



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I wish to thank all the countries who have expressed their interest in conducting a voluntary national review (VNR) at the July 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

I would like to refer to my letter of 26 July 2024, in which I informed Member States about the forthcoming VNRs and conveyed a non-exhaustive list of countries that had already expressed their interest in presenting a VNR in 2025.

Taking into account the requests received by the deadline of 20 September 2024, I am pleased to inform you of the final list of 39 presenting countries at the 2025 HLPF, as follows: Angola, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, The Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, South Africa, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, and Thailand.

Consistent with previous practice and the high-level character of the forum, it is expected that the VNRs will be presented at the ministerial level. Further information concerning modalities will be communicated by my office in due course.

Countries will shortly be contacted by the Secretariat concerning arrangements for the first preparatory workshop for 2025 VNR countries, which will take place in the first week of December.

I look forward to working closely with all of you in the preparation of the VNRs and meaningful and inclusive presentations at the 2025 HLPF.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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