Report of the Secretary General on
Critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and
inclusive follow-up and review at global level

“9. The ultimate purpose of global follow-up and review is to
accelerate progress towards the eradication of poverty and
hunger and other Sustainable Development Goals.”
Mandate

“90. We request the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to prepare a report, for consideration at the seventieth session of the General Assembly in preparation for the 2016 meeting of the high-level political forum, which outlines critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level. The report should include a proposal on the organizational arrangements for State-led reviews at the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including recommendations on voluntary common reporting guidelines. It should clarify institutional responsibilities and provide guidance on annual themes, on a sequence of thematic reviews, and on options for periodic reviews for the high-level political forum.”

2030 Agenda, Paragraph 90.
MAIN CONTENTS

- Overarching principles, based on 2030 Agenda
- Global Follow-up & Review architecture
  - HLPF, at the center
  - Relationships with UN General Assembly and ECOSOC
- Voluntary National Reviews and country-led processes
- Annual Theme and thematic reviews of HLPF

GOAL

Explore how to put in place a coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review system at the global level.

In consultation with Member States, the UN System, Major Groups and other Stakeholders
Some principles underscored in the Report

- Country-led, people-centred, gender-sensitive, pragmatic, open, participatory, and useful to all countries and people.
- Inclusive Follow-up and review system
- Oriented towards supporting national implementation
- Working coherently with the institutions we have
The Follow-up and Review Architecture

*Working coherently with the institutions we have*

- UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- ECOSOC
- HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

→ Architecture centred around the High-Level Political Forum
The High Level Political Forum

- Is tasked with assessing progress, achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries
- It should draw high-level political attention to gaps
- It should provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations
- All 17 SDGs should be reviewed within a four-year period
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Typically include four parts

PARTS

1) Review of overall progress on the SDGs, national reviews, and regional reviews;
2) Review of progress in specific areas: on the “HLPF theme” and thematic reviews: in-depth reviews of a subset of SDGs;
3) Review of Goal 17 and on the implementation of Addis Ababa Action Agenda
4) Addressing new and emerging issues and looking to the long term.

INPUTS

- Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals
- Voluntary National Reviews
- Un REC Regional Forums on Sustainable Development
- The Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)
- Intergovernmental thematic forums

The intergovernmental agreed conclusions of the ECOSOC financing for development forum, Multi-stakeholder Forum on STI, and others
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**Outcomes**

Annually, HLPF Ministerial declaration (under ECOSOC), containing:
- the essence of the vision and policy recommendations
- lessons learned
- translating them into political guidance on further action

Plus a **Summary by the President**

Under the GA, **concise negotiated political declaration by Heads of State**

The **Main Committees of the General Assembly** would translate the findings and broad political guidance of the forum into more detailed high-level guidance.
All Member States to conduct *regular and inclusive country-led reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels* – *ongoing process*.

Basis for the **voluntary national reviews** at the HLPF.

**Voluntary Reviews** aim to enable mutual learning.

This applies to **all countries** - UNIVERSALITY

Each country consider up to **two voluntary national reviews** until 2030.

The Report proposes **Voluntary common reporting guidelines**
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Voluntary National Reviews 2016

Flags of participating countries:
- China
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Madagascar
- Mexico
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Norway
- Peru
- Philippines
- Republic of Korea
- Samoa
- Sierra Leone
- Togo
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Venezuela
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Role of intergovernmental forums – including CFS

➢ Intergovernmental bodies and forums (THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY REFERENCES THE CFS) will support HLPF thematic reviews of progress.

➢ Contributing to the HLPF review does not imply or create a formal reporting link to HLPF, nor modify a forum’s mandate or governance.

➢ Rather, the 2030 Agenda can give new impetus to this network of intergovernmental bodies and provide opportunities to feature their work.
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Role of intergovernmental forums – including CFS

Proposed three steps to enable forums to support the HLPF

1) Reflect on the implications of the 2030 Agenda for their respective areas of work

2) Examine their agendas and methods of work

3) Reflect on their ability to convene and engage the critical actors – the Report specifically refers to the CFS as an example.
When meeting under the auspices of the ECOSOC, the HLPF will have a thematic focus. It will reflect the integration of the 3 dimensions of Sustainable Development.

Examples provided in the consultation.

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Theme of the HLPF

“governance for sustainable development”;
“empowering women and girls for sustainable development”;
“integrating sustainable development into plans and processes”;
“giving effect to the 2030 Agenda; eradication of poverty in all its form and dimensions”;
“strengthening and renewal of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”;
“science and technology and productive diversification for sustainable development”;
“cross-cutting enablers of sustainable development: culture and the rule of law”.

Some also suggested organizing the work programme around People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships, as contained in the 2030 Agenda.
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Thematic Reviews

The Report offers two options

A) To have a comprehensive review of ALL the Goals through the lens of the HLPF theme

B) To carry out an in-depth Goal-by-Goal review, grouping 4 per year, being all SDGs reviewed in a 4 year cycle.

The Report offers an illustrative example of how a 4 year cycle could look like:
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Next Steps...

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