

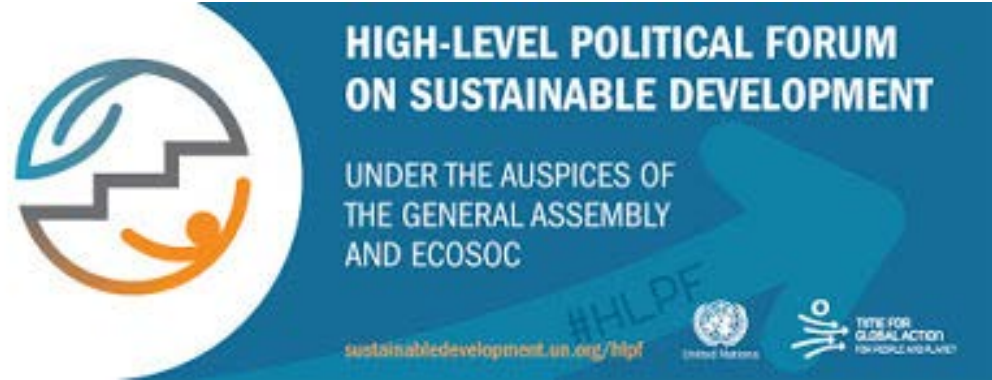
HLPF Working Methods „Fit for Purpose“?

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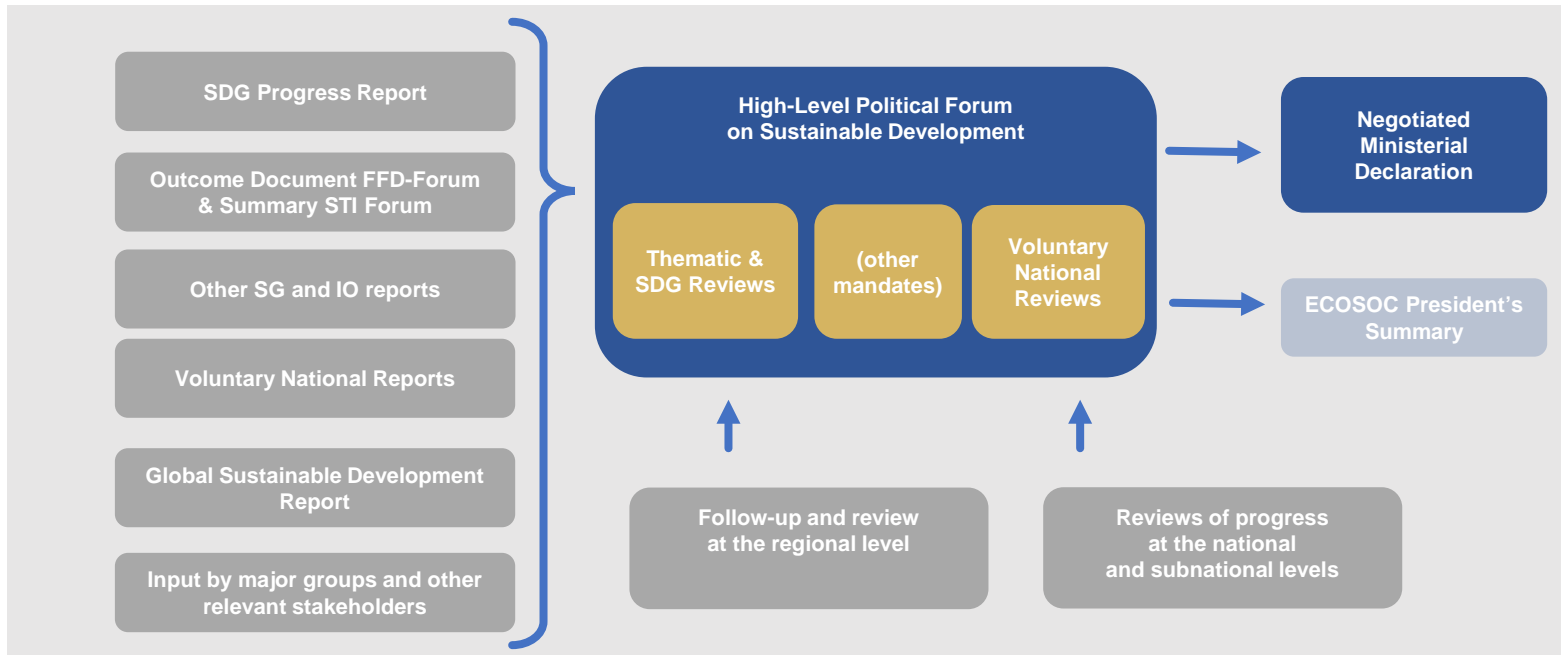
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Institutional „home“ of the SDGs

- *under the auspices* of the Economic and Social Council (annually) and of the General Assembly (every 4 years)
- shall provide political *leadership*, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development,
- *follow up and review* progress in implementation,
- enhance the *integration* of the 3 dimensions of SD in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner at all levels and
- consider *new and emerging* SD challenges

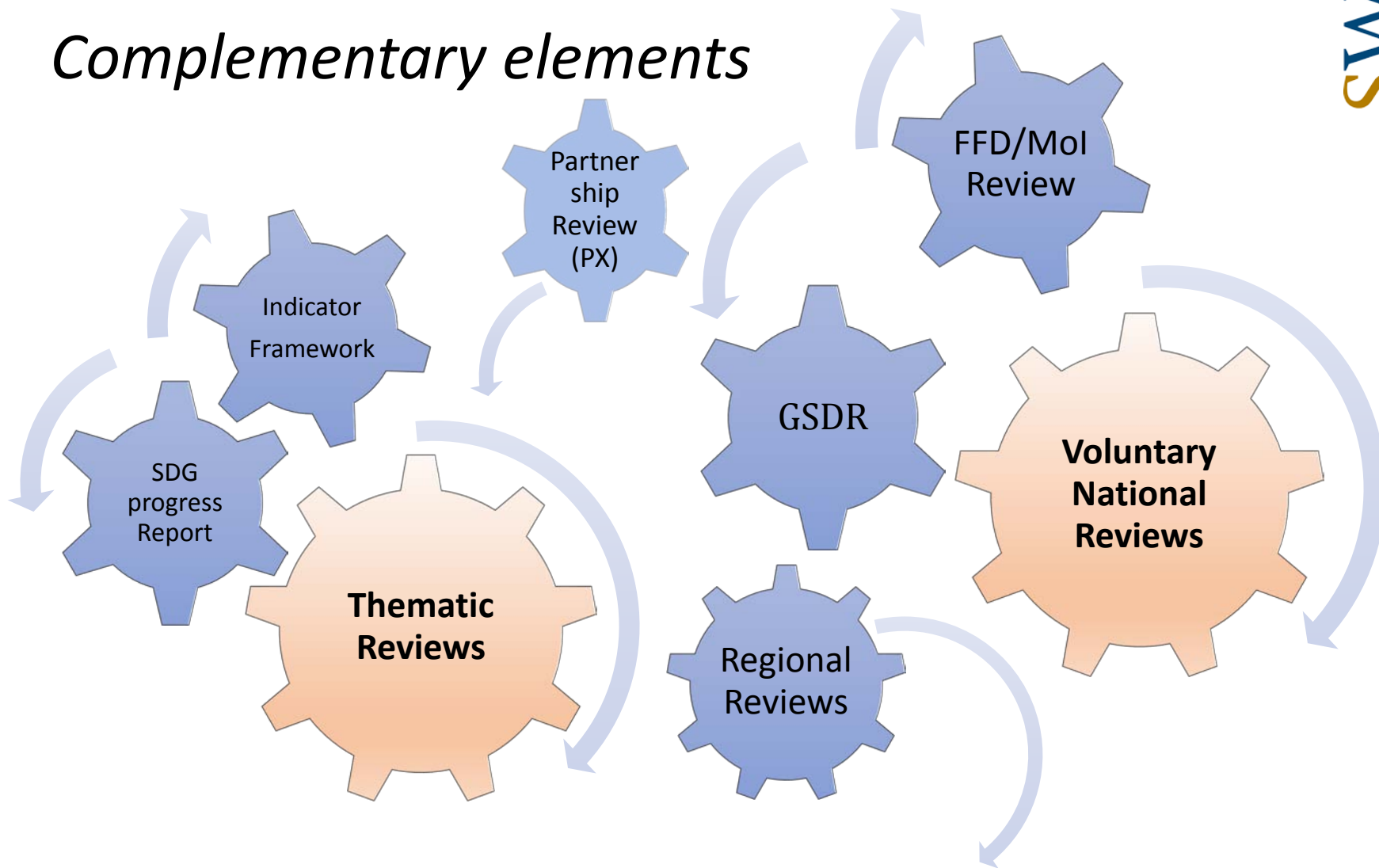
>> **Working methods and work flow?**

Workflow



Follow-up and Review at HLPF

Complementary elements



HLPF VNRs

- **Purpose:** Support for national-level *implementation*, HLPF-VNR as culmination of a previous *national*-level review process, solid *analysis* of the state of implementation at national level with special consideration of the 2030 Agenda *principles* (transformative, integrated, inclusive, leaving no one behind)
- **Problems so far:** *Voluntary* guidelines, quality of national-level *preparatory* processes varies, *reports* come in late and quality varies, lack of *analysis* re good practices/challenges, limited *time* to discuss in-depth, interactive *debate* not well-prepared, rather friendly praise, limited room for critical questions from MGoS, need to secure *actionable* results and support
- **To do:** Develop *guidelines & support* for better preparation; ask MS to present (draft) reports at *national* level first; debate should produce policy *recommendations* that should then be reflected in actionable Ministerial Declaration/ECOSOC President's Summary, should inform *follow-up* processes

HLPF Thematic and SDG Reviews

- **Purpose:** in-depth *analysis* of the state of implementation of SDGs with special consideration of the 2030 Agenda *principles* (transformative, integrated, inclusive, leaving no one behind)
- **Problems so far:** No guidelines (?), *preparatory* processes are hard to follow, reports from UN System come in very *late*, HLPF panels do not work with them or with the background notes for each SDG (EGMs, ECESA Plus), limited *time* for the panels to discuss in-depth, need to secure *actionable* results
- **To do:** Develop *guidelines*; designated custodian institutions should publish a *roadmap* on preparatory & follow-up processes in good time so that relevant actors may prepare their inputs; *panel debates* should produce policy recommendations that should be reflected in Ministerial Declaration/ECOSOC Pres. Sum.

HLPF Reviews: add value!

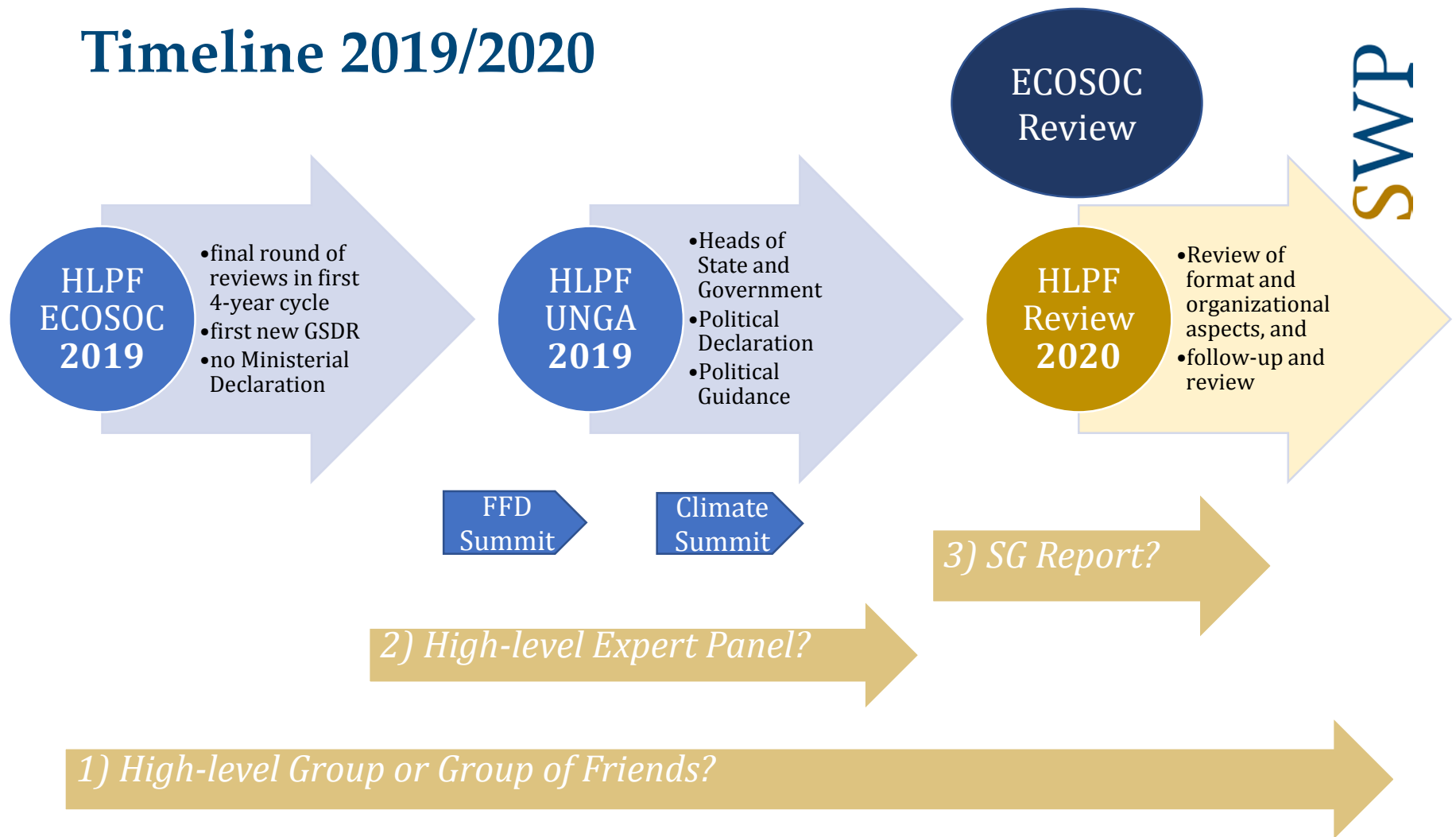


- *goal*: policy guidance and recommendations with special consideration of the 2030 Agenda *principles* (transformative, integrated, inclusive, leaving no one behind)
- *evidence base* = solid analysis, integrated and self-critical assessments >> effective *preparatory processes* needed
- reviews should identify entry points for *how* transformative change can be achieved, *who should do what*, and how to install the right *incentives* for those actors
- inform Ministerial Declaration
- Member States need (sufficient time to coordinate with capitals) to negotiate actionable recommendations

HLPF Ministerial Declaration

- **Purpose:** political *leadership and guidance* with special consideration of the 2030 Agenda *principles* (transformative, integrated, inclusive, leaving no one behind)
- **Problems so far:** Negotiated *before* HLPF, i.e. cannot draw on results from reviews and debates; no actionable recommendations, no clear mandate for *follow-up* (> *who should do what?*); *politicization* during closing session
- **To do:** Improve preparatory and follow-up processes, enhance DESA's *capacities* in that regard (e.g. to produce and disseminate synthesis papers, to find-fund-brief panelists, broker follow-up), review ECOSOC *calendar* (Res. 72/305) for better work flow (e.g. combine Integration Segment, 3 working days of HLPF, 1-day annual DCF into 5-day *HLPF Spring Meeting* end of May > Summary informs negotiations on MD in June, 5-day HLPF in July with 3 Ministerial Days)

Timeline 2019/2020



Thank you!

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