



“An Agenda of the people, by the people, and for the people”:

Stakeholder engagement at the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda

From the MDGs to the 2030 Agenda

- The 2030 Agenda is the result of years of negotiations at the UN between (the 'post-2015 process').
- Involved all the member states of the UN.
- Cooperation with civil society, major groups and other stakeholders.
- Open forums and regional consultations around the world
- Survey of over 4.5 million people about the most important goals and how they might be achieved
- Considered the most inclusive intergovernmental process at the UN.



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2030 Agenda: A call for participation

- “**All countries and all stakeholders**” will act in a collaborative partnership to implement the new agenda.
- The “**intensive engagement**” of civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of the goals and targets is called for on para 39, 45 and 60.
- An agenda “of the people, by the people and for the people”.
- Inclusion and participation also part of the follow up and review, which governments committed to be “robust, voluntary, effective, **participatory**, transparent and integrated”.
- On the principles for follow up and review at all levels:
 - Be “open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people”
 - “will support the **reporting** by all relevant stakeholders”.
 - Be “people-centered, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthers behind”.
- Global Level: Support the participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the follow up and review and call for them to report on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Tracking the 2030 Agenda: Follow up and Review

- Systematic, robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated – to secure that no one is left behind.
- Primary responsibility of the governments.
- Sub-national, National, regional and global levels: promote accountability to citizens, support international cooperation and foster exchanges and mutual learning.
- The importance of data, indicators and disaggregation and strengthening national statistical capacities.

Principles of the 2030 Agenda follow up and review:

- Voluntary and country-led, different national realities.
- National level as the ‘foundation’/
- Track progress in implementing ALL SDGs in ALL countries.
- Longer-term orientation, identify achievements, challenges, gaps and critical success factors.
- **Will be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people and will support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders.**
- **People-centred, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind.**
- Build on existing platforms and processes. Evolve over time.
- Rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led and disaggregated data.

How the 2030 Agenda will be monitored?

- **Indicators:** Global (232), regional and national.
- **National Level:** regular, inclusive, including sub-national, with contributions from indigenous peoples, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders.
- **Regional Level:** Peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets. Regional processes should also be inclusive. Each region should ‘identify the most suitable regional forum’ in which to engage.



The Global Level: The HLPF

- **UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF):** overseeing the follow up and review at the global level.
- Meets every year at the United Nations Headquarters in NY (ECOSOC) and every 4 years (General Assembly).
- Several functions: sharing of experiences, provision of political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow-up, promotes system-wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies.
- **Thematic Reviews**

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

- Voluntary, include developed and developing countries as well as relevant UN entities and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector.
- State-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants.
- They shall provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders.
- Guidelines proposed by the UN Secretary-General



HLPF voluntary national reviews (VNRs)

- **VNRs are state-led:**

country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants, with relevant UN and other partners
- **Learning experience:**

facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process
- **National circumstances:**

reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners

Engagement opportunities for Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS)

- The HLPF is one of the most inclusive intergovernmental entities. **General Assembly resolution 67/290** decides that, while retaining the intergovernmental character of the forum, the representatives of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders shall be allowed:
 - To attend all official meetings of the forum;
 - To have access to all official information and documents;
 - To intervene in official meetings;
 - To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
 - To make recommendations;
 - To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat;

HLPF Coordination Mechanism

- At the global level, stakeholders have self-organized an HLPF stakeholder Coordination Mechanism to help coordinate their own strategies and engagement in the forum's work;
- It's an open ended mechanism structure (anyone can join) to ensure broad, open, transparent and inclusive participation of MGoS in the HLPF.



Resources

- Major Groups and other Stakeholders page: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/mgos>
- Sign up to the MGoS mailing list: bit.ly/MGoS_mailinglist
- Proposed voluntary common guidelines for MGoS reporting: <http://bit.ly/2r8K1lh>