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| UPDATES: HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF) 2023 |
| **Purpose**This document presents the highlights and updates from the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023. **Action required**Members are invited to **note** the updates.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**<https://hlpf.un.org/2023> |

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) was held from Monday, 10 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. This includes the three-day ministerial segment of the forum from Monday, 17 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023 as part of the High-level Segment of the Council. The last day of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC was on Thursday, 20 July 2023.

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

**WSIS Contributions to HLPF 2023**

As per practice, WSIS continues to actively contribute to the HLPF 2023 process through:

* Organising and participating in a side-event in collaboration with Peru. The side-event titled ‘’Harnessing the Power of Digital Innovation for a Sustainable World Post-COVID-19 - WSIS Action Lines for Advancing the Achievement of SDGs’’ addressed the two major challenges of advancing the world's digital transformation: enabling universal meaningful connectivity and developing the competencies to address related risks and to harness its opportunities across UNGIS’ fields of competence. Details of the side-event are available here:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/en/Agenda/Session/543>.

* Submission of inputs to the HLPF 2023, which is available [here](https://hlpf.un.org/inputs/world-summit-on-the-information-society).

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