Frequently Asked Questions: VNR presentations at the 2022 HLPF

Q: Where will the VNR presentations take place?

A: The VNR presentations will take place in person in Conference Room 4 of the UN. Below is a floor plan of Conference Room 4.

Q: For the VNR presentation, how should delegations register? Is there a limit on the size of the delegation that can attend the VNR presentation in addition to the presenters?

- A: Information for registering delegations can be found on the HLPF website at https://hlpf.un.org/2022/registration-participation. Requests for UN grounds passes for official delegations of Member States, and observers will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service of the United Nations. To obtain UN grounds passes for delegations participating in the HLPF in-person, permanent missions are required to submit their registration requests by using the online eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal at https://edelegate.un.int, by the deadline of 16 June 2022. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated “Guidelines on eRegistration” and “Frequently asked questions” sections posted on the Protocol and Liaison Service website (www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings).
• Further information on organizational and logistical aspects of the HLPF will be contained in the Information Note for HLPF Participants which will be uploaded on the HLPF website shortly.

• We will also notify VNR countries of the number of seats available to VNR countries at the time of their presentation.

Q: Where will the delegation be seated? Will it be possible for anyone to be seated next to/behind the Minister to support if needed?

• A: If a VNR country presents in a panel, there will be one seat available behind the Minister on the podium for an advisor. There will also be some seating available on the side of Conference 4 for the delegation. We will confirm the number of seats available for each delegation on the side with DGACM and get back to you. If a country has an individual presentation, they will have up to 5 seats available on the podium.

Q: During the Q&A session, can the Minister redirect a question to someone else in the delegation to answer, if they are better placed to answer?

• A: Yes, there will be some seating available on the side where other experts and advisors can sit. The Minister can redirect the question to them. They would then speak from the lectern, if this is a panel presentation. If the country is a first-time presenter, there will be room for other presenters and experts sit on the podium next to the Minister/main presenter.

Q: Can you confirm VNR countries have a full allocated time for their presentation? Countries may be concerned about the 2 minutes needed for moving off the panel and want reassurance that they have the full allocated time to present.

• A: Countries would get the full 10 minutes (2nd, 3rd, 4th time presenters) and 15 minutes (1st time presenters) for the presentation. The 2 minutes change over time will likely be from the cumulative Q&A time. But this will not affect the 10 minutes/15 minutes for each country is allocated for their presentation

Q: What is the role of countries that will be a ‘friend’ during the VNR presentation

• A: Countries that are connected through the Group of Friends can ask questions to VNR countries during the Q&A portion of the VNR presentation. It would be helpful for the VNR country to share their VNR report with their ‘friend’ in advance.

Q: During VNR presentations in past years, is it common for the presenter to distribute their VNR report to the audience? Is it recommended to distribute the report in print or digital version (by USB) if that is the case?

• A: VNR countries are welcome to distribute hard copies and USBs of the VNRs in the Conference Room if they wish. There will be table in the conference room where these can be displayed.
Q: Deadline for VNR reports and possibility for submitting updates.

- **A:** The deadline for VNR reports is 10 June 2022. It is to the countries benefit to submit to VNR report by this date. Countries may submit updates and edits to VNR report even after it has first been submitted.

Q: When will the VNR reports be published on the country page website?

- **A:** The VNR report will be published on the country page shortly after it is received. We do a quick a review and post the report within 2-3 days.

Q: Regarding more detailed information on all HLPF side events, including a detailed calendar, registration links, and whether these side events will be recorded.

- **A:** The calendar of side-events will be available on the website once they are confirmed. Side-events that are in-person cannot be recorded. But virtual ones can be recorded.

Q: Regarding the status of approval for side-events and any fees related to the virtual format and related to webcasting, such as UN WebTV.

- **A:** Side-event applications are currently under consideration. Colleagues who handle side-events will get in contact with VNR countries directly regarding the status of the side-events. Countries should hear back on the status of the application by mid-June. It is not possible have hybrid side-events (they would have to be fully virtual or fully in person). Broadcasting on UN WebTV would not be a possibility. However, countries may wish to broadcast their virtual side-event themselves on YouTube perhaps and share the link with relevant constituents.

Q: The Third Global Workshop for 2022 VNR countries will be hosted on 10th July. Is there a registration link and a detailed agenda for countries?

- **A:** The programme of the Third Global Workshop is being finalized and we will reach out to countries to register their participation. However, you may let VNR countries know that it will be a half day in person workshop on Sunday morning, 10 July 2022. There will no capacity for remote participation. Participation will be at the working level with 2 representatives from each VNR country. The meeting will share the final arrangements for the VNR preparations as well as reflection on the VNR preparations in the country. There will also be a session for VNR countries to meet with their DESA and DGACM focal points to finalize the details of the scenario.