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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 2023 session

Summary

Countries have been severely affected by interlocking crises that have amplified pressing challenges, including those relating to poverty, food insecurity, inflation, debt and energy. As a consequence, they have fallen further behind in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the face of these recent challenges. Despite the setbacks, they remain essential and collective efforts therefore need to be strengthened to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda remains the common road map for sustainable development.

All the Goals are important and are facing challenges. The current situation regarding food security (Goal 2) and access to clean water and sanitation (Goal 6) is particularly critical. For all the Goals, science technology and innovation play a crucial role in overcoming challenges and accelerating progress. Scientific analysis demonstrates that the Goals are still achievable if countries collaborate efficiently.

Climate action, as well as the urgent need to tackle biodiversity loss and environmental degradation, are key priorities. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning to renewable energies in a just and equitable manner are of the utmost importance.

The commitment to leave no one behind must be reaffirmed, including through actions that support gender equality and address the challenges faced by children and youth. Multi-stakeholder partnerships and global coordination – including with civil society, the private sector and local governments – are critical in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Access to financing is a key challenge to achieving sustainable development. Developing countries face significant obstacles due to debt distress, high interest rates and constrained fiscal space, with limited affordable financing options. Many countries are calling for more concessional finance, reforms of the international



financial architecture and innovative financing solutions, including debt relief for climate action swaps.

Water and sanitation must be elevated as a top global political priority, recognized as both a global common good and a fundamental right. Increased risks of inaction have a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable groups worldwide. A paradigm shift in water management and increased, concerted action, including regular stocktaking, are pivotal. There is an increasing urgency to mitigate risks associated with water and sanitation and the development of early warning systems. There is a need for more effective, outcome-based cooperation among countries, stakeholder groups and institutions. Global actions and momentum should continue to follow the success of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, held from 22 to 24 March 2023. The appointment of a United Nations special envoy on water, the adoption of a United Nations system-wide strategy and global dialogues on water held on a regular basis would be strongly welcomed by countries.

There is an urgent need to intensify efforts to ensure universal access to clean and affordable energy and to call for action to deliver on the global road map for accelerated action on Goal 7. Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy underpins the ability to achieve other Goals and net-zero emissions by 2050. Ensuring universal access to clean and affordable electricity must be an urgent political priority. Such action on energy must be aimed at achieving net-zero emissions. Without deep energy decarbonization, achieving net-zero by 2050 will quickly become out of reach. A platform for regular intergovernmental dialogue on energy at the United Nations could contribute significantly to strengthening international cooperation.

Innovation, supported by science and technology, is an engine of growth that drives transformation and allows countries to develop their economies, provide employment and expand the range of products and services. Countries need to adopt policies, strategies and regulations that promote inclusive and just transitions towards green and digital economies and reduce the digital divide. Policymakers should also promote legal frameworks that support responsible and ethical artificial intelligence and prepare their workforces for future driven by AI.

In the light of the accelerating urbanization that is taking place in developing countries, building and rebuilding sustainable cities and communities has a far-reaching impact on the overall achievement of the Goals. Recent crises are having a negative impact the achievement of Goal 11 and pose the risk that, without strengthened action, 2 billion more people will be living in slums in the next 30 years. Improving access to public transportation is critical to connect urban dwellers to economic opportunity. Efforts should be focused locally and centred around inclusion, sustainability and affordable housing.

Owing to the global debt crisis, many countries are allocating an increasingly larger share of fiscal income to debt service at the expense of the Goals and public services. In addition, the ongoing war in Ukraine is shifting public spending priorities to the military and industries that produce fossil fuels. There was a call to establish a legal framework to prevent the sovereign debt crisis, giving priority to debt cancellation and a new approach to debt sustainability. The public sector alone cannot finance climate adaptation and the Goals. Massive private capital mobilization and a fundamental reconsideration of the global financial architecture, including measures against corruption and financial crimes, are needed.

Mobilizing regional action and leveraging regional frameworks can support countries in overcoming crises and moving on to recovery and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda. There is a need to democratize and localize the 2030 Agenda, including through the engagement of young people and intergenerational solidarity, to achieve the Goals while leaving no one behind.

Concrete actions are needed to address the resource mobilization challenges faced by small island developing States. These include reforms of the international financial architecture and the adoption of the multidimensional vulnerability index, which would allow for a comprehensive assessment of their vulnerabilities in decisions on development financing. While middle-income countries were widely acknowledged as central to achieving the Goals at the global level, the diverse challenges and development gaps they face are not captured by income-based indicators.

Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and many African countries are the most at risk of being left behind. Efforts for recovery need to focus on resilience-building and the structural transformation of their economies. A lack of adequate and affordable financing presents the main impediment to achieving the Goals. There is a need to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal stimulus as called for by the Secretary-General, to the benefit of these countries.

Major groups and other stakeholders call for a more sustainable, genuinely inclusive and human rights-centric approach to development. Partnerships at the national and international levels are crucial in monitoring and reporting on progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. States underscored the critical importance of civil society in helping to create capacities for on-the-ground achievement of the Goals, with many highlighting their ongoing engagement with stakeholder groups.

The 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit) provides an important opportunity to augment ambition, political will and broader social coalitions, grounded in robust scientific knowledge, to catalyse and lock in the momentum for change, maximizing the benefits and cushioning the costs of the transformations that are necessary for implementing the 2030 Agenda.

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution [67/290](#), decided that the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened 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 [2023/1](#), decided that the forum would be held from 10 to 14 and 17 to 19 July 2023 and the high-level segment of its 2023 session from 17 to 20 July, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum from 17 to 19 July.
3. In its resolution [75/290 B](#), the General Assembly decided that the theme of the 2023 forum would be “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels” 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 6, 7, 9 and 11 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 Council at its 2023 session.

II. Proceedings of and action taken at the forum

5. From 10 to 19 July 2023, the forum held 19 meetings, comprising opening and closing meetings, discussions on the review of Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 and thematic panel discussions, as well as 39 voluntary national reviews.¹ The forum also held a general debate on its theme within the framework of its three-day ministerial meeting during the high-level segment of the Council (see paras. 156–157 below).
6. A total of 204 side events, 19 exhibitions and 12 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.² Information on the events is available on the website of the forum.³

Opening of the forum

7. At the 1st meeting, on 5 July, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Lachezara Stoeva (Bulgaria), declared open the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2023 session and made an opening statement.

¹ See the annotated programme at <https://hlpf.un.org/2023/programme>.

² 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.

³ See <https://hlpf.un.org/2023/other-events>.

8. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs presented the main messages from the voluntary national reviews, as contained in document [E/HLPF/2023/5](#).

9. Also at the same meeting, the Vice-President of the Council, Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir (Indonesia), presented messages from the Economic and Social Council system.

10. Also at the 1st meeting, the Council viewed an introductory video of the high-level political forum.

11. At the same meeting, a keynote statement was made by the Advocate of the Sustainable Development Goals and youth representative, Eduard Ndopu.

Conclusion of the forum

12. At the 19th meeting, on 19 July, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made closing remarks.

13. 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 2023 session.

Adoption of the draft report

14. At its 19th meeting, on 19 July, under agenda item 3 (Adoption of the report), the forum adopted its draft report ([E/HLPF/2023/L.1](#)) and agreed to entrust the President of the Council with finalizing the report to reflect the proceedings of the forum.

III. Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

15. The proceedings of the forum under agenda item 2, Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels, are set out below.

16. At the 1st meeting, on 10 July, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the special edition of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: towards a rescue plan for people and planet” ([E/2023/64](#)).

Town hall discussion on the topic “Overcoming the crises, driving transformation for the Sustainable Development Goal and leaving no one behind”

17. At its 1st meeting, on 10 July, the forum held a town hall discussion in two parts on the topic “Overcoming the crises, driving transformation for the Sustainable Development Goals, and leaving no one behind”, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Bureau Chief and Correspondent of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, Sherwin Bryce-Pease.

18. During the first part, presentations were made by the following invited speakers: Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Qu Dongyu; Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell; Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori; and Ambassador of the International Longevity Centre of Canada, Ovide Mercredi.

19. During the ensuing interactive discussion, the invited speakers responded to the statements made by the representatives of Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the United States of America, France, China, Spain, Indonesia and Burkina Faso, as well as by the representatives of the stakeholders group on ageing and the stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons.

20. During the second part, presentations were made by the following invited speakers: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi; Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana; Co-Chair of the Committee for the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System, Steve Macfeely; and Inclusive Humanitarian Action and Disaster Risk Reduction Adviser, Elham Youseffian.

21. During the ensuing interactive discussion, the invited speakers responded to the statements made by the representative of Kenya and the observer for the International Development Law Organization, as well as by the representative of the business and industry major group.

Introduction of the report on sustainable consumption and production patterns

22. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, following a statement by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia), the Co-Chair of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Giovanna Valverde, introduced the progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns ([E/2023/72](#)).

Fireside chat featuring scientists involved in preparing the *Global Sustainable Development Report*

23. At the 12th meeting, on 17 July, the forum held a fireside chat, featuring scientists involved in preparing the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, which was chaired by the President of the Council and was moderated by the Chief Executive Officer of the International Science Council, Salvatore Aricò, who made a statement.

24. Presentations were made by the following invited speakers: Co-Chair of the Independent Group of Scientists involved in preparing the *Global Sustainable Development Report* and Co-President of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Imme Scholz; and Co-Chair of the Independent Group of Scientists involved in preparing the *Global Sustainable Development Report* and Head of the School of Public Health of the University of Sydney in Australia, Jaime Miranda.

25. A statement was made by the lead discussant, Marilynn Holguín Clover, a youth delegate of the Millennials Movement.

Outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly

26. At the 14th meeting, on 18 July, the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, Leila Benali, conveyed the main messages of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its contributions to the debates of the high-level political forum.

Messages from the regions

27. At its 14th meeting, on 18 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the theme “Messages from the regions”, chaired by the President of the Council, who made a statement, and moderated by the Facilitator of the Global Governance Innovation Network at the Stimson Center, Nudhara Yusuf.

28. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, made opening remarks.

29. The forum viewed a video presentation on snapshots from stakeholders from the regions.

30. Presentations were made by the following ministerial chairs of the regional forums on sustainable development: Minister for the Promotion of Good Governance and the Fight Against Corruption of the Niger and Chair of the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Saratou Rabiou Inoussa; Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Yemen and Chair of the 2023 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development, Waed Abdullah Badhib; Delegate of the Royal Government in charge of the Directorate General of Planning of Cambodia and Chair of the tenth session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, Pagnathun Theng; Ambassador-at-large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Council for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the Economic Commission for Europe Region, Milos Prica; Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda of Switzerland and Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the Economic Commission for Europe Region, Markus Reubi; and President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina and Chair of the sixth session of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, Marisol Merquel.

31. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Director of Research of Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Javier Surasky.

32. During the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of the Comoros (on behalf of the Group of African States), Morocco, the Russian Federation, Italy, Indonesia, Israel, Belarus, Guatemala and Zimbabwe.

33. Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism, the stakeholder group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and the stakeholder group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

34. Concluding remarks were made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Rola Dashti; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, Olga Algayerova; the Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Antonio Pedro; the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Raúl García-Buchaca; and the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana.

A. Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17

35. At its 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th meetings, from 10 to 13 July, the forum considered agenda item 2 (a), Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.

Review of the implementation of Goal 17

36. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 July, the forum held two interactive discussions for its review of Goal 17 (partnerships for the Goals) and its interlinkages with the other Sustainable Development Goals.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Financing our crisis response and investing in the Sustainable Development Goals”

37. The interactive panel discussion on the topic “Financing our crisis response and investing in the Sustainable Development Goals”, was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Maurizio Massari (Italy), who made a statement, and was moderated by the Executive Director of the Center for International Cooperation at New York University, Sarah Cliffe.

38. The representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs presented statistical data highlighting progress in the implementation of Goal 17.

39. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Executive Director of the African Network on Debt and Development (representing the major groups and other stakeholders), Jason Rosario Braganza; Vice-Chair of the Corporate and Investment Banking at Citigroup, Jay Collins; and Climate Finance Analyst at the Latin American Network for Economic and Social Justice, Carola Mejia.

40. A statement was made by the lead discussant, a young leader for the Sustainable Development Goals and Co-Founder of La Loupe Creative, Mayada Adil.

41. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Switzerland, France, Nigeria, Qatar, Indonesia, Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Sweden, Algeria, the United States of America, the European Union, Honduras and Kiribati, as well as by the representatives of the World Food Programme, children and youth major group, and business and industry major group.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Science, technology and innovation: triggering transformation and sustaining a science-driven technology”

42. The interactive panel discussion on the topic “Science, technology and innovation: triggering transformation and sustaining a science-driven technology”, was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Chile), Paula Narváez, and moderated by the Co-Chair of the 2023 multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, Mathu Joyini, who both made statements.

43. A keynote statement was made by the Co-Chair of the 2023 multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, Thomas Rathmell Woodroffe.

44. Presentations were made by the following panellists: member of the United Nations 10-Member Group to Support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, José

Ramón López-Portillo Romano; Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-seventh session, Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves; and President of the International Science Council, Peter Gluckman.

45. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Technology Focal Point of the children and youth major group, Carolina Rojas; and Communications Director of the International Science Council (representing the major groups and other stakeholders), Alison Meston.

46. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Norway, the United States of America, Kenya, China, Poland, France, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Viet Nam, as well as by the representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the women major group and the non-governmental organizations major group.

Review of the implementation of Goal 6

47. At its 3rd meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion for its review of Goal 6 (clean water and sanitation) and its interlinkages with the other Goals, chaired by the President of the Council (Bulgaria), who made a statement, and moderated by the Scientific Adviser to the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session and Vice-Chair of UN-Water, Johannes Cullmann.

48. A keynote statement was made by the Vice-Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jaap Slootmaker.

49. The representative of the Statistics Division presented statistical data highlighting progress in the implementation of Goal 6.

50. The Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Rola Dashti, presented a regional perspective on the implementation of Goal 6 and its interlinkages with the other Goals.

51. The lead writer of the publication entitled *Blueprint for Acceleration: Sustainable Development Goal 6 Synthesis Report on Water and Sanitation 2023*, Kelly Ann Naylor, presented highlights of the report.

52. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Commissioner of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water, María Fernanda Espinosa; Acting Executive Director of the Stockholm International Water Institute, Karin Gardes; and Global Lead for Water and Finance at the World Bank, Joel Kolker.

53. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Director of the Rural Women's Association (ALGA) in Kyrgyzstan, Olga Djanaeva; and President of the Francis Koroma Foundation, Francis Koroma.

54. The President of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, Csaba Kőrösi, made a statement.

55. A statement was also made by the ministerial respondent, the Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation at the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda, Callist Tindimugaya.

56. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Finland, Guatemala, Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union and its member States), Ethiopia, Indonesia, Colombia, China, Poland, Thailand, Ukraine, Norway, Brazil, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Suriname, Burkina Faso, Algeria, Germany, Madagascar, the Russian Federation, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, the United States of America, Egypt and Japan.

57. Statements were made by the observer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the representatives of UNEP, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, IAEA, UNICEF, UN-Habitat and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

58. Statements were also made by the representatives of the local authorities major group, the stakeholders group for Together 2030 and the other stakeholders group for the Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism.

Review of the implementation of Goal 7

59. At its 5th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion for its review of Goal 7 (affordable and clean energy) and its interlinkages with other Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Chile), who made a statement, and moderated by the Executive Director of the Energia International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy, Sheila Oparaocha.

60. The representative of the Statistics Division presented statistical data highlighting progress in the implementation of Goal 7.

61. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, presented a regional perspective on the implementation of Goal 7 and its interlinkages with the other Goals.

62. Keynote statements were made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Damilola Ogunbiyi, and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Simon Stiell.

63. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Vice-President for Infrastructure of the World Bank, Guangzhe Chen; Special Envoy for Climate and Security of Norway, Hans Olav Ibrekk; and the Policy Coordinator with the Global Coordination Team of YOUNGO (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Yoko Lu.

64. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Programme Officer of Off-Grid Energy Programme with Diamond Development Initiatives, David Arinze.

65. Statements were made by the following respondents: Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the International Renewable Energy Agency, Nawal Al-Hosany, and the Ambassador and Environment Stakeholder Member of the National Energy Council of Indonesia, Yusra Khan.

66. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Finland, Guatemala, the European Union, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Denmark, Thailand, Sweden, South Africa, Madagascar, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Senegal, Morocco, Norway, Kenya, Algeria, the United States of America, Fiji, Poland, Botswana, Viet Nam, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, France, Eswatini, Malaysia, Zambia and the Republic of Korea.

67. Statements were made by the representatives of the IAEA, WMO, UN-Habitat, the World Health Organization, the Indigenous Peoples major group, the workers and trade unions major group, the stakeholders group for communities discriminated on work and descent, and the stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Review of the implementation of Goal 9

68. At its 6th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion for its review of Goal 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure) and its interlinkages with other Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Albert Ranganai Chimbindi (Zimbabwe), and moderated by the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization, Jan Beagle, who both made statements.

69. The representative of the Statistics Division presented statistical data highlighting progress in the implementation of Goal 9.

70. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Chief Executive Officer of Nimarungi, Sabrina Atwine; Professor at the Graduate School of Media Governance of Keio University in Japan, Norichika Kanie; Senior Programme Manager at Google, Shahla Naimi; and Deputy Director ad interim of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability, Axel Berger.

71. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Director of the Indian Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, Nagesh Kumar.

72. A statement was also made by the Deputy to the Director-General and Managing Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Fatou Haidara.

73. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of the United States of America, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, Indonesia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Guatemala, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Sweden, Switzerland, the European Union, Germany, France, Canada, Viet Nam, Kenya, Morocco, Denmark, South Africa, the Philippines, Norway, Paraguay, Finland and Türkiye.

74. Statements were also made by the representatives of IAEA, FAO, the International Telecommunications Union, the children and youth major group, the non-governmental organizations major group, and the scientific and technological community major group.

Review of the implementation of Goal 11

75. At its 7th meeting, on 13 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion for its review of Goal 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and its interlinkages with other Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia) and moderated by the Coordinator of the Territorial Approach to Sustainable Development Goals programme at the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Regions and Cities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Stefano Marta, who both made statements.

76. The representative of the Statistics Division presented statistical data highlighting progress in the implementation of Goal 11.

77. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif; Head of the International Affairs and Strategic Partnership for the City of Buenos Aires, Ana Ciuti; Director-General of the International Organization for Migration, António Vitorino; and Secretary-General of the Partnership on Sustainable, Low-Carbon Transport, Maruxa Cardama.

78. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Chief Executive Officer of the World Blind Union, Marc Workman; and Content Creator of the TikTok account, TalkingCities, Paul Stout.

79. A statement was made by the ministerial respondent, the Minister for Tourism and Sport of Croatia, Nikolina Brnjac.

80. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the European Union, Mexico, Indonesia, Poland (on behalf of the Group of Friends of UN-Habitat, Sustainable Urbanization and the New Urban Agenda), Italy, South Africa, Türkiye, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Senegal, Kenya, Canada, Guatemala, Denmark, the United Republic of Tanzania, Finland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Norway, the Dominican Republic, Morocco, Uganda, Israel, Algeria, Czechia, Bahrain, the United States of America, Madagascar, Botswana and Malaysia, as well as by the observer for the Council of Europe.

81. Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the UNEP, FAO, WMO, IAEA, the children and youth major group, the stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and the stakeholders group for volunteers.

B. Thematic review

82. At its 4th, 8th and 9th meetings, on 11, 13 and 14 July 2023, the forum held discussions under agenda (b), Thematic review.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Transformation from the ground up: acting at local level”

83. At its 4th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the topic “Transformation from the ground up: acting at local level”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe) and moderated by Swedish journalist, Lydia Capolicchio, who both made statements.

84. The Secretary-General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Mathieu Mori, presented recommendations on the localization of the Goals.

85. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mayor of the municipality of Avcılar in Istanbul, Türkiye, Turan Hançerli; Chief of Staff for the Government of Busia County in Kenya, Robert Papa; and Founder of the Millennials Movement of Peru, Rosario Diaz Garavito.

86. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the General Secretary and founding member of Asia Dalit Rights Forum (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Bhakta Bishwakarma.

87. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements by the representatives of Sweden, Guatemala, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Norway, Zambia, the United States of America, Spain, Indonesia and France, as well as by the representatives of UN-Habitat and the local authorities major group.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Small island developing States: from recovery to resilience in the face of multiple shocks”

88. At its 4th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the topic “Small island developing States: from recovery to resilience in the face of multiple shocks”, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, Cristelle Pratt, who both made statements.

89. A keynote statement was made by the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne (via video-link).

90. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori; the Director-General of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Amit Prothi; the Senior Director of the Economic, Youth and Sustainable Development Directorate of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Ruth Kattumuri; and the Dean of the Caribbean Community Youth Ambassador Corps, René Atwell.

91. A Statement was made by the lead discussant, the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Coordinator of the United Nations regional commissions, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana.

92. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Denmark, France, Canada, Spain, the Holy See, Timor-Leste, Portugal, Nauru, Fiji and Australia, as well as by the representatives of IAEA, FAO, the International Telecommunication Union, the women major group and the non-governmental organizations major group.

93. The representative of the Global Steering Committee of the Children and youth major group (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Krshtee Sukhbilas, made a statement.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Overcoming middle-income countries’ challenges in advancing the 2030 Agenda”

94. At its 8th meeting, on 13 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the topic “Overcoming middle-income countries’ challenges in advancing the 2030 Agenda”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Chile) and moderated by the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations and Chair of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries, Omar Hilale, who made a statement.

95. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Senior Fellow at the Center for Sustainable Development of the Brookings Institution, Homi Kharas; Executive Secretary of ESCWA, Rola Dashti; and Research Chair in Industrial Development at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa, Fiona Tregenna.

96. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Board Member of the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples in Malaysia (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Adrian Lasimbang; and Junior Lawyer at Estudio Jurídico Merchán/Merchán Law Firm in Ecuador, Mishell Naomi Cabezas Vilela.

97. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements by the representatives of Spain, the United States of America, Colombia, the Philippines, Guatemala, Armenia, Mexico, Algeria, El Salvador, Chile, Peru, Honduras, Kenya, Indonesia, Belarus and Uruguay, as well as by the representatives of the World Trade Organization, the women major group and the stakeholders group for education and academia.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “African countries, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries: turning the tide, regaining lost ground and embarking on the road to the Sustainable Development Goals”

98. At its 8th meeting, on 13 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the topic “African countries, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries: turning the tide, regaining lost ground and embarking on the road to the

Sustainable Development Goals”, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Vice-President of the African Center for Economic Transformation, Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, who both made statements.

99. A keynote statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and Secretary-General of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Rabab Fatima.

100. The forum viewed a short film by the International Organization of Employers on their partnership to develop a private sector strategy for the advancement of the Goals.

101. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Director of the African Migration Observatory of the African Union, Namira Negm; Executive Director of the International Think-Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries, Dulguun Damdin-Od; Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Dima Al-Khatib; and Representative of the Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (representing major groups and other stakeholders), Yacouba Ibrahim Oumarou.

102. Statements were made by the following lead discussants: Manager of the Strategic Partnership Department of the Qatar Fund for Development, Rwodah Al-Naimi; and Chairperson of the Youth Survival Organization of the United Republic of Tanzania and Member of the Youth4Climate Advisory Committee, Humphrey Mrema.

103. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, South Africa, the European Union, Spain, Türkiye, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, the Holy See, Timor-Leste, Canada, China, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Zambia, France, Malawi, Paraguay, Indonesia, Rwanda, Portugal and Germany, as well as by the observer for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America.

104. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the children and youth major group, the Indigenous Peoples major group and the workers and trade unions major group.

Interactive panel discussion on the topic “Perspectives from major groups and other stakeholders at the mid-point of the Sustainable Development Goals: towards inclusive transformation”

105. At its 9th meeting, on 14 July, the forum held an interactive panel discussion on the topic “Perspectives from major groups and other stakeholders at the mid-point of the Sustainable Development Goals: towards inclusive transformation”, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Co-Chair of Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism and Senior International Advocacy Advisor of the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Rights, Rashima Kwatra, who both made statements.

106. Keynote statements were made by the Executive Director of the Indigenous Peoples Rights International, Joan Carling, and the representative of the International Trade Union Confederation, Paola Simonetti.

107. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Vice-Chair of the Karachi Research Chair (representing the stakeholder group for the Asia-Pacific Regional

Civil Society Engagement Mechanism), Ali Jillani; President and Chief Executive Officer of the Elizka Relief Foundation (representing the stakeholder group for the Africa Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism), Kofi Kankam; Representative of the Millennials Movement, Bruno Ibarra; and Director of the Commonwealth Medical Trust, Marianne Haslegrave.

108. Statements were made by the following respondents: Goodwill Ambassador of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mary Maker; and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to development, Surya Deva.

109. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Guatemala, Denmark, the United States of America, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, France, Timor-Leste, Italy and Switzerland, as well as by the representatives of the children and youth major group, business and industry major group, stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, stakeholders group for communities discriminated on work and descent, stakeholders group on ageing and stakeholders group for education and academia.

C. Voluntary national reviews

110. At its 10th to 11th, 13th and 15th to 19th meetings, on 14 and from 17 to 19 July 2023, the forum held 39 voluntary national reviews under sub-item 2 (c), voluntary national reviews. The list of presenters at the voluntary national reviews held during the 2023 session of the forum is contained in document [E/HLPF/2023/INF/2](#).

Voluntary national reviews: Liechtenstein, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros and Zambia

111. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Liechtenstein, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros and Zambia were chaired by the President of the Council.

112. Presentations were made on behalf of Liechtenstein by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dominique Hasler; on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Josip Brkić; on behalf of the Comoros by the Secretary-General of the Government, Daniel Ali Bandar; and on behalf of Zambia by the Permanent Secretary for Planning and Administration of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Lois Mulube.

113. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Finland, Slovakia, the Dominican Republic and Sweden, as well as by the representatives of the women major group, the non-governmental organizations major group, the stakeholder group for persons with disabilities and the stakeholders group for the Africa Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national reviews: Barbados, Viet Nam and Rwanda

114. At the 11th meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Barbados, Rwanda and Viet Nam were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Chile).

115. Presentations were made on behalf of Barbados by the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Shantal Munro-Knight; on behalf of Viet Nam by the Minister of Planning and Investment, Nguyen Chi Dung; and on behalf of Rwanda by the Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Claudine Uwera.

116. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, Canada, Switzerland, Saint Lucia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Mexico, Guyana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, Germany, Singapore, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Korea and Guatemala, as well as by the representatives of the women major group, the workers and trade unions major group and the non-governmental organizations major group.

Voluntary national reviews: Burkina Faso and Cambodia

117. At the 11th meeting, on 14 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Burkina Faso and Cambodia were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia).

118. Presentations were made on behalf of Burkina Faso by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Burkinabe Abroad, Olivia Ragnagnewendé Rouamba, and the Minister of Economy, Finance and Forecasting, Aboubakar Nacanabo; and on behalf of Cambodia by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Planning, Thavrak Tuon.

119. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Morocco, the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Mali, China, Indonesia, Thailand and Japan, as well as by the representatives of the workers and trade unions major group and the non-governmental organizations major group.

Voluntary national reviews: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana and Romania

120. At the 13th meeting, on 17 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana and Romania were chaired by the President of the Council.

121. Presentations were made on behalf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Minister of Planning, Judith Suminwa Tuluka; on behalf of Guyana by the Senior Minister with Responsibility for Finance in the Office of the President, Ashni Singh; on behalf of Romania by the Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Mircea Fechet.

122. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the Philippines, Poland, Viet Nam, Germany, Slovenia, Latvia, the Congo, Denmark, Belgium, Croatia, Mongolia, Switzerland and Norway, as well as by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the women major group, the Indigenous Peoples major group and the stakeholders group for communities discriminated on work and descent.

Voluntary national reviews: Central African Republic, Chile and Uzbekistan

123. At the 13th meeting, on 17 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by the Central African Republic, Chile and Uzbekistan were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Chile).

124. Presentations were made on behalf of the Central African Republic by the Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reform and Personal Representative of the Minister of State in charge of Economy, Planning, and International Cooperation, Marcel Djimasse; on behalf of Chile by the Under-Secretary of Social Evaluation at the Ministry of Social Development and Family, Paula Poblete; and on behalf of Uzbekistan by the Minister of Economy and Finance, Sherzod Kudbiev.

125. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Mongolia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Barbados, Denmark, Finland, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, as well as by the representatives of the Indigenous Peoples major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national review: Saint Kitts and Nevis

126. At the 15th meeting, on 18 July, a presentation on voluntary national review by Saint Kitts and Nevis was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia).

127. A presentation was made on behalf of Saint Kitts and Nevis by the Minister of Public Infrastructure, Energy and Utilities, Domestic Transport, Information, Communication and Technology and Posts, Konris Maynard.

128. The presenting country responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Saint Lucia, Morocco and Switzerland, as well as by the representative of the children and youth major group.

Voluntary national reviews: Bahrain, Croatia, United Republic of Tanzania and Belgium

129. At the 15th meeting, on 18 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Bahrain, Croatia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Belgium were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia).

130. Presentations were made on behalf of Bahrain by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif; on behalf of Croatia by the Minister for Tourism and Sport, Nikolina Brnjac; on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania by the Minister for Finance and Planning, Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba Madelu (pre-recorded video); and on behalf of Belgium by the Head of Sustainable Development at the Federal Ministry for Climate, Environment, Sustainable Development and Green Deal, Yannis Derbali.

131. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Singapore, Cuba, Iceland, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jordan, Spain, Zambia, Morocco, Maldives, Rwanda, Norway, Saint Lucia, Denmark, India, Mozambique and South Africa, as well as by the representatives of ESCWA, the Economic Commission for Africa, the non-governmental organizations major group, the children and youth major group, the women major group and the stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national reviews: Brunei Darussalam, Iceland and Timor-Leste

132. At the 16th meeting, on 18 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Brunei Darussalam, Iceland and Timor-Leste were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Indonesia).

133. Presentations were made on behalf of Brunei Darussalam by the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, Dato Dr. Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah; on behalf of Iceland by the Special Envoy for Sustainable Development, Eggert Benedikt Guðmundsson; and on behalf of Timor-Leste by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Karlito Nunes.

134. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Kuwait, Australia, Indonesia, Barbados, Viet Nam, Portugal, Nepal, Brunei Darussalam, Timor-Leste, Thailand, the United Republic of

Tanzania and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as by the representatives of the non-governmental organizations major group and stakeholders groups for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism and the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national reviews: Lithuania, Singapore and France

135. At the 16th meeting, on 18 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Lithuania, Singapore and France were chaired by the President of the Council.

136. Presentations were made on behalf of Lithuania by the Minister of Environment, Simonas Gentvilas; on behalf of Singapore by the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, Grace Fu; and on behalf of France by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Nicolas de Rivière.

137. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Suriname, Indonesia, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, Maldives, Kenya, Palau, Ireland, Japan, Belarus, Liechtenstein, Côte d'Ivoire and the Bahamas, as well as by the representatives of the children and youth major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national reviews: Canada and Poland

138. At the 17th meeting, on 19 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Canada and Poland were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe).

139. Presentations were made on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould; and on behalf of Poland by the Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Waldemar Buda.

140. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Estonia, France, Chile, Japan and Georgia, as well as by the representatives of the non-governmental organizations major group and the stakeholders group for education and academia.

Voluntary national reviews: Saudi Arabia and Maldives

141. At the 17th meeting, on 19 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Saudi Arabia and Maldives were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe).

142. Presentations were made on behalf of Saudi Arabia by the Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal Alibrahim; and on behalf of Maldives by the Deputy Minister of National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Fathimath Niuma.

143. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Tajikistan, Malaysia, Bahrain, Finland, Philippines, Singapore, Belgium and Djibouti, as well as by the representatives of ESCWA, the workers and trade unions major group and the children and youth major group.

Voluntary review: European Union

144. At its 18th meeting, on 19 July, a presentation on voluntary review by the European Union was chaired by the President of the Council.

145. A presentation was made on behalf of the European Union by the European Commissioner for Economy, Paolo Gentiloni, and the European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen.

146. The presenters for the European Union responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Mexico, Ireland, Namibia, Belarus, Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone, as well as by the representative of the non-governmental organizations major group.

Voluntary national reviews: Ireland, Tajikistan and Mongolia

147. At the 18th meeting, on 19 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Ireland, Tajikistan and Mongolia were chaired by the President of the Council.

148. Presentations were made on behalf of Ireland by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan; on behalf of Tajikistan by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Zavqizoda Zavqi Amin; and on behalf of Mongolia by the Deputy Minister of Economy and Development, Tuvdendorj Gantumur.

149. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Portugal, Bahamas, Maldives, Uzbekistan, Finland, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Fiji, as well as by the representatives of the non-governmental organizations major group, the stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism and the stakeholders group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex.

Voluntary national reviews: Slovakia, Turkmenistan and Kuwait

150. At the 19th meeting, on 19 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Slovakia, Turkmenistan and Kuwait were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe).

151. Presentations were made on behalf of Slovakia by the Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization, Peter Balík; on behalf of Turkmenistan by the Minister of Finance and Economy, Serdar Jorayev; and on behalf of Kuwait by the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, Khaled Mahdi.

152. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Kuwait, Armenia, Slovakia, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Turkmenistan, Guatemala, Türkiye and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as by the representatives of ESCWA, the children and youth major group, the non-governmental organizations major group and the stakeholders group for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Voluntary national reviews: Fiji and Portugal

153. At the 19th meeting, on 19 July, presentations on voluntary national reviews by Fiji and Portugal were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Italy).

154. Presentations were made on behalf of Fiji by the Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lenora Qereqeretabua; and on behalf of Portugal by the Secretary of State for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, André Moz Caldas, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Francisco André.

155. The presenting countries responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Australia, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, Nepal, Cabo Verde, Brazil, Ireland and Côte d'Ivoire, as well as by the representatives of the women major group and the children and youth major group.

D. General debate

156. The forum held its general debate from 17 to 20 July, within the framework of the ministerial meeting of the forum during the high-level segment of the 2023 session of the Council.⁴

157. The general debate heard 181 statements, composed of 147 statements by representatives of States and the European Union (including 14 statements on behalf of groups of States), 17 statements by observers and representatives of specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system, and 17 statements by representatives of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders.

IV. Organizational and other matters

A. Agenda

158. At its 1st meeting, on 10 July, the forum adopted its provisional agenda ([E/HLPF/2023/1](#)):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels (General Assembly resolution [75/290 B](#)).
 - (a) Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17;
 - (b) Thematic review;
 - (c) Voluntary national reviews.
3. Adoption of the report.

B. Attendance

159. The forum was attended by representatives of 154 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/2023/INF/1](#).

C. Documentation

160. 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.⁵

⁴ An account of the proceedings of the general debate is contained in the report of the Economic and Social Council on its 2023 session ([A/78/3](#)) and in the relevant summary records ([E/2023/SR.37](#), [E/2023/SR.38](#), [E/2023/SR.39](#), [E/2023/SR.40](#) and [E/2023/SR.41 B](#)).

⁵ See <https://hlpf.un.org/2023/documentation>.

Annex

Documentation

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
E/2023/33	Report on the twenty-fifth session of the Committee for Development Policy
A/78/80-E/2023/64	Report of the Secretary-General (special edition) on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: towards a rescue plan for people and planet
E/2023/72	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report on the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns
E/2023/73	Note by the Secretariat on the summary of the eighth high-level meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum
E/2023/78	Report of the Secretary-General on accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels
E/2023/89	Report of the Secretary-General on long-term future trends and scenarios: impacts on the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals
A/78/93-E/2023/90	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, 17–20 April 2023)
E/FFDF/2023/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up
E/HLPF/2023/1	Provisional agenda and documentation
E/HLPF/2023/2/Rev.1	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/2023/3	Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the regional forums on sustainable development
E/HLPF/2023/3/Add.1	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its ninth session
E/HLPF/2023/3/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/2023/3/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 seventh session
E/HLPF/2023/3/Add.4	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the tenth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
E/HLPF/2023/3/Add.5	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development
E/HLPF/2023/4	Synthesis of submissions by functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums
E/HLPF/2023/5	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the compilation of main messages for the 2023 voluntary national reviews
E/HLPF/2023/6	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/HLPF/2023/7	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2023 session (New York, 10–14 and 17–19 July 2023)
E/HLPF/2023/L.1	Draft report
E/HLPF/2023/INF/1	List of participants
E/HLPF/2023/INF/2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the list of presenters at the voluntary national reviews held during the 2023 session of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council
