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 1st 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 1st 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\textsuperscript{st} 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 …