Positioning the HLPF
in relation to other Rio+20 follow-up processes

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Follow-up Processes

- CSD ➔ universal high-level political forum
- SDGs/Post-2015 Agenda: goals, targets, indicators
- ECOSOC reform
- SD financing / Assessment of financial needs
- Technology transfer
- Science-policy interface
- Ombudsperson/High-level Representative for future generations
- 10 YFP Sustainable consumption and production
- Registry of commitments, SD partnerships
- et al.
Ownership, Action and Tailored Support

Rio+20 = consensus on functions of HLPE:

- political leadership
- action-oriented agenda, new and emerging challenges
- follow up and review progress
- improve cooperation and coordination w/i UN system
- provide for access to adequate financing, technology transfer, knowledge, best practise

>> all for the implementation of sustainable development!
>> w/o new bureaucracy, exploit existing administ. capacity
Flexible & Central Platform for SD:
Synergies with existing fora

- UNGA
  - strategic guidance & decision-making
- HLPF
  - political leadership
- ECOSOC
  - review & integration
- CEB/UNTT
  - system-wide coordination

Funds & other means of implementation
Use and Improve what is there: Reform ECOSOC’s “Annual Ministerial Review”

Current Mandate:

• Assess progress made towards the implementation of the goals and targets agreed at the major UN conferences and summits (incl. MDGs, now SDGs/Post-2015 goals)

• Contribute to scaling-up and accelerating action, serving as global high-level forum with broad-based participation, where lessons learned are exchanged and successful practices and approaches that merit scaling-up are identified

• main elements:
  (A) national voluntary presentations of both developing and developed countries on their progress in implementing internationally agreed goals
  (B) thematic review and global review of the agenda
HLPF: Spur Action via a Periodic Peer Review

• Use AMR ... and do better! (role model UPR of HRC)
• state-driven process, equal treatment for every country
• periodic peer review:
  • every 5 years w/i regional group
  • geared at constructive learning, experience sharing and effective support
  • start voluntary with pilot countries, provide for incentives so that everyone wants to participate
• ECOSOC context, but universal participation at ministerial-level, participation of relevant UN institutions, major groups and other stakeholders, High-level Representative for Future Generations
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(A) National presentations on progress

- Post-2015 goals/SDGs provide for goals, targets and indicators
- National pledges and benchmarks enable a differentiated approach according to priorities and capacities
- Scoping involves a discussion of the State Party-established pledges and benchmarks in order to arrive at a consensus about them (using expertise of UN special agencies and other expert groups)
- Reports on and assessment of progress/gaps/barriers – and of necessary support to do better during next cycle
HLPF: Incentivise + link to Financing for SD

- assess special *needs* of every country
- ... *and* provide for *access* to adequate and tailored financial and technical support, best practices and successful policies > draft expenditure plan
- using the *existing* funds and mechanisms (according to their respective mandates)
- *matching process*: financial needs ⇔ existing funds
- but also identify *gaps in financing*
- and assess *compliance with financial commitments*
- look for *innovative sources of finance* for SD
HLPF: Reporting and Dialogue

Every five years within regional groups:

- *national progress report*
  (prepare/discuss at country & regional level, could also include voluntary initiatives/partnerships)
- *compilation of UN information*
- *summary of stakeholders’ information*

>> basis for *interactive dialogue*
   at HLPF preparatory committee session in May

>> peer group drafts *outcome report with recommendations,*
   State-Party can accept/note, but should comment all

>> HLPF high-level meeting discusses reports and
   adopts them (annually in July)
HLPF and the General Assembly

>> HLPF reports on results of review directly to the General Assembly (incl. recommendations, draft resolutions)

(B) Thematic and Global Review of the Agenda

>> use high-level section at the General Assembly every two (rather than four) years for
  • high-level decision making
  • strategic guidance to assess and adjust procedures, funds, etc. (QCPR of UN operational activities)
  • agenda setting esp. for new and emerging challenges
Objectives: Building “The Future We Want”

Added value:

- ownership via national pledges
- accountability via national benchmarks and reports
- improved implementation via peer learning and matching demand for support with suppliers
- better cooperation and coordination w/i UN system leading to tailored support and access to means of implementation
- center piece: political leadership of HLPF