

## **Questions for discussion**

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We can say yes, considering the legal texts and the physical participation of non-state actors in the various forums.

Indeed the principle of participation is endorsed by the Rio Declaration of 1992.

In 2018 alone, the physical presence of 2,500 non-state actors was recorded at the July forum.

But it is clear that this physical presence is not a guarantee of the effective and efficient participation of Non State Actors in the HLPF.

**The HLPF receives only official voluntary state reports.** These reports are prepared with varying participation of civil society by state.

II- Should non-state actors' role in HLPF be changed in any significant way and if so how ?

Yes, the role of CSOs needs to be further strengthened through their active participation.

We'll have to :

- Make participation more **inclusive by involving all stakeholder groups (peasants, women, youth, marginalized people, businesses, ....)** at national, regional and global levels.
- Non State Actors in addition to monitoring, must help governments in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through **collaborative platforms (Civil Society - Local Governments)** at local, national and international level.

III- Should non-state actors be asked to report on contribution towards implementing the 2030 Agenda ?  
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Yes. Non State Actors must be able to submit voluntary reports to the HLPF in an official manner through **a secure space (protection system)**.

The voluntary reports of Non State Actors would really establish the principle of admissibility. It would strengthen or invalidate the progress of States.

Similar initiatives have been initiated by civil society in Mexico, Canada ... through "**voluntary people reviews**"

IV- Should voluntary stakeholder and partnership commitments be featured in the HLPF? If so, what mechanism is needed for follow-up ?

Yes. It will be necessary:

- **Strengthen communication at local and national level through local languages;**
- **Encourage public-private-collective partnership through project initiatives;**
- **Follow up and Evaluation including all the actors involved.**

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