

# How could the 2019 HLPF summit deliver actions, implementation and acceleration?

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# *Introduction*

- ▶ HLPF oversees **network of global processes** reviewing and following up progress towards the SDGs
  - ▶ What are those processes?
  - ▶ How do they relate to the HLPF - at present? in future?
- ▶ Differing perspectives on HLPF's status, authority
- ▶ Practically, HLPF enjoys **high and low visibility**
  - ▶ High among insiders - those in the UN and who follow UN processes
  - ▶ Low in the wider world - minimal press coverage, name recognition beyond 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

## *Brief review of what has been achieved*

- ▶ HLPF has momentum in first 3 years, with 110+ voluntary national reviews presented by countries
- ▶ Varying degrees of engagement of stakeholders in VNR preparation, presentation
- ▶ Innovations: VNR Labs to create more space for in-depth discussion on country experience
- ▶ Areas for further strengthening:
  - ▶ Peer reviews, comparative VNR presentations
  - ▶ Multi-stakeholder engagement in VNR preparation, presentation
  - ▶ More in-depth consideration of what is working, what not, and why

# *Preparatory Process for SDG Summit*

- ▶ Moving outside the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue corridor
- ▶ How can governments, other stakeholders engage those not yet aware, supportive of 2030 Agenda, SDGs?
  - ▶ Citizen convenings, conversations around the globe (à la Missions publiques)
  - ▶ Possible topics: ‘leave no one behind’; imagining the world in 2030 - new and emerging issues and challenges on road to sustainable development
- ▶ Laying the groundwork for launching new initiatives, partnerships
  - ▶ Defining rigorous criteria for qualifying I/Ps
  - ▶ Drawing up roadmap from now to the Summit and beyond

## *Political Declaration (defer to IZ, FD ...)*

- ▶ Process (facilitated consultations, negotiations led by Bahamas, Sweden)
  - ▶ Engage major groups, other stakeholders early on to foster buy-in
  - ▶ Amb Donoghue: convene high-level group to propose possible elements for inclusion - good idea? How feasible?
- ▶ Contents:
  - ▶ Recommit to universality, ambition
  - ▶ Reinforce commitment to reach the farthest behind first, recognize multiple dimensions of leaving no one behind
  - ▶ Flag achievements, identify key bottlenecks, propose actions to relieve them, including ...
  - ▶ Commit to deepened, targeted international cooperation
  - ▶ High-level guidance for strengthening follow-up and review

# *Outcomes*

- ▶ **Political declaration:** make every effort to achieve consensus without regressing on major achievements of 2030 Agenda
- ▶ **Initiatives, partnerships:** vetting process needed to allow the most ambitious, serious, sustainable to percolate up to the Summit
- ▶ **Outline of next four years:** HOS/G need not provide full details but can provide guidance on several matters [defer to IZ, FD]:
  - ▶ integrating outcomes of other SDG-related processes, fora
  - ▶ further value added of VNRs in the next four-year cycle
  - ▶ featuring the contribution of non-state actors to achievement of SDGs
  - ▶ addressing key new and emerging issues

# The Event

- ▶ UN SDG Summit will be one of **three mutually reinforcing high-level events** taking place in September 2019, along with the 2019 Climate Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.
- ▶ Preparation should prime some **key initiatives, partnerships for launch** - possibly on sustainable finance, education, aligning SDGs and climate action, leaving no one behind
- ▶ Fully integrate all stakeholders into the conversation, provide opportunities for **global citizens to engage**
- ▶ Map way forward to sustain political commitment at highest level, accelerate progress on the ground - **Chair's concluding vision**

## *Follow-Up*

- ▶ GA: set in motion a thorough **review of HLPF and related processes** for follow-up and review of SDGs, 2030 Agenda
- ▶ Countries can coalesce around common challenges, priorities to **forge coalitions** (goal-focused or cross-cutting) - showcase their experience collectively at future HLPFs (Gunther Bachmann)
- ▶ Outreach, communication, **conversation with civil society** institutionalized
- ▶ Vehicles established for **sustained engagement of private sector, financial sector**; similar vehicles for other key actors

# *Conclusions*

- ▶ A lot of work to be done between now and Sept 2019
- ▶ It's already begun ... will need to accelerate ...
- ▶ ... get beyond 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue ... start a global conversation ...
- ▶ See how to feature different voices at SDG Summit, especially the voices of those thus far left behind or in fear of being left behind
- ▶ ... but also those very far ahead ... and who can put serious resources behind SDGs ...