

Remarks to the Post-2015 negotiation session on “follow-up and review”

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Your Excellencies the co-facilitators,

Thank you for this opportunity.

I want to focus on the question of ensuring that the follow-up and review process includes, at all levels, the participation of all stakeholders.

The follow-up and review framework should:

1. Be Inclusive, Transparent and Participatory. This means that throughout the process it has to be ensured that all relevant stakeholders can effectively participate. Not just through formal processes like consultations but that they are, in fact, involved in the evaluation and in the production of reports. That they are a real part of the process and not just a box that needs to be ticked.
2. The language used to define “stakeholders” must be open to capture diversity and include, governments, local and regional authorities, civil society organizations, private sector including SMEs, co-operatives and social and solidarity economy organizations.
3. Evidence and data should be reliable and disaggregated and include all sectors of the economy and society and, again, co-operatives and social and solidarity economy.

At national level the bodies responsible for the follow-up should allow effective participation of all stakeholders. Similar to economic and social councils. Whenever possible and with the right adaptations, countries should favour existing structures.

We propose that part of the exercise should focus on the collection of data on partnerships with co-operatives and social and solidarity organizations, as means of implementation. This could be coordinated by existing bodies such as COPAC and the UN Task Force on the Social and Solidarity Economy.