

HLPF 2 minutes intervention 30 June 2015 (8.30-9.45h)

Thanks mister President, good morning colleagues, this statement is on behalf of the NGO jointly made with Ind Peoples.

The good starting point of the HLPF, as the successor of CSD, is that it can build on a lot of experience and agreed language. Nevertheless, listening to the discussions until now, we have the impression that this is not enough rewarded. It is for us very important not to re-negotiate agreed language but build upon the principles of Agenda 21, Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, like, among others, the realisation of NSSD, installation of multi stakeholder advisory councils on governance, but so many agreements on a diversity of topics too.

Also good to remind that HLPF has a huge agenda and that it contains more than following up and review on the SDGs, although important, but also is responsible to 10YFP on SCP, beyond GDP indicators, make the UN more coherent etc. For that reason we need a Bureau, to make the HLPF more powerful, political and relevant. As well as a well-resourced secretariat, to take care of the agenda during the whole year, as well we doubt if meeting 8 days a year will be sufficient to cover all responsibilities.

A good functioning and powerful HLPF has the potential to change the development paradigm, transforming the old fashioned Aid and Trade agenda to real fair and sustainable economies worldwide, less dependent on fossil fuels, scarce resources, respecting human rights, and focussing on well being and closing the inequality gap, not only by lifting up the poor, but also by bringing down the overconsumption.

We want meaningful civil society participation, based on the Major Group and Other Stakeholder structure and self organised, as agreed in resolution 290/67, which means each constituent group selects its own speakers without interference by any UN secretariat in an ad hoc fashion. We all have our own constituencies and democratic and transparent ways of organising ourselves, which guarantees a consulted voice here in NY and consequent implementation and follow up on the national levels, which is crucial for the success of the Sustainable Development agenda.