

### Concept note

## Partners for Review – A Transnational Multi-Stakeholder Network for a Robust Review Process

March 27 – 28, Bogotá/Colombia

2030 Agenda review, on national, regional and global levels, shall “*promote accountability to our citizens, support effective international cooperation in achieving this Agenda and foster exchanges of best practices and mutual learning. It will mobilize support to overcome shared challenges and identify new and emerging issues.*” (A/RES/70/1 §73)

### Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages Member States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels that are country-led and country-driven. At the global level, the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development is the central space for follow-up and review of UN member countries’ SDG implementation. Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) showcase countries’ individual approaches to implementing and reviewing the 2030 Agenda, and encourage further reflection, learning and debate on shared challenges.

*Partners for Review* intends to build a network of stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and the private sector involved in national review processes and to enable demand-oriented learning on new and emerging challenges of SDG review, follow-up and implementation on the road to 2030.

The second *Partners for Review* network meeting, organized by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), will be hosted by the Colombian National Planning Department (DNP) and carried out in joint cooperation with the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) from March 27 – 28 in Bogotá, Colombia.

### Objectives

The meeting will address cross-cutting challenges of SDG review and national implementation encountered by previous and prospective presenting countries.

In particular, the meeting will address issues of coordinating institutions, engaging partners, strengthening national mechanisms and assembling evidence for national monitoring and follow-up processes. Previous and prospective presenters will be given the opportunity to present hands-on approaches, share practical expertise and liaise with UN DESA coordinating staff. Key objectives are to

- enable a dialogue on common challenges of devising national monitoring mechanisms;

- gather knowledge on good practices and lessons learned;
- support the identification of expertise to provide tailored peer assistance;
- contribute to preparations for VNRs at the 2017 HLPF as well as
- consolidate the *Partners for Review* network as a community of practice for SDG review.

## Target Group

*Partners for Review* invites decision-makers involved in national review processes to enable demand-oriented learning on the new challenges posed by SDG review. It addresses the needs of government officials as well as of key non-governmental stakeholders from all societal groups, such as:

- government representatives from lead ministries, such as Ministries of Planning, Foreign Affairs and the Environment, President's or Prime Minister's Offices or other departments with designated coordinating authority;
- representatives from civil society organizations, both national and international;
- representatives of academia and research as well as
- representatives from the private sector involved in reviewing the SDGs.

## Expected Results

Participants of the meeting will benefit from a broad network of peers to help them navigate and deal with the manifold challenges countries encounter en route towards robust SDG review.

## Methodology and Format

The network meeting will use formats conducive to creating a productive and innovative working atmosphere, enable intensive and practice-oriented exchange of lessons learned and provide input catering to participants' expertise and demand.

*Partners for Review* is committed to providing involved stakeholders a safe space for discussion. A confidential environment and trusting community will be essential for mutual learning and overcoming challenges encountered by all.

## Registration and Logistics

Please RSVP to Ms Maria Catalina Lindner Romero, [maria.lindner@giz.de](mailto:maria.lindner@giz.de) at your earliest convenience, no later than March 10, 2017.

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