

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

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*“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.”*



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# Mandate

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*“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.



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*In consultation with Member States, the UN System, Major Groups and other Stakeholders*

## GOAL

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

## 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



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# Some principles underscored in the Report

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- 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*

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- UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- ECOSOC
- HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

→ Architecture centred around the High-Level Political Forum



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# The High Level Political Forum

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- ❖ 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



# The High Level Political Forum

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

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**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



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## Voluntary National Reviews

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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**



# The High Level Political Forum Voluntary National Reviews 2016



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## Role of intergovernmental forums – including CFS

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- 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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### 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

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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:

illustrative example

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## Thematic Reviews

	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Theme of the HLPF</b>	Ensuring that no one is left behind	Ensuring food security on a safe planet by 2030	Making cities sustainable and building productive capacities	Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness: peaceful and inclusive societies, human capital development, and gender equality
<b>Suggested non-exclusive subset of Goals</b>	Goals 1, 6, 8, 10 Goal 17	Goals 2, 13, 14, 15 Goal 17	Goals 7, 9, 11, 12 Goal 17	Goals 3, 4, 5, 16 Goal 17



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## Next Steps...

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*Thank you!*



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