

folIGlobal follow-up and review progress – PGA consultations

Switzerland's considerations

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General Remarks/Principles:

- We should prioritize : in order not to overburden the process, we should focus on the key issues, which need to be solved in order to start fulfilling the mandates provided in Res 67/290 on the modalities for the HLPF and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- The modalities for the 2016 HLPF should not be part of this process
- We need a coherent approach between different ongoing processes (ECOSOC-GSDR process, Revitalization of Agenda of 2nd Committee, Revitalization of Agendas of GA Committees)

With regards to the questions that the co-facilitators circulated, the following elements are crucial for us:

1) Themes:

For us, the question of the theme is linked to the following:

- 1st Success of the forum
- 2nd Predictability for the system that is supposed to contribute to the review at the HLPF
- 3rd The ability to conduct an in-depth review of the whole agenda in a 4-year cycle

If we want to attract experts from line Ministries as well as Ministers in order to keep Agenda 2030 high on the political agenda, we need to have a focused discussion at the HLPF. For Switzerland, as has also been mentioned by previous speakers, the focus should be the goals.

And to respond to your question on whether the thematic focus of the HLPF and the thematic review are the same, our answer is yes, if we follow the logic outlined in the UNSG's report. That means:

- To decide on themes by using the SDGs for HLPF under ECOSOC 2017, 2018, 2019
- ECOSOC should have the same annual themes
- To select a set of goals to be reviewed for the same period, with SDG17 reviewed every year.

The combination of the goals doesn't really matter. In our view, linkages can be made between any goals in order to ensure a truly universal and integrated review of sustainable development.

We could even consider deciding on the groups of goals by drawing lots.

2) Inputs to the HLPF

- As already mentioned during the brainstorming session, we support the UNSG proposal in para 54 and 55 of its report. A synthesis of the inputs should be prepared by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. It should enable participants to assess the status of implementation of the SDGs. This is crucial for the success of the forum.
- The synthesis could for example be an annex to the SDG progress report.
- This is one of the issues that needs to be closely coordinated with the ongoing GSDR process, which our Mission is facilitating.

3) National reviews

- 67/290 and Agenda 2030 provide a sound basis
- For my delegation it is important to wait for lessons learned to come out of HLPF 2016 before further discussing the reporting guidelines for voluntary national reviews as well as other organizational arrangements for State-led reviews

4) Outputs

- We support a summary of the HLPF by the ECOSOC President to capture the discussions during the HLPF

5) Coherence between the ECOSOC and HLPF

- We have a window of opportunity to clarify organizational modalities, such as duplication of mandates and the duplication of the Ministerial Declaration
- The HLPF Ministerial days should replace the high-level segment of ECOSOC

6) Secretariat

- We support the call for a reorganization of UNDESA in order to be able to serve one universal agenda.