

NOTIFICATION
2022 United Nations High-Level Political Forum

Dear Madam/Sir,

The 2022 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held from Tuesday, 5 July, to Thursday, 7 July, and from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022, under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The theme of this 10th session of the HLPF is: “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

The 2022 HLPF will discuss in depth five Sustainable Development Goals: **4 (quality education)**, **5 (gender equality)**, **14 (life below water)**, **15 (life on land)**, and **17 (partnerships for the Goals)**, as well as the different and particular impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across these SDGs and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals. The following forty-five countries will also carry out voluntary national reviews ([VNRs](#)) of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Andorra, Argentina, Belarus, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominica, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Montenegro, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

I invite Parties to use the opportunity of the official thematic reviews of these Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the voluntary national reviews (VNRs) to highlight the role of biodiversity and ecosystems in sustainable development and their contribution to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs' implementation, as well as to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, highlighting specifically how biodiversity contributes to planetary and human health, and social development. In the light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the HLPF also offers a timely opportunity to demonstrate how biodiversity is at the core of the “building back better” vision and the UN Secretary-General's 2021 “Our Common Agenda”.

Parties may also wish to take advantage of the [Regional Forums for Sustainable Development](#) and thematic preparatory meetings to prepare for the HLPF, that will be convened by the Regional Commissions. The regional forums will assess progress and exchange knowledge, good practices and policy solutions to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, in line with regional priorities and specificities. The dates of the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development in 2022 are the following: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA): 3-5 March 2022; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC): 8-10 March 2022; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA): 15-17 March 2022; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP): 28-31 March 2022 and Economic Commission for Europe (ECE): 6-7 April 2022.

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points and ABS Focal Points



Further information and resources to assist Parties in this respect, including biodiversity and gender-specific guidance for countries preparing their reviews and a set of key preliminary messages related to biodiversity and the SDGs, are available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/development/implementation/hlpf/>. The Secretariat will be updating this webpage as new information becomes available.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary