The HLPF:

Enhancing the Thematic Reviews

Two Hats

Framing Questions

a)Expectations

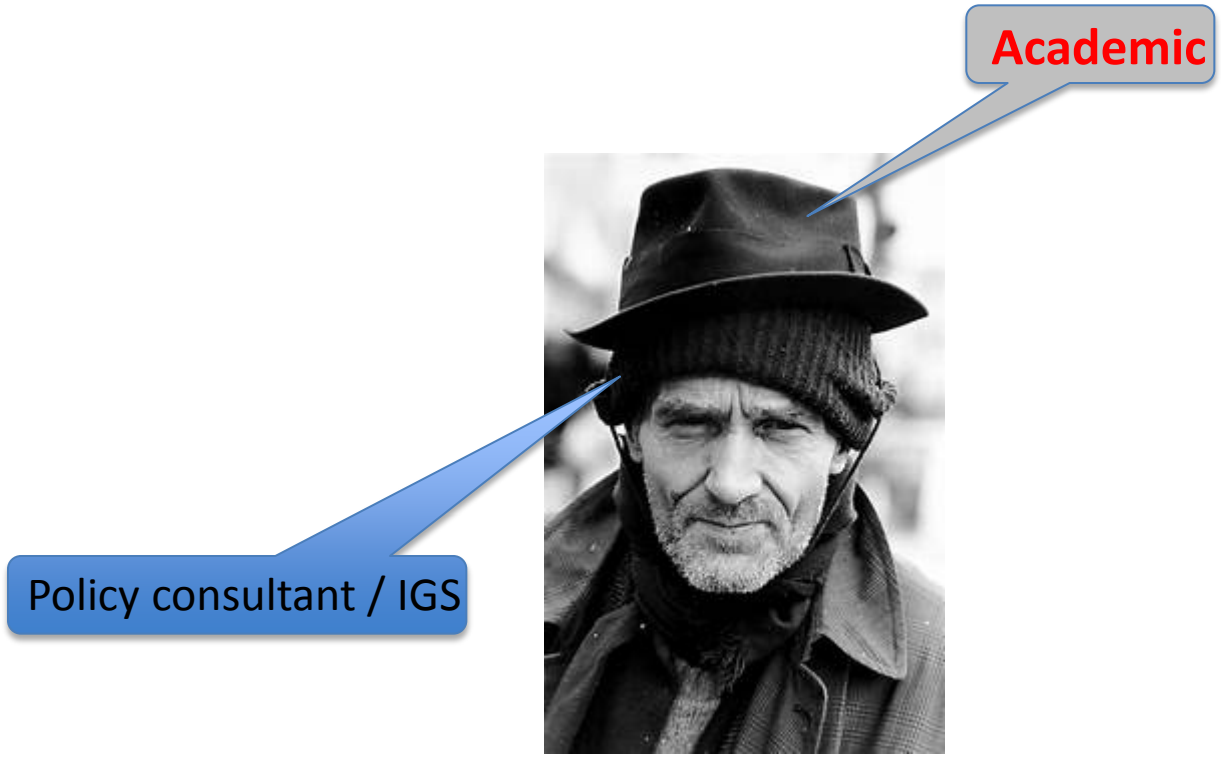
b)Adequacy of evidence

c)Knowledge generation

d)Knowledge sharing

e)Thematic integration

f)Guidance for policy



Academic Questions

a)The Purpose of the Review

b)The Scope of the Review

c)The Bottom Line of the Review

1. The HLPF

	Political	… … … … … … …	Policy
Expectations	Political consensus on goals		Scientific consensus on means
Evidence needed			
Knowledge generation			
Knowledge brokers			
Thematic integration			
Guidance for policy			

2. The Scope of the Reviews

Selective implementation

Aggregation

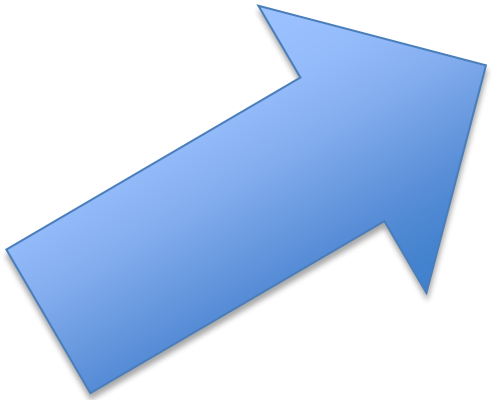
Generalization

Inequalities, spillovers, unintended consequences

Global

Regional

National



Implementation

Trends in specific SDGs

Statistical impact

Social impact

Monitoring

Impact Evaluation

3. The Bottom-Line of the Review

a)Throw your hands up and give up

b)Rely on the ‘best’ studies

c)Meta-analysis of ‘contextual’ variation

Summary Recommendation

- Clarify the mandate of Thematic Reviews
- Circumscribe their scope; allocate resources; anticipate pitfalls/ difficulties
- Plan meta-analytic syntheses