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## Report of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2022 session

### Summary

A key message of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2022 session is that the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine and climate change are the main challenges setting back progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Energy and food insecurity, high national debt, high inflation and natural disasters are also constraining recovery and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the same time, the response to and recovery from these multiple challenges offer an opportunity for renewed multilateral action and transformed policies guided by the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving a more resilient world will require strong global solidarity, scaled-up international and regional cooperation, increased development financing and addressing the debt crisis. Transformational policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals will also be essential, including strengthening One Health and social protection systems and promoting decent jobs, leaving no one behind. Regarding Goal 13, urgent action is needed to implement the commitments on climate change, including the Glasgow Climate Pact, to keep alive the prospects of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, thus helping to build back better and greener from COVID-19.

Countries in special situations have been disproportionately affected by the multitude of current crises. The international community has a fundamental role to play in responding to the needs of such countries and creating an enabling environment for sustainable progress. A multidimensional vulnerability index has the potential to recognize the specific situation of small island developing States and contribute to a more useful, efficient and effective allocation of global financial flows in a manner that is beneficial to all developing countries.







Engaging local authorities and communities is essential for an inclusive implementation of the 2030 Agenda and leaving no one behind. Collective action by all stakeholders is needed to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable groups and marginalized communities in building back better. Women and young people have a key role to play in achieving sustainable development and should be fully empowered and involved in decision-making processes.

Education is a human right, a public good, an investment in social inclusion and economic development and a foundation for achieving all of the Sustainable Development Goals. The forthcoming Transforming Education Summit will provide an opportunity to address what currently hinders the achievement of Goal 4, including identifying innovative financial means for education and taking action to accelerate the recovery of the sector from the effects of the pandemic. Digitalization in education and learning, closing the digital divide and ensuring equal access to quality education are priority areas for action.

In 2022, no country in the world has achieved gender equality. The 2030 Agenda cannot be attained without a central focus on women and girls, who continue to face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and injustice worldwide. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected women and widened gender inequalities across the globe. The pandemic continues to pose a great risk to gender equality and has contributed to the rise of unpaid care work and gender-based violence. The response to the pandemic, however, provides an opportunity to realize a more gender-equal society, including through gender-responsive policies and budgeting. It is also essential to prioritize decent work and equal pay for women and increase women's participation in politics, senior management and decision-making.

Oceans touch every aspect of human lives and billions of people depend on oceans for their livelihoods. The political declaration of the second United Nations Ocean Conference re-energized the commitment for action towards accelerated implementation of Goal 14 through partnerships and collaboration. The political momentum generated by the Ocean Conference needs to be seized, including by putting in place more effective global ocean governance mechanisms and policies towards a healthy and productive ocean for all.

The sustainable management of terrestrial ecosystems is fundamental for sustainability, a sustainable recovery from the global COVID-19 pandemic, and nature-based solutions to climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. A coherent and synergetic agenda on terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity must embrace multi-stakeholder collaboration to effectively address global deforestation, land degradation, biodiversity loss, poverty eradication, food insecurity and climate change. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework must be ambitious and put the world on a path to recover from biodiversity loss, including through effective monitoring and delivery of means of implementation.

An increase in flows of public and private finance is needed to bridge the financing gap and deliver on the promises of the Sustainable Development Goals. Reforms in the international finance, debt and taxation architecture must be urgently pursued, with all countries and stakeholders taking an active and equal role. Surging global public debt is compounding debt vulnerabilities that predated the pandemic and therefore, there is a need to assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring, and sound debt management. Meaningful trade liberalization is urgently needed to support stronger economic growth, the reduction of inequalities, job creation, productivity gains and the promotion of sustainable development.

Actions to address emerging challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions have demonstrated the critical role that science, technology and digital innovation can play in achieving sustainable development. International cooperation is vital in the financing, development and deployment of science and technology and in closing the digital divide. Support for science-based responses, enhanced access to technology and improved digital literacy through a science, technology and innovation road map are critical for harnessing the full potential of science, technology and innovation.

The rule of law has a critical role to play in the achievement of sustainable development, including through the provision of just and transparent conditions for investment, trade and application of digital technology, including dispute resolution.

Public, private and civil society partnerships and multi-stakeholder coalitions are critical for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including through mobilizing a wide range of resources and financing for development. The focus of investment through partnerships should go beyond value for money to include value for society and for future generations.

The 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development will provide an important opportunity to renew the commitment to the 2030 Agenda and focus on implementation and actions to accelerate the Goals, building on the outcomes of other intergovernmental processes. The preparatory process leading up to the high-level political forum needs to be participatory and inclusive and include all actors, namely, Governments, the United Nations system and stakeholders, so that it marks the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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### I. Introduction

- 1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council would be convened annually by the President of the Council for a period of eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment. Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to Assembly resolution 68/1, the three-day ministerial meeting is to be held during the high-level segment of the Council.
- 2. The Council, in its resolution 2022/1 and decision 2022/302, decided that the forum would be held from 5 to 7 and 11 to 15 July 2022 and the high-level segment of its 2022 session from 13 to 18 July, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum from 13 to 15 July.
- 3. In its resolution 75/290 B, the General Assembly decided that the theme of the 2022 session of the forum would be "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" and that the forum, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, would review Goals 4, 5, 14 and 15 in depth, in addition to its annual in-depth review of Goal 17.
- 4. The present report reflects the proceedings of the forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2022 session.

### II. Proceedings of and action taken at the forum

- 5. From 5 to 15 July 2022, the forum held 16 meetings, comprising opening and closing meetings, discussions on the review of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17 and thematic panel discussions, as well as 44 voluntary national reviews.<sup>1</sup>
- 6. In a letter dated 4 July 2022, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), invited delegations to submit official statements for the general debate in writing or through a video recording. The statements and video messages received by the Secretariat can be accessed on the website of the forum.<sup>2</sup>
- 7. A total of 273 side events, 11 exhibitions and 8 special events, as well as other related activities, were held on the margins of the formal meetings of the forum and were sponsored by a diverse group of stakeholders, including Governments; agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system; international and intergovernmental organizations; and major groups and other relevant stakeholders.<sup>3</sup> Information on the events is available on the website of the forum.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the annotated programme at https://hlpf.un.org/2022/programme.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See https://hlpf.un.org/2022/general-debate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The major groups, as defined in Agenda 21: Programme of Action for Sustainable Development, are: women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry; the scientific and technological community; and farmers. In addition, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, recognized the role of other stakeholders, such as private philanthropic organizations, educational and academic entities, persons with disabilities, volunteer groups and other stakeholders active in areas related to sustainable development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See https://hlpf.un.org/2022/hlpf-2022-other-events.

### Opening of the forum

- 8. At the 1st meeting, on 5 July, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), declared open the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2022 session.
- 9. At the same meeting, the forum viewed an introductory video.
- 10. Also at the same meeting, the President of the Council made an opening statement.
- 11. Also at the 1st meeting, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations made opening remarks and presented the synthesis of the main messages from the voluntary national reviews, as contained in document E/HLPF/2022/5.
- 12. At the same meeting, a keynote address was made by University Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Nicholas Stern (via video link).
- 13. Also at the same meeting, the Vice-President of the Council, Suriya Chindawongse (Thailand), presented messages from the coordination segment of the Council, held on 3 and 4 February.
- 14. At the 1st meeting, keynote statements were made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Qu Dongyu; Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships of the World Bank Group, Mari Pangestu; Sustainable Development Goals Advocate and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi (via video link); and Sustainable Development Goals Advocate from Chile, Valentina Muñoz Rabanal.
- 15. At the same meeting, a statement was made by members of the K-pop group, aespa, followed by a viewing of its music video.

### Conclusion of the forum

- 16. At the 16th meeting, on 15 July, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations made closing remarks.
- 17. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made a statement and declared closed the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2022 session.

### Action on the draft ministerial declaration

- 18. At its 16th meeting, on 15 July, under agenda item 3 (Adoption of the ministerial declaration), the forum had before it the draft ministerial declaration of the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (E/2022/L.14-E/HLPF/2022/L.1).
- 19. At the same meeting, the representative of Italy made a statement.
- 20. Also at the same meeting, the President of the Council made a statement and informed the forum that the draft ministerial declaration had no programme budget implications.

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21. Also at its 16th meeting, the forum decided to retain operative paragraph 131 of the draft ministerial declaration by a recorded vote of 101 to 3, with 42 abstentions. The result of the vote was as follows:<sup>5</sup>

### In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

#### Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

### Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

- 22. After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Israel.
- 23. At the same meeting, the forum adopted the ministerial declaration, as a whole.
- 24. Also at the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft ministerial declaration, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (also on behalf of Albania, Argentina, Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the European Union and its member States, Fiji, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America), Czechia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Andorra, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia and San Marino), Colombia (on behalf of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the United States of America, Hungary, Guatemala, Türkiye, the Russian Federation, the Holy See, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Nigeria, Mexico, China, Nicaragua, Indonesia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, South Africa, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Yemen, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Libya and the Syrian Arab Republic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The delegation of Sierra Leone subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour. The delegation of Romania subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

### Adoption of the draft report

25. At its 16th meeting, under agenda item 4 (Adoption of the report), the forum adopted its draft report (E/HLPF/2022/L.2) and agreed to entrust the President of the Council with finalizing the report to reflect the proceedings of the forum.

# III. Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- 26. The proceedings of the forum under agenda item 2, Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, are set out below.
- 27. At the 1st meeting, on 5 July, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/2022/55).

### Townhall discussion on the theme "Building back better and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals"

- 28. At its 1st meeting, on 5 July, the forum held a townhall discussion on the theme "Building back better and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Thailand) and moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Nikhil Seth, who made a statement.
- 29. Statements were made by the following invited speakers: Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana; Vice-President of Colombia and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Marta Lucía Ramírez (via video link); Director-General of the International Organization for Migration, António Vitorino (via video link); Minister of Education of Finland, Li Andersson; Fellow in Economics at Saint Edmund Hall of the University of Oxford, Adjunct Professor of Economics at the London Business School and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Linda Yueh; Director-General of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (pre-recorded video); Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of Azerbaijan, Anar Karimov; Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Natalia Kanem; Co-Chair of the Independent Group of Scientists for the 2023 edition of the Global Sustainable Development Report, J. Jaime Miranda; Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, Najat Maalla M'jid; Chair of the Government Planning Commission and Senior Policy Adviser to the Minister of Finance of Ghana, George Gyan-Baffour; Special Adviser to the Minister of Health for the Public Health and One Health Approach of Croatia, Vera Katalinić Janković (via video link); Member of the Executive Council of Young Women + Leaders for Peace of the Philippines, Lynrose Jane Genon; Member of the Independent Group of Scientists for the 2023 edition of the Global Sustainable Development Report in India, Vipula and Mahesh Chaturvedi Professor of Policy Studies and Founding Head of the School of Public Policy at the Indian Institute of Technology, Ambuj Sagar; Advocacy Coordinator of Más Igualdad Perú and Representative of the other stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, Gabriela Zavaleta-Vera; Chief Executive Officer of GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, Seth Berkley (pre-recorded video); and Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt, Hala El-Said (via video link).

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- 30. Statements were also made by the representatives of the European Union, China, Denmark, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Bangladesh, Algeria, Cuba, Nepal, France, Poland, Romania and the observer for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization.
- 31. The forum viewed a video by the Malian singer and guitarist, Vieux Farka Touré.

# Fireside chat on the theme "Working towards the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit – Launching preparations for the midterm review of the Sustainable Development Goals and the September 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit"

- 32. At its 5th meeting, on 7 July, the forum held a fireside chat on the theme "Working towards the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit Launching preparations for the midterm review of the Sustainable Development Goals and the September 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit", chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, who both made statements.
- 33. Presentations were made by the following invited speakers: Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya, Co-Chair of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on the Sustainable Development Goals and Co-Facilitator of the 2030 Agenda Process, Macharia Kamau; Distinguished Fellow of the Overseas Development Institute and Co-Facilitator of the 2030 Agenda Process, David Donoghue; European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen; Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori; Regional Managing Director for Latin America of The Nature Conservancy, Paula Caballero; Member of the Independent Group of Scientists for the 2023 edition of the Global Sustainable Development Report and Deputy Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute, Åsa Persson; Regional Director of The Hunger Project in East Africa, Daisy Ndikuno Owomugasho; and Representative of the Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development in Nigeria, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Margaret Olabisi Mekwuye.
- 34. Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, France, Mali, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the observer for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization and the representatives of the indigenous peoples major group, the children and youth major group and the other stakeholders group for civil society financing for development.

### Introduction of the report on sustainable consumption and production patterns

35. At the 7th meeting, on 11 July, following a statement by the Vice-President of the Council, Diego Pary Rodríguez (Plurinational State of Bolivia), the Chair of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and Director-General of Environment and Climate Change at the Ministry of Climate Change of Pakistan, Muhammad Irfan Tariq, introduced the note of the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (E/2022/56).

### Messages from the regions

36. At its 13th meeting, on 14 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the theme "Messages from the regions", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia), who made an opening statement, and moderated by the Director of the Regional Commissions New York Office, Rosa Malango.

- 37. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Olga Algayerova, also made a statement.
- 38. The forum viewed a video presentation on snapshots from stakeholders from the regions.
- 39. Presentations were made by the following ministerial chairs of the regional forums on sustainable development: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Don Pramudwinai (pre-recorded video); Deputy Chair of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan, Edil Baisalov; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica, Arnoldo André Tinoco; Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda, Uzziel Ndagijimana; and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Jordan, Nasser Shraideh.
- 40. A statement was made by the lead discussant of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, April Porteria.
- 41. Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, France, Guatemala, Morocco, Lebanon, Ukraine, China, Belarus, Egypt, the Dominican Republic, the Russian Federation, the observer for the Council of Europe and the representative of the other stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons.
- 42. Concluding remarks were made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana; Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Rola Dashti; Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Mario Cimoli; Director of the Subregional Office for Eastern Africa of the Economic Commission for Africa, Mama Keita, on behalf of the Executive Secretary; and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, Olga Algayerova.

#### **Outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

43. At the 13th meeting, on 14 July, the President of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, Leila Benali, presented the outcomes of the Assembly at its resumed fifth session, held from 28 February to 2 March, and its special session, held from 3 to 4 March 2022 (pre-recorded video).

## Ministerial round table on the theme "Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030: addressing ongoing crises and overcoming challenges"

- 44. At its 14th (A) meeting, on 14 July, the forum held a ministerial round table on the theme "Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030: addressing ongoing crises and overcoming challenges", chaired by the President of the Council, who made a statement.
- 45. Statements were made by the following speakers: Vice-President of Kiribati, Teuea Toatu; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning of Iraq, Khalid Battal Al-Najim; Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan, Edil Baisalov; Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Huang Runqiu; Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt, Hala El-Said; Federal Minister for the European Union and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery of Austria, Karoline Edtstadler; Minister of the Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania, Barna Tánczos; Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives of Pakistan, Ahsan Iqbal; Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan, Alibek Kuantyrov; Minister for Environment, Energy and Enterprise of Malta, Miriam Dalli; Minister in the Presidency of South Africa, Mondli Gungubele; Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Sierra Leone, Francis

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M. Kai-Kai; Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the Sudan, Gebreil Ibrahim Mohamed Fediel; Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, Leila Benali; Minister of Education and Science of Latvia, Anita Muižniece; Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, Carlos Eduardo Correa Escaf; Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Arnoldo André Tinoco; Minister of Health of Malawi, Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, Kamina Johnson Smith; Prime Minister of Sint Maarten of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Silveria Jacobs; Minister of Environment, Conservation, Natural Resources and Tourism of Botswana, Philda Kereng; Minister of Planning of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Christian Mwando; Minister for General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda, Justine Kasule Lumumba; Presidential Commissioner for Municipal Affairs of Guatemala, Luis René Ruano; Secretary of State for International Cooperation of Spain, Pilar Cancela Rodríguez; Deputy Minister for Economic Management of Liberia, Augustus Jonathan Flomo; Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Phoxay Khaykhamphithoune; Vice-Chair of the National Planning Commission of Nepal, Biswo Nath Poudel; Secretary of State in the Ministry of Planning of Cambodia, Thavrak Tuon; Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection of Germany, Bettina Hoffmann; State Secretary for International Development of Norway, Bjørg Sandkjær; Under-Secretary for Diplomatic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman, Khalifa Ali Assa Al Harthy; Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Vershinin; Secretary of National Planning and Monitoring of Papua New Guinea, Koney Samuel; State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Shahriar Alam; Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia, Nunu Mitskevich; State Minister of Finance for Economic Cooperation of Ethiopia, Semereta Sewasew; Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Rubén Darío Molina; Minister Delegate to the Minister of Economy, Finance and Forecasting of Burkina Faso, Brigitte Marie Suzanne Compaoré-Yoni; Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance of Mozambique, Carla Alexandra Oreste do Rosario Fernandes Louveira; General Manager of Resource Mobilization at the Ministry of Economy, Development Planning and International Cooperation of Chad, Saleh Hassaballah Waria; and Vice-Chairperson of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, the government think tank of India, Suman Bery.

46. The Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia) made a closing statement.

### A. Review of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17

47. At its 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th meetings, from 5 to 7 and on 11 July, the forum considered agenda item 2 (a), Review of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17.

#### Review of the implementation of Goal 17

48. At its 2nd meeting, on 5 July, the forum held two interactive discussions and a fireside chat for its review of Goal 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development) and its interlinkages with the other Sustainable Development Goals.

### Interactive discussion on the theme "Financing a robust crisis response and investing in the Sustainable Development Goals"

49. The interactive discussion on the theme "Financing a robust crisis response and investing in the Sustainable Development Goals", was chaired by the Vice-President

- of the Council (Bulgaria), who made a statement, and was moderated by Senior Fellow in the Global Economy and Development Programme, Centre for Sustainable Development of the Brookings Institution, Homi Kharas.
- 50. A keynote statement was made by Sustainable Development Goals Advocate and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, Jeffrey Sachs (via video link).
- 51. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe, made a statement on regional commonalities and differences (via video link).
- 52. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a presentation on the statistical data related to Goal 17.
- 53. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Professor at the Islands and Small States Institute of the University of Malta, Lino Briguglio; Chief Executive Officer of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and Co-Chair of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance, Leila Fourie; and Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, Ulrich Volz.
- 54. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Director of the Equality Department at the International Trade Union Confederation, Paola Simonetti; Policy Research and Advocacy Manager at Tax Justice Network Africa, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Chenai Mukumba; and Secretary-General of the Finance in Common Initiative and Deputy Executive Director for Strategy, Partnerships and Communications at the Agence française de développement, Adama Mariko (via video link).
- 55. A statement was also made by the ministerial respondent, the Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden, Matilda Ernkrans (pre-recorded video).
- 56. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Switzerland, Guatemala, the European Union, Azerbaijan, Thailand, the Philippines, Mexico, Morocco and the other stakeholders group for civil society financing for development.

### Interactive discussion on the theme "Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and innovation for Sustainable Development Goals-driven recovery"

- 57. The interactive discussion on the theme "Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and innovation for Sustainable Development Goals-driven recovery", was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria), who made a statement.
- 58. A keynote statement was made by the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the 2022 multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, Kennedy Gastorn, who also moderated the discussion.
- 59. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Mario Cimoli; Associate Scientific Director of the Centre for the AIDS Research Programme in South Africa and UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV, Quarraisha Abdool Karim (via video link); Director-General of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Lawrence Banks; and Member of the Independent Group of Scientists for the 2023 edition of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* and the Director of the Institute of Eco-civilization Studies and Professor of Economics at Beijing University, Jiahua Pan (via video link).

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- 60. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Head of United Nations Affairs and International Organizations at Microsoft, Chris Sharrock; Representative of Shibuye Community Health Workers and the Huairou Commission, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Violet Shivutse; and Research, Education and Outreach Lead at the Kenya Space Agency, Charles Mwangi (via video link).
- 61. Statements were also made by the following ministerial respondents: Minister of Science and Technology of India, Jitendra Singh (pre-recorded video) and State Secretary for Global Affairs and Diplomatic Strategies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Cornel Feruță.
- 62. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the United States of America, China, Armenia, Malawi and the indigenous peoples major group.

### Fireside chat on the theme "Capacity development and partnerships to maximize the benefits of science, technology and knowledge for sustainable development"

- 63. The fireside chat on the theme "Capacity development and partnerships to maximize the benefits of science, technology and knowledge for sustainable development", was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria), who made a statement, and moderated by the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization, Jan Beagle.
- 64. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Titular Professor at the Economics Department of Basel University and Professor of Environmental Sciences at Lüneburg University, Raymond Saner; Representative of Voluntary Services Overseas, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Wezzie Chimwala; Chief Executive Officer of Util, Patrick Wood Uribe; and Executive Director of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, Alexander Buck.
- 65. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the resource persons responded to comments made and questions posed by the moderator.

### Review of the implementation of Goal 4

- 66. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 July, the forum held an interactive discussion for its review of Goal 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) and its interlinkages with the other Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia), who made a statement, and moderated by the Assistant Director-General for Education at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Stefania Giannini.
- 67. A keynote statement was made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for the Transforming Education Summit, Leonardo Garnier.
- 68. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a presentation on the statistical data related to Goal 4.
- 69. Presentations were made by the Director of International Trade at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration of Antigua and Barbuda, Joy-Marie King, and the Acting Head of the Strategic Planning and Coordination Unit of the Policy Planning and Coordination Department under the Administration of the Government of Georgia and National Coordinator of Sustainable Development Goals in Georgia, Natia Tsikaradze.
- 70. Presentations were also made by the following resource persons: Deputy Executive Director for Programmes at the United Nations Children's Fund, Omar

- Abdi; Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization, Sheam Satkuru; and President of Education International, Susan Hopgood.
- 71. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Vice-President and Founding Member of Foro Educativo in Peru, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Madeleine Zuniga; and Member of ATD Fourth World in El Alto, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Victoria Huallpa Mamani.
- 72. Statements were also made by the following ministerial respondents: Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education of Sierra Leone and Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Transforming Education Summit, David Moinina Sengeh; Minister for Education of Finland, Li Andersson; Minister of Education of Madagascar, Marie Michelle Sahondrarimalala; Minister of Education of El Salvador ad interim, José Mauricio Pineda; Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Friends for Education and Lifelong Learning, Ishikane Kimihiro.
- 73. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Zambia, Bangladesh, Norway, Mexico, the European Union, Czechia, China, Spain and the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- 74. In a second round of discussion, presentations were made by the following resource persons: Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Global Partnership for Education, Charles North, and the SDG4Youth Network Representative to the SDG4 Education 2030 High-level Steering Committee (Sherpa Group), Doris Mwikali.
- 75. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Member of ATD Fourth World in El Alto, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Victoria Huallpa Mamani; and Vice-President and Founding Member of Foro Educativo in Peru, representing the major groups and other stakeholders, Madeleine Zuniga.
- 76. Statements were also made by the following ministerial respondents: Minister of Education of El Salvador ad interim, José Mauricio Pineda, and Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Friends for Education and Lifelong Learning, Ishikane Kimihiro.
- 77. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Botswana, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, Ukraine, Malawi, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Azerbaijan, Morocco, Nepal, France, Ethiopia, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba, Qatar, the women major group and the children and youth major group.

#### Review of the implementation of Goal 5

- 78. At its 5th meeting, on 7 July, the forum held an interactive discussion for its review of Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) and its interlinkages with other Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Chief Executive Officer and President of the International Centre for Research on Women, Peggy Clark, who both made statements.
- 79. Keynote statements were made by global advocate for cancer control and non-communicable diseases, Princess Dina Mired of Jordan, and the Founder of the Panzi Hospital Foundation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and 2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Dr. Denis Mukwege.
- 80. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a presentation on the statistical data related to Goal 5.
- 81. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Rola Dashti; President of

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- the National Women's Institute of Mexico, Nadine Gasman (via video link); Co-Founder of Mobile Scan Solutions in Uganda, Menyo Innocent (via video link); and Founder of Tofara Online in Zimbabwe, Tofara Lindsay Chokera (via video link).
- 82. The following lead discussants made statements: Representative of Women's Support and Information Center NPO Estonia, representing major groups and other stakeholders, Pille Tsopp-Pagan, and Danish Youth Delegate to the United Nations, Frida Ravn Rosling.
- 83. Statements were also made by the following ministerial respondents: European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen; and Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities of South Africa, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane (via video link).
- 84. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Czechia, Guatemala, the United States of America, the Holy See, Nepal, Botswana, Belgium, Thailand, Finland, Jordan, the workers and trade unions major group and the farmers major group.
- 85. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia responded to the comments made.
- 86. In a second round of discussion, presentations were made by the following resource persons: Senior Fellow of Promundo in the United States, Margaret Greene; Founder of the Panzi Hospital Foundation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and 2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Dr. Denis Mukwege; and Founder of Fightback in Nepal, Vikrant Pandey (via video link).
- 87. The following lead discussants made statements: United Nations Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, Victor Madrigal-Borloz; and Director of the Agency for Gender Equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Samra Filipović-Hadžiabdić (via video link).
- 88. A statement was made by the ministerial respondent, the Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment and Minister of State for Gender Equality of Japan, Seiko Noda (pre-recorded video).
- 89. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Armenia, Zambia, France, Azerbaijan, Norway, Portugal, China, Spain, Cuba, Sweden, Ukraine, Morocco, the Philippines, Malawi, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the non-governmental organizations major group.

### Review of the implementation of Goal 14

- 90. At its 6th meeting, on 7 July, the forum held an interactive discussion for its review of Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development) and its interlinkages with other Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by the President of the Council, who made a statement, and moderated by the Blue Economy Director at the Waitt Institute, Angus Friday.
- 91. A keynote statement was made by Marine Biologist and Explorer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society, Sylvia Earle.
- 92. The Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Angela Paolini Ellard, made a statement on the results of the twelfth World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (via video link).
- 93. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement on the outcomes of the 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference.

- 94. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a presentation on the statistical data related to Goal 14.
- 95. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Ocean, Peter Thomson, and Executive Director of Oceans 5, J. Charles Fox.
- 96. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Manager for Advisory and Operations at the Climate Change Group of the World Bank Group, Valerie Hickey.
- 97. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Kenya, Sweden, Israel, Switzerland, the United States of America, Guatemala, Ireland, Nigeria, Ghana, Mexico, the European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the other stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.
- 98. In a second round of discussion, presentations were made by the following resource persons: Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana; Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Vladimir Ryabinin (via video link); and Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Executive Office of the United Nations Global Compact, Sanda Ojiambo.
- 99. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Head of the Research Unit: Physical Oceanography at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel and Professor at Kiel University in Germany, Martin Visbeck.
- 100. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, Finland, Thailand, Morocco, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Antigua and Barbuda, India, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the indigenous peoples major group, the workers and trade unions major group and the children and youth major group.

### Review of the implementation of Goal 15

- 101. At its 7th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive discussion for its review of Goal 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss) and its interlinkages with other Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia) and moderated by the Executive Director of Preventing Pandemics at the Source Initiative with Dalberg Catalyst, Nigel Sizer.
- 102. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a presentation on the statistical data related to Goal 15.
- 103. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Bruno Oberle; Indigenous Leader from Ecuador's Achuar people and Representative of the Confederation of Indigenous Nations of the Ecuadorian Amazon, Uyunkar Domingo Peas; and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Olga Algayerova.
- 104. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Head of Regional Surveillance for Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia at the International Monetary Fund, Ralph Chami.

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- 105. A statement was also made by the respondent, the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations and Chair of the eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Zéphyrin Maniratanga.
- 106. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of France, the Philippines, Finland, Mexico, China, Norway, Czechia, Switzerland, Guatemala, the European Union, Morocco, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the local authorities major group.
- 107. In a second round of discussion, presentations were made by the following resource persons: Joint Secretary and Programme Director of the Nature Environment and Wildlife Society, Ajanta Dey, and Senior Programme Director for Food and Forests at Ceres, Julie Nash.
- 108. The following lead discussants made statements: Convenor of the Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent, Paul Divakar Namala, and Youth Representative of Sweden to the 2022 high-level political forum, Daniel Samuelsson.
- 109. A statement was made by the respondent, the Principal Natural Resource Officer at the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism of Botswana, Mosimanegape Nthaka.
- 110. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Senegal, Malawi, the Republic of Korea, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Türkiye, the Sudan, Ukraine, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the workers and trade unions major group and the indigenous peoples major group.

### **B.** Thematic review

111. At its 3rd, 4th, 8th and 9th meetings, on 6, 11 and 12 July 2022, the forum held discussions under agenda item 2 (b), Thematic review.

### Interactive discussion on "Acting at the local level"

- 112. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on the theme "Acting at the local level", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria), who made a statement, and moderated by Swedish journalist, Lydia Capolicchio.
- 113. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Deputy Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality in Türkiye, Mustafa Uzbaş; Special Assistant in the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on Sustainable Development Goals, Rose Keffas; and Focal Point for work on the Sustainable Development Goals in the city of Espoo in Finland and Editor-in-Chief of Voluntary Local Review: Implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 in the City of Espoo, Ville Taajamaa.
- 114. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the United States Liaison for the Pass It On Network, Bruce Frankel.
- 115. Statements were also made by the following respondents: Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden, Peter Danielsson, and Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality, Nepal, Ashok Kuman Byanju.
- 116. The moderator conducted a live polling in which the resource persons responded.

117. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Guatemala, France, Czechia, Norway and the children and youth major group.

## Interactive discussion on the theme "African countries, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries: ensuring equal access to vaccines and resources in the poorest countries"

- 118. At its 4th meeting, on 6 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on the theme "African countries, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries: ensuring equal access to vaccines and resources in the poorest countries", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Thailand), who made a statement, and moderated by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, Rabab Fatima.
- 119. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Acting Managing Director of the United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries and Member of the Committee for Development Policy, Taffere Tesfachew; Global Director for Health and Education at the International Finance Corporation, Farid Fezoua; Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, Preeti Sinha; and Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development and Academic Coordinator of the University for Peace, Mihir Kanade.
- 120. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Engr. Aja Eze Foundation, Ugoji Adanma Eze; Representative of Super Banats in Chad, Fatimé Zara Haroun; and Executive Director of the World Federation of the Deaf, representing major groups and other stakeholders, Pamela Molina.
- 121. A statement was also made by the ministerial respondent, the Minister of Health of Malawi, Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda (pre-recorded video).
- 122. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the resource persons and lead discussants responded to the statements by the representatives of Eritrea (on behalf of the Group of African States), Finland, Norway, Kenya, the European Union, Mongolia (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Denmark, Belgium, France, Ethiopia, Nepal, Spain, Türkiye, China, Portugal, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the non-governmental organizations major group and the other stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

### Interactive discussion on the theme "Small island developing States: building back better in vulnerable situations"

- 123. At its 8th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on the theme "Small island developing States: building back better in vulnerable situations", chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia) and moderated by the Acting High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Heidi Schroderus-Fox, who both made statements.
- 124. Keynote statements were made by the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and Co-Chair of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index Panel, Gaston Browne (via video link), and the President of the Caribbean Development Bank, Hyginus Eugene Leon.
- 125. Presentations were made by the following resource persons and Multidimensional Vulnerability Index Panel members: Assistant Secretary for the

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Development Strategy Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, Natalie Cohen; Ambassador in the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cabo Verde, José Luis Rocha; and Non-Resident Senior Fellow of the African Growth Initiative of the Global Economy and Development Programme at the Brookings Institution, Louise Fox.

- 126. A statement was also made by the ministerial respondent, the Special Envoy for Small Island Developing States and Deputy Director for the Americas and Head of the Caribbean and Small Island Developing States Department at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Rebecca Fabrizi.
- 127. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the President of the Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers, Tamisha Lee.
- 128. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the resource persons responded to the comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), the European Union, France, the Holy See, Portugal, Guyana, Nauru, Denmark, Fiji, India, China, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration and the women, indigenous peoples and non-governmental organizations major groups.

### Interactive discussion on the theme "Vision of civil society: leaving no one behind in recovering better"

- 129. At its 9th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on the theme "Vision of civil society: leaving no one behind in recovering better", chaired by the President of the Council, who made a statement, and moderated by the Director of the Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society in India and Co-Chair of the major groups and other stakeholders high-level political forum coordination mechanism, Ajay Jha.
- 130. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the President of the Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer and Co-Chair of the major groups and other stakeholders high-level political forum coordination mechanism, Mabel Bianco, made opening remarks.
- 131. Presentations were made by the following resource persons: Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at the Voluntary Services Overseas in Malawi, Wezzie Chimwala; Joint Director of Roots for Equity and focal point of the farmers major group at the United Nations Environment Programme, Wali Haider; Programme Director of Policies and Budgets for Equality and Sustainable Development at Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia, Emilia Reyes; and Founder and Director of the Black Sea Women's Club in Odessa, Ukraine, Svetlana Slesarenok.
- 132. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Special Rapporteur on the right to development, Saad Alfarargi; and Head of the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Sustainable Development Goals, Denison Jayasooria.
- 133. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the resource persons responded to the statements by the representatives of France, China, Norway, Jamaica, Switzerland, Guatemala, Mexico, Malaysia, Australia, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the non-governmental organizations, workers and trade unions and women major groups, the other stakeholders group for communities discriminated on work and descent, the other stakeholders group on ageing, and the other stakeholders groups for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement

Mechanism, for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and for Together 2030.

### C. Voluntary national reviews

134. At its 7th and 9th to 16th meetings, from 11 to 15 July 2022, the forum held 44 voluntary national reviews under sub-item 2 (c), Voluntary national reviews. The list of presenters at the voluntary national reviews held during the 2022 session of the forum is contained in document E/HLPF/2022/INF/2.

#### Voluntary national reviews: Togo and Uruguay

- 135. At the 7th meeting, on 11 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Togo and Uruguay were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).
- 136. Presentations were made on behalf of Togo by the Prime Minister, Victoire Sidémého Tomegah-Dogbe (pre-recorded video), and on behalf of Uruguay by the Director of the Office of Planning and Budget, Isaac Alfie.
- 137. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Singapore, Brazil, Spain, India, Kenya, South Sudan, the non-governmental organizations group and the workers and trade unions major group.
- 138. The Vice-President (Plurinational State of Bolivia) made closing remarks.

### Voluntary national reviews: Latvia, the Philippines, Switzerland, Argentina and Ghana

- 139. At the 9th meeting, on 12 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Latvia, the Philippines, Switzerland, Argentina and Ghana were chaired by the President of the Council.
- 140. Presentations were made on behalf of Latvia by the Minister for Education and Science, Anita Muižniece; on behalf of the Philippines by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Enrique A. Manalo; on behalf of Switzerland by the State Secretary and Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Jacques Ducrest; on behalf of Argentina by the President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies, Marisol Merquel; and on behalf of Ghana by the Chair of the National Development Planning Commission, George Gyan-Baffour.
- 141. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Spain, Ghana, Liberia, Guatemala, Pakistan, Finland, El Salvador, Norway, Viet Nam, Denmark, Latvia, the Niger, Canada, Lesotho, Switzerland, Peru, the non-governmental organizations, workers and trade unions, and children and youth major groups, and the other stakeholders groups for education and academia and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons.

### Voluntary national reviews: The Gambia, Belarus and Eswatini

- 142. At the 10th meeting, on 12 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by The Gambia, Belarus and Eswatini were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).
- 143. Presentations were made on behalf of The Gambia by the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Welfare, Fatou Kinteh; on behalf of Belarus by the Head of the Directorate for Multilateral Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Irina Velichko; and on behalf of Eswatini by the Chief Economist, Sifiso Gabriel Mamba.

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144. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Jamaica, the European Union, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, Morocco, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, Poland, Botswana, the women major group and the children and youth major group.

### Voluntary national reviews: Greece, Mali and the United Arab Emirates

- 145. At the 10th meeting, on 12 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Greece, Mali and the United Arab Emirates were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 146. Presentations were made on behalf of Greece by the Minister of State Responsible for the Coordination of Government Policies, Akis Skertsos; on behalf of Mali by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Abdoulaye Diop; and on behalf of the United Arab Emirates by the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Chair of the National Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Abdulla Nasser Lootah.
- 147. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Bulgaria, Morocco, Singapore, Greece, Armenia, Lebanon, Mali, Costa Rica, the United Arab Emirates, the Niger, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the indigenous peoples major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the children and youth major group.

#### Voluntary national review: Eritrea

- 148. At the 10th meeting, on 12th July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Eritrea was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 149. A presentation was made on behalf of Eritrea by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sophia Tesfamariam.
- 150. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Senegal, Türkiye, Egypt, Pakistan, India and the other stakeholders group for education and academia.

### Voluntary national reviews: El Salvador, Sao Tome and Principe and Somalia

- 151. At the 11th meeting, on 13 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by El Salvador, Sao Tome and Principe and Somalia were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).
- 152. Presentations were made on behalf of El Salvador by the Vice-President of El Salvador, Félix Ulloa; on behalf of Sao Tome and Principe by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Edite Ramos da Costa Ten Jua; and on behalf of Somalia by the Director-General of the National Bureau of Statistics, Sharmarke Farah.
- 153. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Finland, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Argentina, Portugal, Mexico, Sweden, Sierra Leone, the workers and trade unions major group, the women major group and the other stakeholders group for education and academia.

#### Voluntary national review: Dominica

154. At the 11th meeting, on 13 July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Dominica was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).

- 155. A presentation was made on behalf of Dominica by the Minister for Planning, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy, Vince Henderson.
- 156. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Canada, Georgia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the children and youth major group (via video link).

### Voluntary national review: Djibouti

- 157. At the 12th meeting, on 13 July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Djibouti was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 158. A presentation was made on behalf of Djibouti by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf.
- 159. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Senegal and the children and youth major group.

### Voluntary national review: Suriname

- 160. At the 12th meeting, on 13 July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Suriname was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 161. A presentation was made on behalf of Suriname by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, Albert Ramdin.
- 162. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Singapore, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the other stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons.

### Voluntary national reviews: Equatorial Guinea and Tuvalu

- 163. At the 12th meeting, on 13 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Equatorial Guinea and Tuvalu were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Thailand).
- 164. Presentations were made on behalf of Equatorial Guinea by the Director General of the National Statistics Institute, Ricardo Nsue Ndemesogo Obono, and on behalf of Tuvalu by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Samuelu Laloniu.
- 165. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Namibia, Australia, Chile, the Niger, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Philippines, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Denmark, Vanuatu, the Marshall Islands, the indigenous peoples major group (via video link) and the non-governmental organizations major group.

### Voluntary national reviews: Gabon, Guinea-Bissau and the Netherlands

- 166. At the 13th meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Gabon, Guinea-Bissau and the Netherlands were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 167. Presentations were made on behalf of Guinea-Bissau by the Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Integration, Jose Carlos Casimiro Varela; on behalf of Gabon by the Minister of Economy and Recovery, Nicole Jeanine Lydie Roboty

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Mbou; and on behalf of the Netherlands by the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Liesje Schreinemacher.

168. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Mexico, Jamaica, Slovenia, Denmark, Barbados, Switzerland, Benin, Kenya, Portugal, Uganda, Morocco, the Niger, the Russian Federation, Madagascar, the women major group, the other stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities (via video link).

### Voluntary national review: Grenada

- 169. At its 13th meeting, on 14 July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Grenada was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Plurinational State of Bolivia).
- 170. A presentation was made on behalf of Grenada by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development, Roxie McLeish-Hutchinson.
- 171. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Denmark, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Portugal, Malawi and the children and youth major group (via video link).

### Voluntary national reviews: Andorra, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Jordan

- 172. At the 14th (B) meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Andorra, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Jordan were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).
- 173. Presentations were made on behalf of Andorra by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra, Maria Ubach Font; on behalf of Côte d'Ivoire by the Minister of Planning and Development, Kaba Nialé; on behalf of Ethiopia by the Minister of Planning and Development, Fitsum Assefa Adela; and on behalf of Jordan by the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Nasser Shraideh.
- 174. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Senegal, the State of Palestine, San Marino, Pakistan, Chile, Switzerland, Ghana, Cuba, the Niger, Belgium, Djibouti, Malawi, Cameroon, Lesotho, the observer for the Council of Europe, the women major group, the non-governmental organizations major group, the children and youth major group and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

### Voluntary national reviews: Kazakhstan, the Sudan and Senegal

- 175. At the 14th (B) meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Kazakhstan, the Sudan and Senegal were chaired by the President of the Council.
- 176. Presentations were made on behalf of Kazakhstan by the Minister of National Economy, Alibek Kuantyrov; on behalf of the Sudan by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Gibril Ibrahim Mohamed; and on behalf of Senegal by the Chef de cabinet of the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Cheikh Ndiaye Sylla.
- 177. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Germany, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Iraq, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, Benin, the Niger, the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta, the workers and trade unions major group, the

children and youth major group and the other stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

### Voluntary national reviews: Jamaica, Lesotho and Italy

178. At the 15th meeting, on 15 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Jamaica, Lesotho and Italy were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).

179. Presentations were made on behalf of Jamaica by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Kamina Johnson Smith; on behalf of Lesotho by the Principal Secretary and Chief Accounting Officer at the Ministry of Development Planning, Sello Justice Tsukulu; and on behalf of Italy by the Director-General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Fabio Cassese.

180. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Trinidad and Tobago, Iceland, the Gambia, Ghana, Benin, Jordan, Botswana, Algeria, the non-governmental organizations major group, the children and youth major group and the other stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

### Voluntary national reviews: Luxembourg, Malawi and Liberia

- 181. At the 15th meeting, on 15 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Luxembourg, Malawi and Liberia were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Bulgaria).
- 182. Presentations were made on behalf of Luxembourg by the Minister for Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Joëlle Welfring; on behalf of Malawi by the Minister of Health, Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda; and on behalf of Liberia by the Deputy Minister for Economic Management at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Augustus Jonathan Flomo.
- 183. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Finland, Zambia, Latvia, the Niger, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Austria, the children and youth major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

### Voluntary national reviews: Montenegro, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

- 184. At the 15th meeting, on 15 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Montenegro, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Thailand).
- 185. Presentations were made on behalf of Montenegro by the Minister of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Ana Novaković Djurović; on behalf of Pakistan by the Minister of Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary; and on behalf of Sri Lanka by the Director General of the Sustainable Development Council, Chamindry Saparamadu.
- 186. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Ethiopia, Switzerland, Czechia, the Philippines, North Macedonia, Sri Lanka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the State of Palestine, Finland, Pakistan, Jordan, South Africa, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Thailand, the children and youth major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the other stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (via video link).

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### Voluntary national reviews: Botswana and Cameroon

187. At the 16th meeting, on 15 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Botswana and Cameroon were chaired by the President of the Council.

188. Presentations were made on behalf of Botswana by the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism, Philda Nani Kereng, and on behalf of Cameroon by the Minister Delegate in charge of Planning at the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Paul Tasong.

189. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Jamaica, Ethiopia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Niger, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Iraq, the workers and trade unions major group and the women major group.

### IV. Organizational and other matters

### A. Agenda

190. At its 1st meeting, on 5 July, the forum adopted its provisional agenda (E/HLPF/2022/1):

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 75/290 B).
  - (a) Review of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17;
  - (b) Thematic review:
  - (c) Voluntary national reviews.
- 3. Adoption of the ministerial declaration.
- 4. Adoption of the report.

### B. Attendance

191. The forum was attended by representatives of 187 States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies. Accredited observers for intergovernmental organizations and other entities, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and accredited representatives of non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in document E/HLPF/2022/INF/1.

### C. Documentation

192. The documentation considered by the forum is set out in the annex to the present report. Other relevant documentation is available on the relevant web page of the forum.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See https://hlpf.un.org/2022/documentation.

### Annex

### **Documentation**

| Symbol              | Title or description  |
|---------------------|---|
| A/77/82-E/2022/64   | Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 25–28 April 2022) |
| E/2022/33           | Report on the twenty-fourth session of the Committee for Development Policy   |
| E/2022/55           | Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals   |
| E/2022/56           | Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report on the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns  |
| E/2022/57           | Report of the Secretary-General on building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  |
| E/2022/58           | Report of the Secretary-General on long-term future trends and scenarios: impacts on the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals   |
| E/FFDF/2022/3       | Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up  |
| E/HLPF/2022/1       | Provisional agenda and documentation  |
| E/HLPF/2022/2       | Note by the Secretariat on the discussion papers on the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, submitted by major groups and other stakeholders  |
| E/HLPF/2022/3       | Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the regional forums on sustainable development  |
| E/HLPF/2022/3/Add.1 | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eighth session   |
| E/HLPF/2022/3/Add.2 | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the regional contribution on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean  |
| E/HLPF/2022/3/Add.3 | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the Economic Commission for Europe Region on its sixth session   |
| E/HLPF/2022/3/Add.4 | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the ninth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development  |
| E/HLPF/2022/3/Add.5 | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development   |

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| Symbol                          | Title or description  |
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| E/HLPF/2022/4                   | Note by the Secretariat on the synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums  |
| E/HLPF/2022/5                   | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the compilation of main messages for the 2022 voluntary national reviews   |
| E/HLPF/2022/6                   | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Co-Chairs' summary of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals  |
| E/2022/L.14-<br>E/HLPF/2022/L.1 | Draft ministerial declaration of the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" |
| E/HLPF/2022/L.2                 | Draft report  |
| E/HLPF/2022/INF/1               | List of participants  |
| E/HLPF/2022/INF/2               | Note by the Secretariat transmitting the list of presenters at the voluntary national reviews held during the 2022 session of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council  |