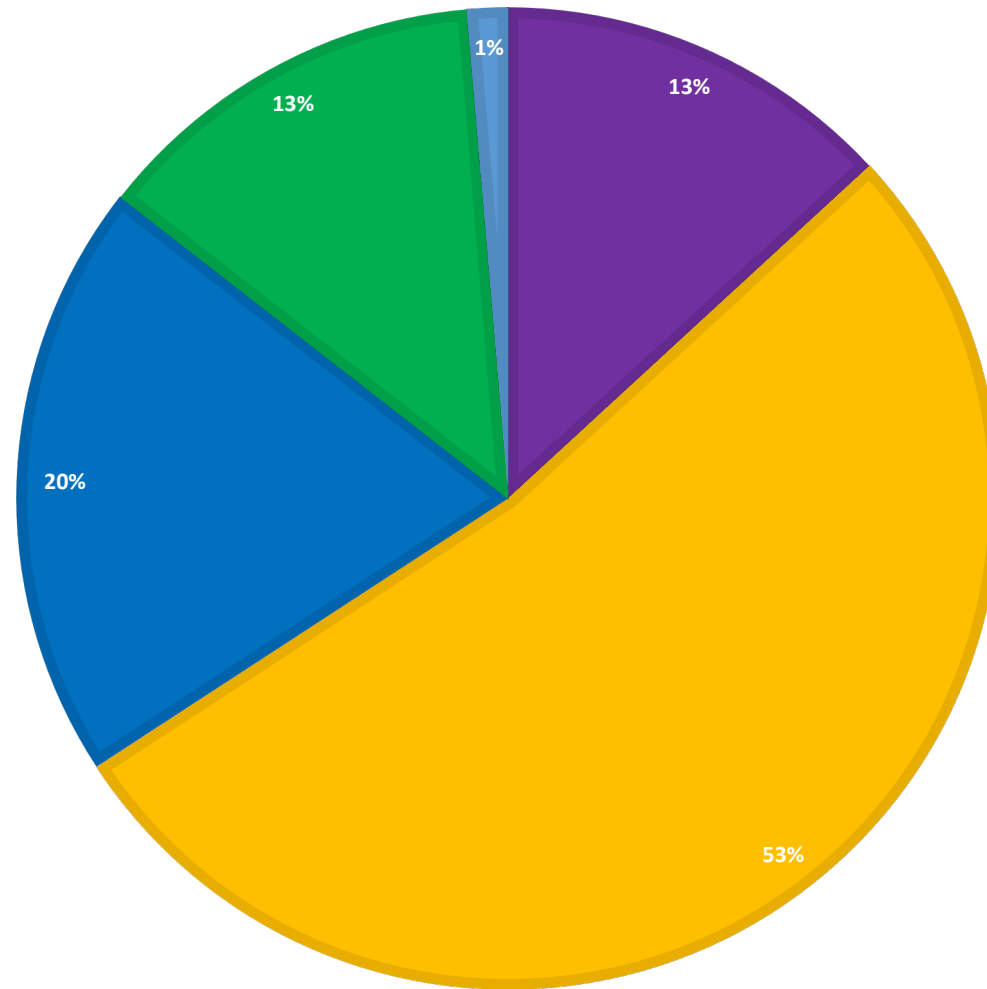
## HLPF SHOWCASED GOOD PRACTICES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

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## HLPF SHOWCASED SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES

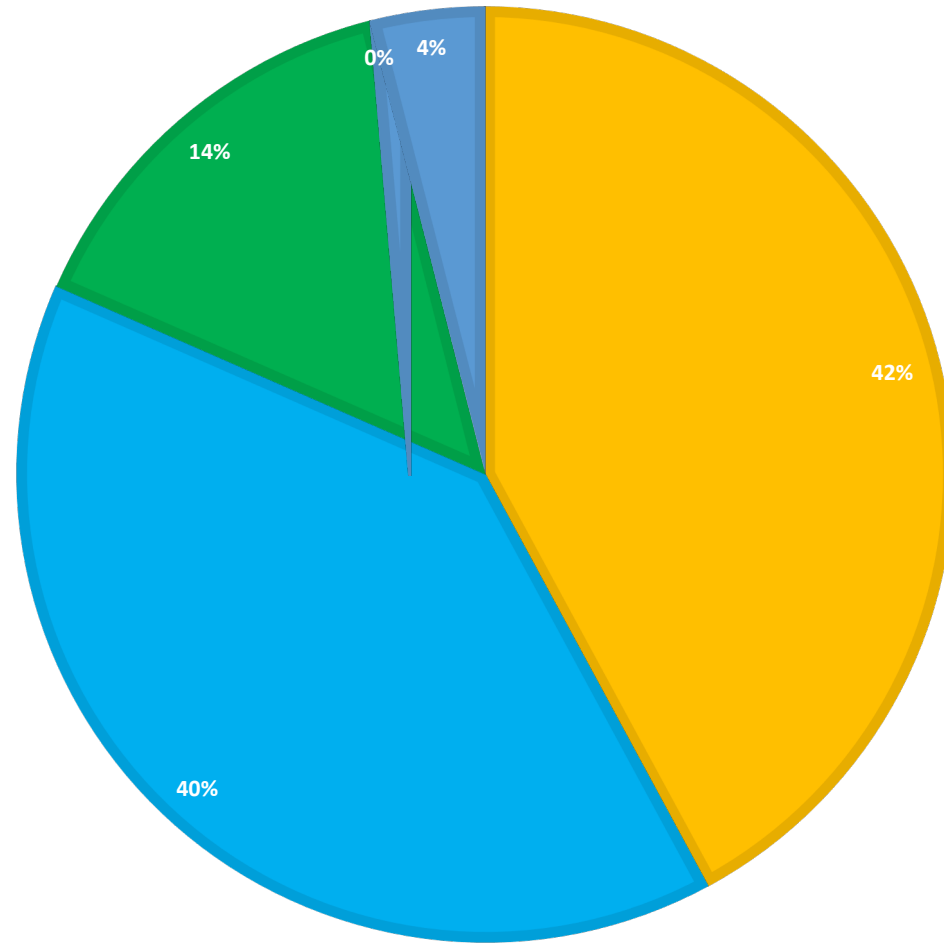
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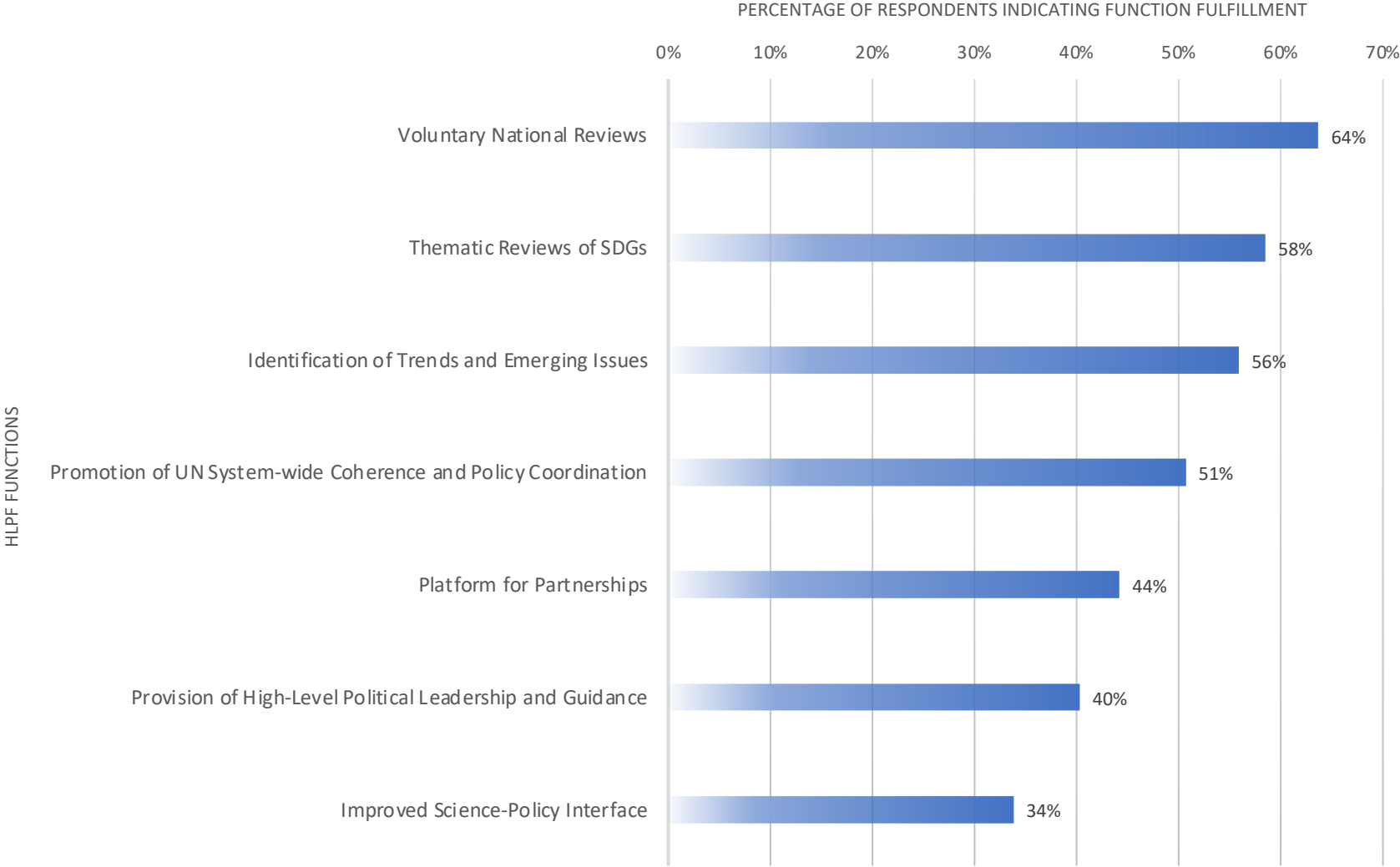


## PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF VNRS ADVANCED NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

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



# HLPF FUNCTIONS THAT WERE BEST FULFILLED





[sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021)

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