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The post-2015 agenda has incredible potential to turn aspiration to reality: to end structural inequalities. We talk about a transformative agenda that leaves no one behind, and it also demands accountability for those too far ahead. We must match the goals and targets with a suitably robust, transparent and inclusive monitoring, accountability and review mechanism.

The architecture will be multi-level. National-level supports dialogue between people and government to address gaps and develop relevant programming. Regional reviews can provide space for shared learning. Global reviews at the HLPF provide a sense of overall progress with a universal peer review mechanism.

The mechanism should be based on key principles at all levels.

Universality - not conditionality – will benefit States and people who live within their borders. Universality provides an entry point for monitoring and accountability of domestic implementation by countries at every income and development level.

The mechanism/framework must also be

- Grounded in **common but differentiated responsibilities**, with regular reviews that are results-oriented and **fulfilling gender equality and human rights obligations**;
- **Driven by** qualitative data and quantitative data disaggregated by age, sex, gender, geography, income level, race and ethnicity.
- And must promote **mutual accountability** so that non-state actors, including the private sector, international financial institutions and UN agencies, are also held accountable to their development commitments and their impacts
- **Open, democratic, transparent, and participatory**

At the global level and in the HLPF, modalities should ensure civil society participation through major groups and other organized constituencies that have clear mechanisms for accountability and transparency. Broad references to “stakeholders” can conflate private sector and other non-governmental actors with rights holders and civil society constituencies, but it fails to ensure accountability for private sector.

Finally, this universal agenda implicates all of us - and so we must all be involved in the process as these negotiations hit the critical phase during June and July.