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Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 A on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council*

The attached annex on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 A on “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council” and General Assembly resolution 72/305 B on “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”, is brought to the attention of the reconvened sixty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the reconvened thirtieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

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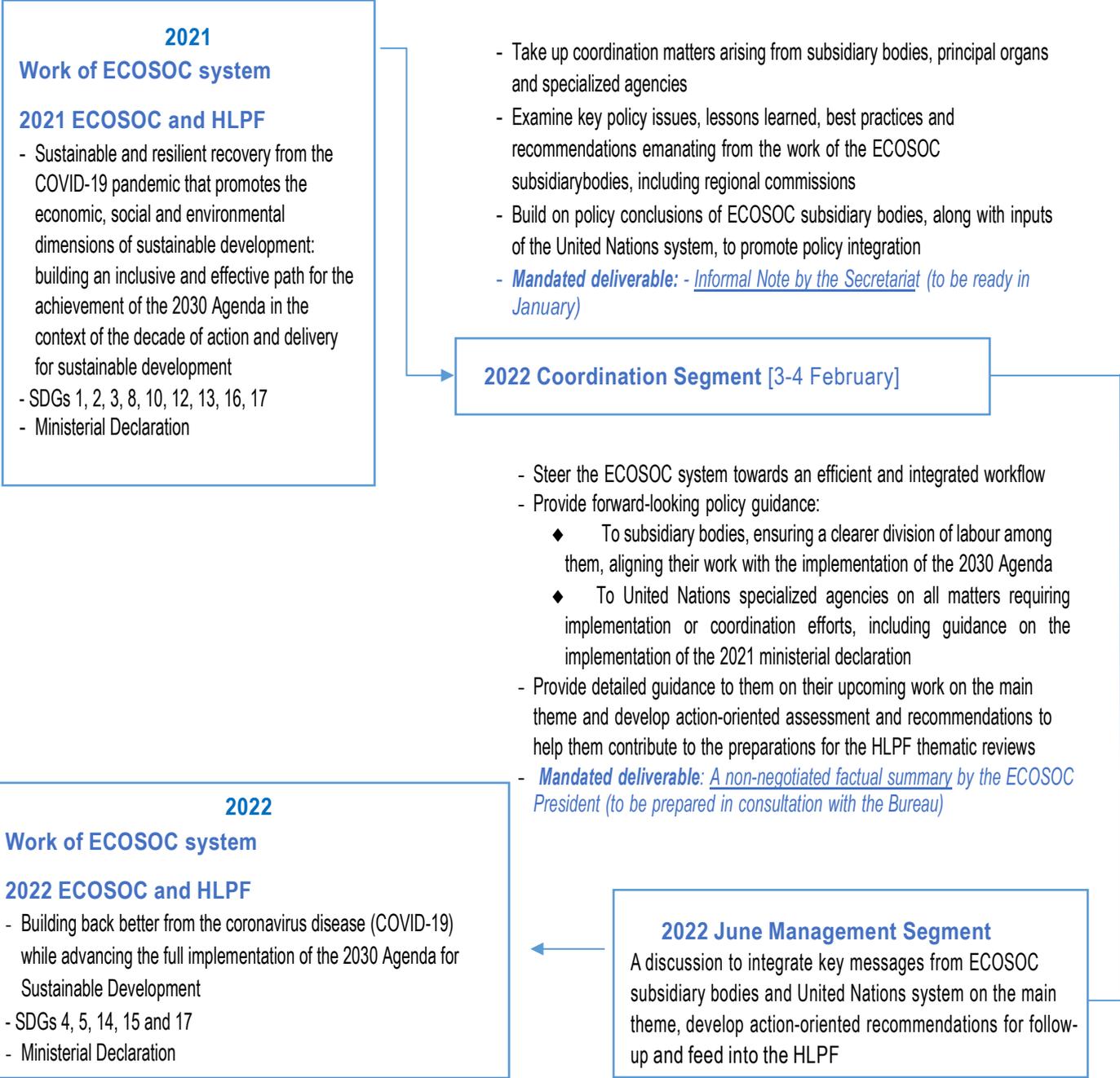
I. Note on the ECOSOC Coordination Segment (3-4 February 2022)

In its resolution 75/290 A on ECOSOC strengthening, the General Assembly decided that the new **Coordination Segment** will replace the Integration Segment and the informal meeting of the Council with the Chairs of subsidiary bodies. This decision was more than a change of name; Member States wanted to instil on impactful, forward-looking coordination by the Council of its subsidiary bodies and the United Nations system in view of the multidimensional impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which requires a coherent global response and integrated policies to implement the SDGs.

With the new Coordination Segment, the Economic and Social Council has an opportunity to:

- Increase its focus on the coordination of subsidiary bodies and the specialized agencies to better support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, overcoming fragmentation and overlaps, filling gaps and building synergies.
- Inspire and guide the work of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies in the following months

The Secretariat will prepare a note to inform the discussions at the Coordination Segment to equip the segment to deliver on its mandates. A non-negotiated summary would capture its outcome to ensure follow-up to the main messages and guidance provided by the Council.



II. Note on the Review of Subsidiary Bodies to be conducted during the 2022 session of ECOSOC

Mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/290A

Introduction

A variety of General Assembly resolutions (50/227; 52/12B; 57/270B; 61/16) have asked ECOSOC to effectively coordinate the work of the functional commissions and expert bodies working under its auspices, exercise its authority to review and guide their work and enhance working methods. More recently, resolutions 68/1 and 72/305 encouraged ECOSOC to ensure that subsidiary bodies adequately support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

As demonstrated in the recently adopted General Assembly resolution 75/290A on ECOSOC strengthening, many Member States continue to see a need for reinforcing ECOSOC's guidance and coordination of its subsidiary bodies and for enhancing the work of the subsidiary bodies, aligning them more closely with the 2030 Agenda and reinforcing their expert nature.

In resolution 75/290A, ECOSOC was invited to continue to strengthen its oversight, guidance and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies. The resolution invited the President and Bureau of the Council to work with the bureaux of its subsidiary bodies and in consultation with delegations, during the 2022 session of the Council, so as to identify possible actions to be taken to implement the provisions regarding enhancing the work of subsidiary bodies contained in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305.¹

ECOSOC has successfully conducted similar reviews in the past. In the 1998 review "[Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields](#)", following up on 50/227 and 52/12B, ECOSOC amended the terms of reference of three of the subsidiary bodies and made recommendations on how to improve their collaboration with other bodies to maximize the impact of their combined work. The subsidiary bodies were also encouraged to update their methods of work, including using voluntary national presentations; to strengthen the role of the bureaux of these bodies and to define their vertical relationship with ECOSOC and their horizontal relationship with other bodies; to ensure more expert participation and improve the presentation of the key issues for consideration for Member States.

The review launched by resolution 75/290A should aim to achieve similarly clear guidance, building on these and earlier recommendations to subsidiary bodies on their work. The review may also lead to recommendations for improving ECOSOC's own oversight, coordination and guidance of its subsidiary bodies.

¹ Para 28. The Economic and Social Council should strengthen its oversight and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies. It should review their work with a view to ensuring their continued relevance. It will also ensure that they produce technical and expert analysis, assessments and policy recommendations to inform the integrated view of the Council and inform efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda. It should effectively integrate the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies into its own work.

Para 29. The Economic and Social Council should request its subsidiary bodies to ensure that they best support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the work of the Council. Their work should reflect the need for an integrated and action-oriented approach to the Sustainable Development Goals. Their recommendations should build on a solid evidence-based review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and of the outcomes of conferences and summits in their respective area. They should work in an efficient, effective, transparent and inclusive manner.

Focus of the review

GA resolution 75/290A mandates the review to focus on paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to GA resolution 72/305. Those paragraphs mention the following aspects in relation to the work of the subsidiary bodies:

1. On substantive issues:
 - a. Relevance of work of the subsidiary bodies.
 - b. Quality of their work: technical and expert analysis, assessments and policy recommendations, action-oriented approaches and outcomes based on solid evidence-based review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and conferences and summits in their areas.
 - c. Support of the subsidiary bodies to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
2. On issues related to methods of work:
 - a. Work of the subsidiary bodies to reflect the need for an integrated and action-oriented approach to the SDGs.
 - b. Support of the subsidiary bodies to the work of ECOSOC.
 - c. Efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness of the work of subsidiary bodies.

Paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex of GA resolution 72/305 also mention that the Council should integrate the outcomes of the subsidiary bodies into its own work. The new Coordination Segment created by resolution 75/290A last June partially addresses this concern.

ECOSOC and the subsidiary bodies could also utilize the review to rethink their agenda to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Council's role in advancing the decade of action and the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the outcomes of United Nations conferences and summits in the areas of subsidiary bodies.

The review would also be a good opportunity to discuss how key emerging trends identified in the outcome document of the SDG summit, the Political Declaration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and other events or scientific analysis could be better reflected in the agendas of subsidiary bodies.

There could also be a reflection on how ECOSOC can build better on the combined work of its subsidiary bodies in producing impactful guidance on integrated policies to achieve the SDGs, taking into account the synergies and trade-offs that may be identified based on the work of the subsidiary bodies.

The review could also in addition identify gaps and recommendations to increase coordination and coherence among the subsidiary bodies. The questionnaire sent to the secretariats of the functional commissions and expert bodies addresses issues of coordination between subsidiary bodies on common areas, which could serve as a basis for the discussions of the bureaux on the need, expectation and scope of integrated approaches (point 2a. above).

Moreover, the review could also aim to develop the contribution of the of subsidiary bodies to stimulating the adoption of integrated approaches and building on synergies across the SDGs. This would contribute to the Council's integrated view and therefore its ability to effect transformative action towards the SDGs (point 2b. above).

The review will apply to the functional commissions and expert bodies of ECOSOC². It will not apply to the regional commissions which, although they are subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC, function in a slightly different fashion.³

The review will thus focus on the following questions:

1. Does the work of functional commissions and expert bodies contribute to advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through action-oriented approaches and how can they better support the Council's role in advancing the decade of action to deliver the SDGs? What are some of the gaps to be addressed so as to adequately cover the 2030 Agenda and conferences and summits within their mandate?
2. Is there a need to provide more evidence, data and scientific information to support the analysis and policy recommendations of the subsidiary bodies?
3. How can the technical and expert analysis, assessments and policy recommendations of the subsidiary bodies be further enhanced and better channelled to impact on progress towards the SDGs and inform the integrated view of the Council?
4. What are some of the best practices in the working methods of the various functional commissions and expert bodies, notably practices allowing them to work in an efficient, effective, transparent and inclusive manner?
5. How can we make it easier for one subsidiary body to draw from the work of other subsidiary bodies so as to promote integrated policy approaches?

Process for conducting the review

The review will start in December 2021 and be completed latest in June-July 2022. It will be led by Ambassador Stoeva (Bulgaria), Vice-President of the Council responsible for the Management Segment. The process for the review was initiated at an informal meeting convened by the President of ECOSOC with Chairs of functional commissions and expert bodies on 22 October 2021.

The Vice-President will hold a meeting with the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies on 29 November 2021 to explain the mandate and roadmap for the review. The meeting will also serve to communicate the main questions to be addressed by the review based on General Assembly resolution 75/290A and 72/305, as presented above, but with slight amendments to reflect any comment by the Chairs. The bureaux of the subsidiary bodies could consider then these questions as they prepare their respective sessions to determine whether early improvements should be introduced in those sessions.

² Functional commissions: Statistical Commission, Commission on Population and Development (CPD), Commission for Social Development (CSocD), Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). Expert bodies composed of governmental experts: Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (TDG-GHS), Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). Expert bodies composed of members serving in their personal capacity: Committee for Development Policy (CDP), Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII), Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).

³ In addition to their different governance structure, which includes their Committee of the Whole chaired by the Member State presiding the session, regional commissions are not included in this review also due to the fact that their work has already been reviewed within the context of the process of the repositioning of the United Nations development system, particularly the repositioning of the regional assets of the United Nations development system.

After the conclusion of their respective sessions,⁴ the bureaux of the subsidiary bodies would send their assessments on these same questions. The assessment can be prepared in the way decided by the Bureau of each subsidiary body, including by consulting with the members of the body or conducting the assessment within the Bureau only.

Subsidiary bodies that are reviewing their methods of work during the 2022 session of the Council (such as CSW) could use this process to engage in the review.

In April 2021, the Vice-President will launch a process of discussion among all bureaux or their focal points to identify changes that should be introduced in the work of the subsidiary bodies, based on a synthesis of the feedback received from the various bureaux, their recommendations and the Vice-President's own assessment.⁵

Member States will be briefed on the review at an early phase and at various points in the review.

The secretariats will need to provide strong support to the review, but the review needs to be owned and led by the Member States. The Vice-President will request the bureaux of the subsidiary bodies to appoint a focal point for the review.

Inputs into the review

The main inputs into the review will be the assessments provided by the bureau of subsidiary bodies following their respective sessions, as mentioned above.

In addition, in preparation for the new Coordination Segment, requests for inputs have been sent out the secretariats of the subsidiary bodies that could also support the focus of the review. The secretariats of the functional commissions and expert bodies received a request for their inputs based on a questionnaire and a mapping exercise of the work of the functional commissions and expert bodies and the SDGs.

In particular, the mapping exercise will be an important contribution to the present review as it will help to assess the contribution of the work of the subsidiary bodies to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (points 1b. and 1c. above).

Expected outcome

The format of the outcome of the review was not defined by the GA. It could be a Vice-President's summary of the discussions with recommendations. If Member States so decide, a resolution may also be adopted, which would ensure that the recommendations emanating from the review are truly followed-up and implemented.

The outcome of the review could be considered at the Management Segment in July 2022.

⁴ For those subsidiary bodies that have already had their sessions during the 2022 session of the Council, the respective Chairs would consult with the rest of the bureau on the questions under analysis during the review.

⁵ The subsidiary bodies with sessions taking place after this date will have their assessment/inputs incorporated once the bureaux complete their assessments.

**III. Action points from Annex to General Assembly Resolution 75/290 A on
“Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”**

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
2	The Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies should further enhance their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, and to the global response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its impacts, bearing in mind their respective specific functions and mandates. The Council should also promote a coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the 2030 Agenda in its entirety and the outcomes of other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields. To that end, the Council should ensure that the agenda, work programme and discussions in its segments and forums and its subsidiary bodies contribute to their implementation as well as the response to major challenges to the achievement of sustainable development such as the COVID-19 pandemic, while ensuring that subsidiary bodies deliver on their specific mandates and functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the subsidiary bodies contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and outcomes of other major United Nations summits, as well as the response to major challenges to the achievement of sustainable development such as the COVID-19 pandemic, while ensuring they deliver on their specific mandates and functions.
3	The General Assembly shall continue to adopt one common main theme for the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development under its auspices, bearing in mind the provisions of resolution 70/299 ¹ of 29 July 2016 and the provisions of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the annex to resolution 72/305 ² of 23 July 2018. The themes of the segments of the Council shall focus on a particular aspect of the one main theme, bearing in mind their respective functions. The humanitarian affairs segment shall continue to adopt themes based on humanitarian considerations and that are coherent with the main theme of the Council. The subsidiary bodies of the Council shall similarly decide on their own respective themes, aligned with the main theme, while continuing to address issues or a theme necessary to discharge their other functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subsidiary bodies of the Council shall decide on their own respective themes, aligned with the main theme of the ECOSOC and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), while continuing to address issues or a theme necessary to discharge their other functions.

¹ Resolution 70/299 <https://undocs.org/a/res/70/299>

² Resolution 72/305 <https://undocs.org/pdf?symbol=en/A/RES/72/305>

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
4	<p>The Economic and Social Council should provide integrated policy guidance on the follow-up to and operationalization of the intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development and of the findings of the high-level political forum, notably its thematic reviews and voluntary national reviews, bearing in mind the unique role of the Council as a Charter body entrusted with the coordination of the United Nations system. To support this work, the Secretary - General should include in his report to the Council on the main theme lessons learned from the thematic reviews and voluntary national reviews following the conclusion of the July high-level political forum, with recommendations for follow-up by countries, various segments and forums of the Council, the United Nations system and relevant stakeholders. The Council will also discuss issues on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and their implications for the theme of the Council and the high-level political forum and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Council should place a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable, including those in vulnerable situations, to ensure that no one is left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive from the Council [and contribute to] integrated policy guidance on the follow-up to and operationalization of the ministerial declaration of ECOSOC and the findings of the HLPF, notably its thematic reviews. The Secretary General should include this in his report to the Council and focus on the poorest and most vulnerable.
5	<p>The Economic and Social Council segments and its reports, work programmes and outcomes should give adequate attention to the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as the specific challenges facing middle-income countries, in pursuing sustainable development. The reports of the Secretary-General should adequately address the diverse needs and specific challenges facing these developing countries, as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give adequate attention to the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as the specific challenges facing middle-income countries, in pursuing sustainable development. This should be reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General.
10	<p>The fourth group will comprise segments and forums that provide overall policy guidance and foster progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, contribute to the overall review of the 2030 Agenda at the high-level political forum and look to the future of the advancement of sustainable development. It will include the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide overall policy guidance and foster progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, contribute to the overall review of the 2030 Agenda at the HLPF and look to the future of the advancement of sustainable development.

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
13	In supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and delivering on its other functions, the Economic and Social Council should work towards the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, as the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The Council should also strengthen its efforts to mainstream a gender perspective across its agenda, work programme, meetings and documentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council should work towards the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty; and strengthen efforts to mainstream a gender perspective across its agenda, work programme, meetings and documentation.
15	The partnership forum of the Economic and Social Council will be convened for one day by early February, back-to-back with the coordination segment. The partnership forum will engage countries, the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, as well as international organizations, parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth and other stakeholders. The partnership forum will be organized in consultation with stakeholders and allow interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The partnership forum will be focused on the exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the high-level political forum held under the auspices of the Council. The partnership forum will also discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders as well as innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership forum allows interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the HLPF. The partnership forum will be focused on the exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the HLPF; it will also discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders as well as innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.
16	The way that the Economic and Social Council delivers on its coordination function should be strengthened so as to help to ensure that the United Nations system and subsidiary bodies of the Council contribute fully to the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development and the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, the coordination segment shall replace the integration segment and the informal meeting of the Council with the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and will be held annually for up to two days by early February, before the first session of a subsidiary body of the Council. Through this segment, the Council will take up coordination matters arising from subsidiary bodies, principal organs and specialized agencies in the economic, social, environmental and related fields. It will steer the Council system towards an efficient and integrated workflow throughout the Council cycle leading up to the high-level political forum on sustainable development. It will provide forward-looking policy guidance to ensure coherence and direction in the policies and normative work of subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies relating to the 2030 Agenda as well as to other aspects of the work of the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to participate in the informal meetings of the Council with the Chairs which will be held annually for up to two days by early February, before the first session of a subsidiary body of the Council. Subsidiary bodies to receive policy guidance to ensure coherence and direction in their policies and normative work.

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17	<p>The coordination segment will formulate common action-oriented policy guidance on all matters requiring implementation or coordination efforts (i) by the Economic and Social Council functional and regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies as well as (ii) by the United Nations system, notably the specialized agencies, in the policy and normative area, including detailed guidance on the implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declaration of the previous year. In coordinating the policy and normative work of the specialized agencies and other United Nations system entities as envisioned by Article 63 of the Charter, the Council will avoid overlap with the operational activities for development segment, which provides guidance on operational activities of the United Nations development system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive action-oriented policy guidance on all matters requiring implementation or coordination efforts in the policy and normative area, including detailed guidance on the implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declaration of the previous year.
18	<p>The coordination segment will examine key policy issues, lessons learned, best practices and recommendations emanating from the work of the Economic and Social Council subsidiary bodies, including regional commissions, during the previous cycle. It will allow the Council to address issues identified by subsidiary bodies as requiring the attention of the Council at the global level and to build on the policy conclusions of its subsidiary bodies, along with inputs of the United Nations system, so as to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. It will also provide guidance and coordination to subsidiary bodies, ensuring a clearer division of labour among them, aligning their work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and promoting their implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declaration of the previous year, bearing in mind the respective mandates and functions of those bodies. The coordination segment will furthermore provide detailed guidance to the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the United Nations system on their upcoming work on the main theme and develop action-oriented assessment and recommendations so that those bodies best contribute to the preparations for the thematic review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development. It will review how subsidiary bodies and the United Nations system work on the interlinkages among the Sustainable Development Goals and the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, guiding their work for the rest of the Council cycle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination segment to examine key policy issues, lessons learned, best practices and recommendations emanating from its work during the previous cycle to the coordination segment to allow the Council to address issues identified by subsidiary bodies as requiring the attention of the Council at the global level and to build on the policy conclusions of its subsidiary bodies so as to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. • Receive guidance and coordination, ensuring a clearer division of labour among subsidiary bodies, aligning their work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and promoting their implementation of the ministerial declaration of the previous year, bearing in mind the respective mandates and functions of those bodies. • Receive detailed guidance from the coordination segment on their upcoming work on the main theme and develop action-oriented assessment and recommendations so that those bodies best contribute to the preparations for the thematic review of the HLPF.

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination segment will review how subsidiary bodies and the United Nations system work on the interlinkages among the Sustainable Development Goals and the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, guiding their work for the rest of the Council cycle.
20	<p>An informal note will be prepared by the Secretariat to inform the discussions at the coordination segment. This note should include (i) integrated policy analysis emanating from the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council during the previous cycle and proposed guidance for their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development; (ii) coordination issues emanating from the work of subsidiary bodies and the policy and normative activities of specialized agencies and other United Nations system entities and recommendations for addressing them; and (iii) proposals related to the implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declaration of the Council of the previous cycle and lessons learned from the thematic reviews and voluntary national reviews at the high -level political forum on sustainable development, with recommendations for follow-up by countries, various segments and forums of the Council, the United Nations system and relevant stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to prepare a note for the coordination segment including i) policy analysis from the subsidiary bodies on their contribution to the 2030 Agenda during the previous cycle, ii) coordination issues related to the work of the subsidiary bodies, iii) proposals on the implementation of the ministerial declaration of the previous cycle and lessons learned from the thematic reviews.
21	<p>Heads of United Nations system entities, Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions will be invited to participate. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council should – and the private sector and other stakeholders involved in the policy and normative work of the United Nations system and the subsidiary bodies may – be engaged in the coordination segment, while retaining the intergovernmental nature of the Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to participate in the coordination segment. Subsidiary bodies may be engaged in the coordination segment.

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
28	During the management segment in June, the Economic and Social Council will hold a discussion to integrate the key messages from the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the United Nations system on the main theme, develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the high-level political forum on sustainable development. This will be informed by the existing report of the Secretary-General synthesizing the inputs of the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the thematic review of the high-level political forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the management segment in June, Council to hold a discussion to integrate the key messages from the subsidiary bodies and the United Nations system on the main theme, develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the HLPF. This will be informed by the existing report of the Secretary-General synthesizing the inputs of the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the thematic review of the high-level political forum.
32	The Economic and Social Council should continue to strengthen its oversight, guidance and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies as outlined in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305. ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to receive oversight, guidance and coordination by the Council as outlined in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305.
33	The President and Bureau of the Economic and Social Council are invited to work with the bureaux of its subsidiary bodies and in consultation with delegations during the 2022 session of the Council, so as to identify possible actions to be taken to implement the provisions of paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305. ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to work with the bureaux of its subsidiary bodies and in consultation with delegations during the 2022 session of the Council, so as to identify possible actions to be taken to implement the provisions of paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305.⁵
35	While retaining its intergovernmental nature, the Economic and Social Council should seek to promote the active participation of international and regional organizations, members of parliaments, academia, scientists, non-governmental organizations, local governments, the private sector, women, youth and major groups and other stakeholders, in activities of the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the provisions of their respective rules of procedure and the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 ⁶ and 72/305. ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to promote, also in activities of the subsidiary bodies and functional commissions, the active participation of international and regional organizations, members of parliaments, academia, scientists, non-governmental organizations, local governments, the private sector, women, youth and major groups and other stakeholders.

³ Resolution 72/305 <https://undocs.org/pdf?symbol=en/A/RES/72/305>.

⁴ Resolution 72/305 <https://undocs.org/pdf?symbol=en/A/RES/72/305>.

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**IV. Action points from Annex to General Assembly Resolution 72/305 B on
“Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”**

Paragraph	Text	Action to be taken by/information for the Functional Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies
1	The high-level political forum on sustainable development, consistent with its universal intergovernmental character, shall provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follow-up and review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in its entirety and other sustainable development commitments, and enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced, holistic and cross-sectoral manner at all levels, while also addressing the pledge of leaving no one behind. It should have a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda, ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging challenges and mobilizing further actions to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLPF to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follow-up and review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in its entirety and other sustainable development commitments, and enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced, holistic and cross-sectoral manner at all levels, while also addressing the pledge of leaving no one behind. It should have a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda, ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging challenges and mobilizing further actions to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs.
3	In accordance with the political declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly), held on 24 and 25 September 2019, the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level should support the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals through the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of its 17 SDGs through the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.
4	The principles established in the 2030 Agenda for guiding follow-up and review processes at all levels, including those set out in paragraph 74 of the Agenda, should continue to be implemented at all levels. Accordingly, follow-up and review processes at all levels will be guided by the following principles: (a) They will be voluntary and country-led, will take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and will respect policy space and priorities. As national ownership is key to achieving sustainable development, the outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national official data sources; (b) They will track progress in implementing the universal Goals and targets, including the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2030 Agenda guiding principles for follow-up and review process should continue to be implemented at all levels. Such principles are: (a) The outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national official data sources; (b) Track progress in implementing the universal Goals and targets, including the means of implementation, in all countries in a manner which respects their universal, integrated and interrelated

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	<p>means of implementation, in all countries in a manner which respects their universal, integrated and interrelated nature and the three dimensions of sustainable development; (c) They will maintain a longer-term orientation, identify achievements, challenges, gaps and critical success factors and support countries in making informed policy choices. They will help to mobilize the necessary means of implementation and partnerships, support the identification of solutions and best practices and promote the coordination and effectiveness of the international development system;</p> <p>(d) They will be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people and will support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders;</p> <p>(e) They will be people-centred, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind;</p> <p>(f) They will build on existing platforms and processes, where these exist, avoid duplication and respond to national circumstances, capacities, needs and priorities. They will evolve over time, taking into account emerging issues and the development of new methodologies, and will minimize the reporting burden on national administrations;</p> <p>(g) They will be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts;</p> <p>(h) They will require enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of national data systems and evaluation programmes, particularly in African countries, least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and middle-income countries;</p> <p>(i) They will benefit from the active support of the United Nations system and other multilateral institutions.</p>	<p>nature and the three dimensions of sustainable development;</p> <p>(c) Maintain a longer-term orientation, identify achievements, challenges, gaps and critical success factors and support countries in making informed policy choices. Mobilize the necessary means of implementation and partnerships, support the identification of solutions and best practices and promote the coordination and effectiveness of the international development system;</p> <p>(d) Be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people and will support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders;</p> <p>(e) Be people-centred, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind;</p> <p>(f) Build on existing platforms and processes, where these exist, avoid duplication and respond to national circumstances, capacities, needs and priorities. They will evolve over time, taking into account emerging issues and the development of new methodologies, and will minimize the reporting burden on national administrations;</p> <p>(g) Be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts;</p> <p>(h) Require enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of national data systems and evaluation programmes, particularly in African countries, least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and middle-income countries;</p> <p>(i) Benefit from the active support of the United Nations system and other multilateral institutions.</p>

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5	The preparations of the high-level political forum and its programme and proceedings, including the thematic reviews and the voluntary national reviews, shall reflect the universal, integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, and give due consideration to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields, in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect the universal, integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs, and give due consideration to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields, in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
6	The high-level political forum shall strengthen peer learning and implementation, by providing sufficient time for the sharing of best practices and experiences relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and, on a voluntary basis, the sharing of knowledge and advice, including on successes and challenges. It will address the interlinkages between the global, regional, national and subnational levels of the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, building on the regional forums on sustainable development, preparations for voluntary national reviews and expert and other preparatory meetings leading to the high-level political forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLPF to strengthen peer learning and implementation, by providing sufficient time for the sharing of best practices and experiences relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and, on a voluntary basis, the sharing of knowledge and advice, including on successes and challenges. It will address the interlinkages between the global, regional, national and subnational levels of the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, building on the regional forums on sustainable development, preparations for voluntary national reviews and expert and other preparatory meetings leading to the HLPF.
7	The high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, shall continue to review a set of Goals and their interlinkages, including with other Goals, at each session, representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all 17 Goals over the course of its four-year cycle. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, shall be reviewed annually, including based on the outcome of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to review a set of Goals and their interlinkages at each session, representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all 17 Goals over the course of its four-year cycle. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, shall be reviewed annually, including based on the outcome of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up.
11	For the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum, the themes shall be: (a) For 2022: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (b) For 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The themes shall be: (a) For 2022: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (b) For 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.
12	For the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, the sets of Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in-depth shall be: (a) For 2022: Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17; (b) For 2023: Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.	Goals to be reviewed in-depth shall be: (a) For 2022: Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17; (b) For 2023: Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.

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14	In 2022 and 2023, the high-level political forum will also maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda and ensure continuous action on the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals with a 2020 timeline, while keeping track of and taking fully into account the related ongoing intergovernmental processes to allow updated targets to reflect a suitable level of ambition for 2030.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda and ensure continuous action on the targets of the SDGs with a 2020 timeline, while keeping track of and taking fully into account the related ongoing intergovernmental processes to allow updated targets to reflect a suitable level of ambition for 2030.
15	In 2022 and 2023, the high-level political forum shall also promote and review the implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated political declaration adopted at the 2019 Sustainable Development Goals Summit (high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly), as well as intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declarations adopted by the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, so as to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and review implementation of the political declaration adopted at the 2019 SDG Summit as well as intergovernmentally negotiated ministerial declarations adopted by the HLPF so as to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
17	The high-level political forum shall dedicate adequate time to review progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in countries in special situations, especially with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals under review and their interlinkages, particularly in African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations. The dedicated thematic sessions for countries in special situations in previous high-level political forums must be maintained and the circumstances and challenges of countries in special situations should also be addressed throughout the high-level political forum thematic reviews. Specific challenges facing middle-income countries should also be considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate adequate time to review progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in countries in special situations, especially with regard to the SDGs under review and their interlinkages, particularly in African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations. The dedicated thematic sessions for countries in special situations in previous HLPF must be maintained and the circumstances and challenges of countries in special situations should also be addressed throughout HLPF thematic reviews. Specific challenges facing middle-income countries should also be considered.
18	Countries presenting voluntary national reviews are encouraged to report on their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, consistent with the provisions of the 2030 Agenda and resolution 67/290 ⁸ . While bearing in mind the voluntary and country-led nature of voluntary national reviews and previous experience with presentations of such reviews, countries may wish to share best practices and experiences, including successes, challenges, gaps and lessons learned, as well as next steps. Such forward-looking accelerated action could also inform voluntary national review country contributions to the SDG Moment, convened by the Secretary-General in September. Countries having already conducted a voluntary national review could consider, during the next review, highlighting trends, areas of progress, remaining challenges and, as much as possible, the impact of measures taken since the last review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries to report on their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, consistent with the provisions of the 2030 Agenda and resolution 67/290.

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26	To improve the follow-up to the voluntary national reviews, countries, the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations and other stakeholders are invited and encouraged to launch partnerships and provide support, including capacity-building, to voluntary national review programme countries, at their request and in consultation with them, in order to help them to address the challenges related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The United Nations development system is invited to support the follow-up to the voluntary national reviews in developing countries, at their request, including by addressing gaps and challenges in implementation identified by the reviews in implementing United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the follow-up to the voluntary national reviews in developing countries, at their request, including by addressing gaps and challenges in implementation identified by the reviews in implementing United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks where possible.
28	The regional forums on sustainable development convened by the regional commissions make an important contribution to the preparations of the high-level political forum and to peer learning and knowledge exchange in the regions. The regional forums shall feed into the thematic reviews and the interaction on the voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum. They are encouraged to prepare the thematic reviews of the high-level political forum and discuss regional progress, challenges, gaps and approaches as well as best practices, emerging issues and innovative ideas to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as to continue to strengthen regional capacity-building and networking. The regional forums are also encouraged to enhance peer learning and exchange of experiences among countries during the preparation of the voluntary national reviews and to discuss and follow up on issues arising from the reviews, while avoiding overlap with the high-level political forum. They should also provide adequate space for stakeholder participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional forums to feed into the thematic reviews and the interaction on the voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum. They are encouraged to prepare the thematic reviews of the HLPF and discuss regional progress, challenges, gaps and approaches as well as best practices, emerging issues and innovative ideas to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs, as well as to continue to strengthen regional capacity-building and networking. They are also encouraged to enhance peer learning and exchange of experiences among countries during the preparation of the VNR and to discuss and follow up on issues arising from the reviews, while avoiding overlap with the HLPF; and should also provide adequate space for stakeholder participation.
32	Thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, at the high-level political forum, shall continue to be supported by inputs from the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums which should reflect the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them. The thematic reviews shall also continue to engage all relevant stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Commissions to support thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues, at the HLPF with inputs which should reflect the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them.
35	Reaffirming the provisions stipulated in paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of resolution 67/290 ⁹ on the participation of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the high-level political forum, the forum should ensure broad, effective and balanced participation of a diverse and inclusive range of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in all aspects of its work, including the voluntary national reviews, including through the use of information technology and innovative web-based interface as an additional means for participation, while retaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLPF to ensure broad, effective and balanced participation of a diverse and inclusive range of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in all aspects of its work, including the voluntary national reviews, including through the use of information technology and innovative web-based interface as an additional means for participation, while retaining the intergovernmental nature of the forum. Countries could consider including major groups and other

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	the intergovernmental nature of the forum. Countries could consider including major groups and other relevant stakeholders in their delegations at the forum, as done by some countries in the past.	relevant stakeholders in their delegations at the forum, as done by some countries in the past.
36	Major groups and other relevant stakeholders are called upon to continue to report on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as provided for in paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda, and the Secretariat shall continue to compile and make available the documents from major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as provided for in paragraph 15 (d) of resolution 67/290, ¹⁰ presented by major groups and other stakeholders on the theme of the high-level political forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat shall continue to compile and make available the documents from major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as provided for in paragraph 15 (d) of resolution 67/290, presented by major groups and other stakeholders on the theme of the HLPPF.

¹⁰ Resolution 67/290 <https://undocs.org/A/RES/67/290>.