



Recap of the 2024 HLPF and Summit of the Future

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KEY CHALLENGES

Eight years in, the narratives of the SDGs

The glass is [more than] *half-empty*

- Only 17 percent of all targets are on track, one half little progress; and one third stalling or regressing - [link](#).
- By 2030, 575 million people will continue to live in poverty and 84 million children not in school
- More than half of the countries lack laws against discrimination of women
- Over 1 bn people live in slums
- Global temperatures will reach 1.5 degrees in 2035... or earlier.

The glass is [perhaps] *half-full*

- Poverty has been reduced over the long term;
- Health: U5MR are down; life expectancies expand; there has been progress on AIDS, Covid-19, NCDs
- Education: more girls in school, illiteracy is down
- Global safe and sustainable energy use and Internet access is up
- We can make peace in the world.

The VNRs: Some Numbers

370 VNRs have been conducted to date

- 22 in 2016, 43 in 2017, 46 in 2018, 47 in 2019, 47 in 2020 42 in 2021, 44 in 2022, 39 in 2023, 36 in 2024, 39 in 2025

191 countries have presented VNRs

- **157** countries having conducted more than one VNR.

VNRs are considered a success story of the 2030 Agenda

Countries presenting a VNR in July 2025

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Angola - Bahamas - Bangladesh - Belarus - Bhutan - Bulgaria - Czech Republic - Dominican Republic - El Salvador - Eswatini - Ethiopia - Finland – Gambia - Germany - Ghana - Guatemala - India - Indonesia - Iraq - Israel – Japan - Jordan - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyz Republic - Lesotho - Malaysia – Malta - Micronesia - Nigeria - Papua New Guinea - Philippines - Qatar - Saint Lucia - Seychelles - South Africa - State of Palestine - Sudan - Suriname - Thailand

Summit of the Future, September 2024

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- SOTF was not a Summit on the SDGs – we had that in 2023.
- Its aim was to define ways to make a just, sustainable and more inclusive multilateral model of global governance:
- Pact for the Future, including: Global Digital Compact and Pact for Future Generations
- It agreed that the 2027 SDG Summit will review options for a post-2030 agenda.
- And it underlined the will to reform the current “international financial architecture.”
FFD4 conference in Seville Spain in July 2025.
- World Social Summit, 4-6 November 2025, Doha, Qatar
- UN Water Conference, 2-4 December 2026, UAE (co-hosted with Senegal)

Thank you