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## Follow-up and review

~~69-68.~~ We commit to engage in systematic follow-up and review of implementation of this Agenda over the next fifteen years. A robust, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework will make a vital contribution to implementation and will help countries to maximize and track progress in implementing this Agenda.

~~70-69.~~ Operating at the national, regional and global levels, it will 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. As this is a universal Agenda, mutual trust and understanding among all nations will be important.

~~71-70.~~ Follow-up and review processes at all levels will be people-centred and will be guided by the following principles:

- a. They will be voluntary and country-owned, will take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and will respect national policy space and priorities. As national ownership is key to achieving sustainable development, outcomes from national level processes will be the foundation for reviews at regional and global levels, given that the global review will be based on national data sources.
- b. They will address progress in implementing the universal Goals and targets, including the means of implementation, in a manner which respects their universal, integrated and interrelated nature and the three dimensions of sustainable development.
- c. They will maintain a longer-term orientation, identify achievements, challenges and critical success factors and support countries in making informed policy choices. They will mobilize the necessary means of implementation and partnerships, support the identification of solutions and goodbest practices and promote coordination of the international development system.
- d. They will be open, inclusive and transparent for all and will support the participation of and reporting by all people and all relevant stakeholders.
- e. They will be gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalized groups and those furthest behind.
- f. They will build on existing platforms and processes, where these exist, avoid duplication and respond to national circumstances, capacities, needs and priorities. They will evolve over time, taking into account emerging issues and the development of new methodologies, and will minimize the reporting burden on national administrations.
- g. They will be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data which is accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.
- h. They will require capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of national data systems, particularly in African countries, LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs.
- i. They will benefit from the active support of the UN system and other multilateral institutions

~~72-71.~~ The Goals and targets will be followed-up and reviewed using a set of global indicators. These will be complemented by indicators at the regional and national levels which will be developed by member states. The global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators, will be agreed by the UN Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in line with existing mandates. This framework will be simple yet robust, address all SDGs and targets including for means of implementation, and preserve the political balance, integration and ambition contained therein, as well as national policy space of each country.

~~73-72.~~ We will support developing countries, particularly African countries, LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs, in strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data. We will promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private-international cooperation to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range

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of data, including geo-spatial information, while ensuring national ownership in supporting and tracking progress.

~~74-73.~~ We commit to fully engage in conducting reviews of progress at subnational, national, regional and global levels. We will draw as far as possible on the existing network of follow-up and review institutions and mechanisms. Regular national reports will allow assessments of progress and identify challenges at the regional and global level. Along with regional dialogues and global reviews, they will inform recommendations for follow-up at various levels.

#### National level

~~75-74.~~ We encourage all member states to develop as soon as practicable ambitious national responses to the overall implementation of this Agenda. These can support the transition to the SDGs and build on existing planning instruments, such as national development and sustainable development strategies, as appropriate.

~~76-75.~~ We also encourage member states to conduct regular reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels which are country-owned and country-driven. Such reviews should draw on contributions from civil society, the private sector and other actors, in line with national circumstances, policies and priorities. National parliaments as well as other institutions can also support these processes.

#### Regional level

~~77-76.~~ Follow-up and review at the regional and sub-regional levels ~~should~~could, as appropriate, provide useful opportunities for ~~peer review and~~learning, sharing of best -practices and discussion on ~~shared~~ targets. We welcome in this respect the cooperation of regional and sub-regional commissions and organizations. Regional processes can draw on national-level reviews and contribute to follow-up and review at the global level, including at the High Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF).

~~78-77.~~ Recognizing the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate national policy space, we encourage all member states to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage. UN regional commissions are encouraged to continue supporting member states in this regard.

#### Global level

~~79-78.~~ The HLPF will have the central role in overseeing follow-up and review at the global level. It is the forum which will be at the apex of the reviews at all levels. It will work coherently with the General Assembly, ECOSOC and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates. It will facilitate sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, and will promote system-wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies. It should ensure that the Agenda remains relevant and ambitious and should focus on the assessment of progress, achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries as well as new and emerging issues. Effective linkages will be made with the follow-up and review arrangements of all relevant UN Conferences and processes, including on LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs.

~~80-79.~~ Follow-up and review at the HLPF will be informed by an annual SDG Progress Report to be prepared by the Secretary General in cooperation with the UN System, based on the global indicator framework and data produced by national statistical systems and regional reviews. Global indicators, recognising national policy space, will provide guidance to national statistical authorities in their development of national indicators. The HLPF will also be informed by the Global Sustainable Development Report, which shall strengthen the science-policy interface and could provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policy-makers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development. We encourage the HLPF, under the auspices of ECOSOC, to agree the scope and methodology of this report at its session in 2016.

~~81-80.~~ The HLPF, under the auspices of ECOSOC, shall carry out regular reviews, in line with Resolution 67/290. Reviews will be voluntary, while encouraging reporting, and include ~~developed and developing countries as well as relevant UN entities, and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector.~~ They shall be state-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants. They shall provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

- | [82-81.](#) Thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals will also take place at the HLPF. These will be supported by reviews by the ECOSOC functional commissions and other inter-governmental forums which should reflect the integrated nature of the goals as well as the interlinkages between them. They will engage all relevant stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, and, where possible, feed into, and be aligned with, the cycle of the HLPF.
  
- | [83-82.](#) We welcome, as outlined in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the dedicated follow-up and review for the Financing for Development outcomes as well as all the means of implementation of the SDGs. The intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the annual ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development will be fed into the overall integrated follow-up and review of the implementation of this Agenda in the HLPF.
  
- | [84-83.](#) Meeting every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly, the HLPF will provide high-level political guidance on the Agenda and its implementation, identify progress and emerging challenges and mobilize further actions to accelerate implementation. The next HLPF, under the auspices of the General Assembly, will take place in 2019, with the cycle of meetings thus reset, in order to maximize coherence with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review process.
  
- | [85-84.](#) We also stress the importance of system-wide strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated implementation of the new Agenda by the UN development system. The relevant governing bodies should take action to review such implementation and to report on progress and obstacles. This reporting should be included in the SDG Progress Report. We welcome the ongoing ECOSOC Dialogues on the longer term positioning of the UN development system and look forward to taking action on these issues.
  
- | [86-85.](#) The HLPF will support participation in follow-up and review processes by the major groups and other relevant stakeholders in line with Resolution 67/290. We call on these actors to report on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda.
  
- | [87-86.](#) We request the Secretary General to prepare a report, for consideration by the 2016 meeting of the HLPF, which outlines critical milestones towards coherent and efficient follow-up and review at the global level. This report should include a proposal on the organizational arrangements for state-led reviews at the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC, [including recommendations on possible options for a voluntary common reporting format](#). It should clarify institutional responsibilities and provide guidance on annual themes and on a sequence of thematic reviews for the HLPF.
  
- | [88-87.](#) To ensure the full realization of the Agenda, we call on the General Assembly, ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies, as well as on the specialized agencies to take all necessary measures for the effective, comprehensive and timely implementation, follow-up and review of the Agenda.
  
- | [89-88.](#) We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to achieving this Agenda and utilising it to the full to transform our world for the better by 2030.