Expert Group Meeting on the HLPF on sustainable development in post 2015

Plenary session on Emerging Actors

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What makes it attractive to come to the HLPF?

• That the HLPF will be the center of reviewing the implementation of the sustainable development goals
• That effective mechanisms for engagements are designed
• That funding is made available for the participation of all relevant stakeholders
The areas I will cover

1. Potential role for *National Councils on Sustainable Development* –
2. Potential role of *parliaments* in monitoring and reporting on implementation
3. Role of *Major Groups* and *other stakeholders*
4. Role of *partnerships*
National Councils for Sustainable Development

• Goals will be universal so ALL governments will need a mechanism to implement and to monitor

• Rio 1992 – Agenda 21 – policy should be developed with stakeholders

• Jo’berg 2002 – Stakeholders should work with governments to implement agreements

• Rio+20 and the SDGs – stakeholder input to the process treated as expert input
1. To conduct national multi-stakeholder assessments of progress in implementing the new sustainable development goals in terms of: national strategies for **sustainable development goals**;

2. To identify *implementation problems, weaknesses and barriers and recommend solutions* in the form of national and regional action programmes.

3. Local and subnational strategies should feed into a national strategy
4. To consolidate (sub-)regional recommendations and identify (sub-)regional opportunities for cooperative action amongst NCSDs to advance implementation of the sustainable development goals. Eg SADAC

5. To consolidate and present recommendations and national and regional action programmes to the High Level Political Forum, and to key regional forums and processes, including the UN Regional Economic Commissions. – convert the Development Forum space to a meeting of NCSD and governments
National Councils on Sustainable Development

• Today around 60 in existence
Parliaments

• An annual debate in parliament on the report of the NCSD
• The Committee structures of parliament to also monitor implementation
Role of Major Groups and other stakeholders

• More accountability of Major Groups – produce an annual report to each HLPF on their activities
• Funding for participation of developing country stakeholders
• Input from stakeholders can be drawn into any negotiating text by the chairs and secretariat
• First day of the HLPF a multistakeholder dialogue 3 or 4 most relevant stakeholders
Role of partnerships

- Not a 1000 blossoms bloom
- Cluster partnerships around the different goals – Funds for UNDESA or the relevant UN Agency or Programme to facilitate the cluster
- Partnership clusters report annually on what they have achieved to deliver the relevant sustainable development goal
- Every 4 years a partnership summit to feed into the Heads of State HLPF
Capacity 2030

• To help deliver the sustainable development goals – Capacity 2020 would be modelled around the successful Capacity 21 – it could be jointly run by the Bank and UNDP and have members from all relevant UN Agencies and Programmes involved in helping to implement the SDGs. It would report annually to the HLPF
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