

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

WORKSHOP ON SUPPORTING EVIDENCE-BASED VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS (VNRS) AND SDG REPORTING: DATA AND STATISTICS INNOVATIONS

Session 5: Overview of the VNR process at global level and next steps

7 December 2023

Timelines

The VNRs: Some Numbers

329 VNRs have been conducted to date

- 22 in 2016, 43 in 2017, 46 in 2018, 47 in 2019, 47 in 2020, 42 in 2022, 44 in 2022 and 39 in 2023

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188 countries have presented VNRs with **123** countries having conducted more than one VNR. The European Union conducted a voluntary review in 2023.

9 countries have not yet presented a VNR

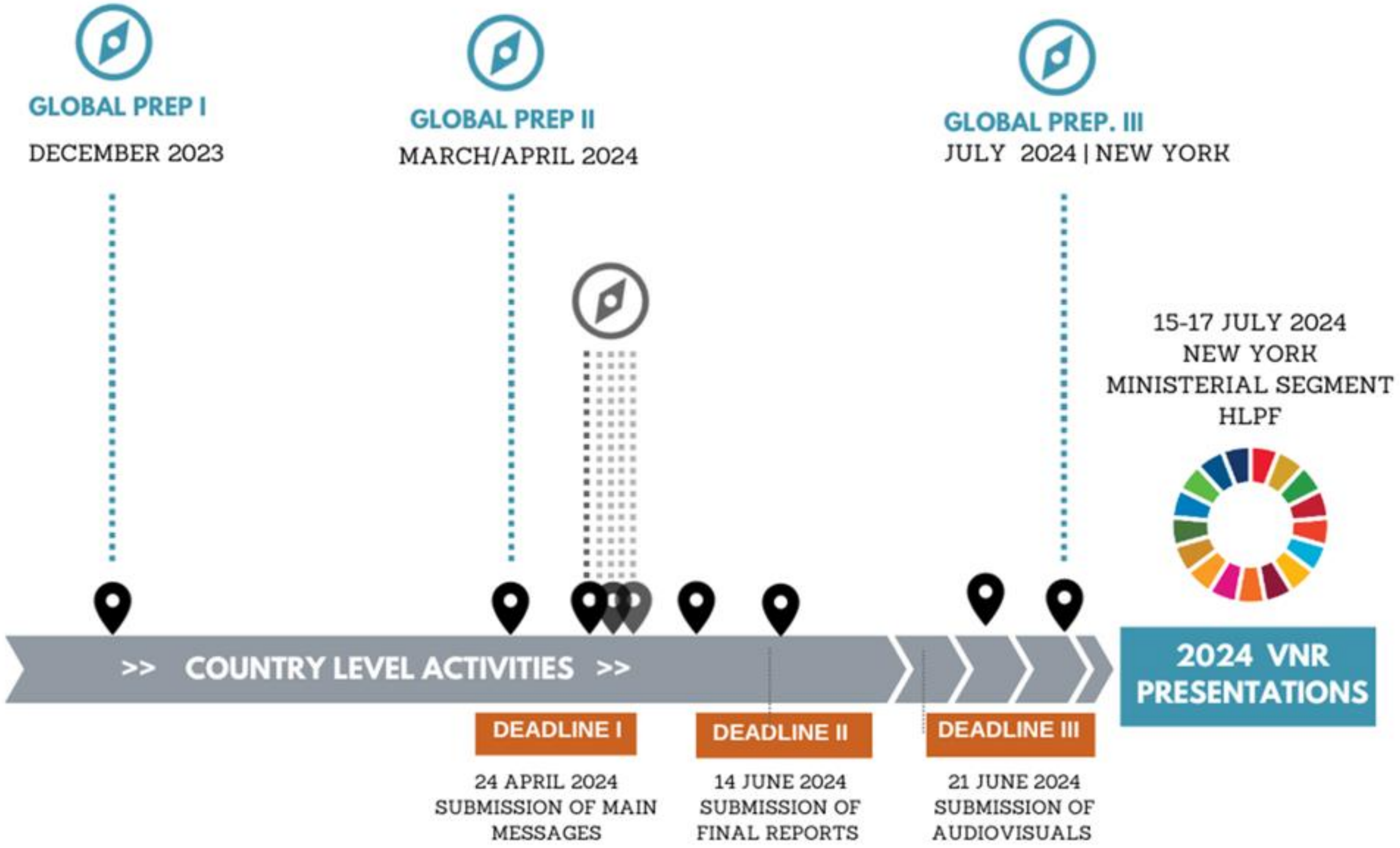
65 countries have presented 1 VNR, **107** countries have presented 2 VNRs, **14** countries have 3 VNRs and **2** country have 4 VNRs.

44 countries will present their VNRs in 2024.



Link to VNR Database: <https://hlpf.un.org/countries>

Timeline for 2024 Voluntary National Reviews



44 VNR presenters at the 2024 HLPF

Number of Times Presenting/Region	1 st Time (3)	2 nd time (21)	3 rd Time (14)	4 th Time (6)
Africa (17)	South Sudan	Congo (Republic of the), Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mauritania, Mauritius, South Africa	Chad, Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Zimbabwe	Egypt, Sierra Leone
Asia Pacific (12)	Yemen, Iran	Micronesia (Federated States of), Oman, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Vanuatu	Lao PDR, Nepal,	
Eastern Europe (4)			Armenia, Estonia, Georgia,	Azerbaijan
Latin America and the Caribbean (9)		Belize, Brazil, Ecuador,	Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru,	Argentina, Colombia, Mexico
Western Europe and Other Groups (2)		Austria	Spain	

VNR presentations at the HLPF



Timing (TBD):

First timers:

- 15 minutes for presentation
- Q&A time tbc

Second and third timers:

- 10 minutes for presentation
- Q&A time tbc

Format:

The panel format: presentations are held sequentially; when all the presenters participating in the session have presented, questions are asked of all the presenters. The usual practice is for each country to receive 2-3 questions. Once all the questions have been posed, the presiding office (President/Vice-President of ECOSOC) gives each country the opportunity to make brief responses.

The individual format: a country makes its presentation, followed by questions.

VNRs 2.0

Second and Subsequent VNRs

- Less description, more assessment/evaluation of progress
- Feed VNRs' conclusions back into policy improvement and become an effective instrument in accelerating SDG implementation through feedback loops
- Obtain concrete benefits from enhancements to the institutional structure
- Increased engagement of stakeholders both from government and outside government in their second VNRs
- Improved data collection & refinement of indicators and monitoring and review of SDGs
- Focussed follow-up to the VNRs