

**WEBINAR*****Taking stock on the HLPF's first 'cycle': lessons learned and what is ahead for the next four years*****December 5 2019, 9:30 – 11:00am (NY time)****Call in details below - Check time zones [here](#)****Please, register here: <https://forms.gle/z3YFJPwd3wKW4jNKA>****Background:**

The [High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#) is the global structure responsible for assessing progress achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries. It is, in part, a forum for review - of a yearly, rotating set of Sustainable Development Goals, of overall global progress, and of national progress and challenges presented by countries in Voluntary National Reviews. In the 2030 Agenda, Member States have also emphasized that the HLPF should draw high-level political attention to gaps or areas where commitments are lagging behind and provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow up to accelerate progress.

Since 2016, Together 2030 and a team from the Politics Department at Newcastle University have collaborated to produce an annual survey on stakeholder participation in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the end of the first four year “cycle” of review at the High Level Political Forum, Together 2030 and Newcastle University prepared the paper [Stakeholder engagement in VNRs 2015-2019 Four years of the Together 2030 and Newcastle University stakeholder perceptions survey](#). This document brings together and summarizes the main trends and findings of the surveys over the years, reflecting on how the survey – and the SDG context – has changed over this period, and where it might go next.

On 24 and 25 September 2019, Heads of State and Government gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow up and comprehensively review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs Summit initiated the HLPF review process that will unfold during the 74th Session of the General Assembly. This context represents a unique opportunity to reflect on the current working methods and organization of the Forum in order to drive the processes to direct transformative actions. Together 2030 and partners, also prepared paper with [shared principles](#) to guide the upcoming HLPF review.

**Objectives:**

In light of the above, Together 2030 and the Politics Department at Newcastle University are convening a Webinar on the occasion of Together 2030 fourth anniversary with the purpose of :

- 1) Reflect on the first cycle of the HLPF sharing trends, successes and challenges and:
- 2) Exchange perspectives on the next four years, potential shortfalls and opportunities to make the HLPF a forum for acceleration action on SDGs implementation.

<b>DRAFT AGENDA</b>	
<b>9:30 – 9:35</b>	<b>Welcome and review of the Agenda</b> Moderator: Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
<b>9:35 – 9:45</b>	<b>Session 1: Lessons learned from national reporting: towards second generation VNRs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philipp Schönrock – CEPEI</li> </ul>
<b>9:45 – 9:55</b>	<b>Session 2 – Four years of the Perception Survey: Trends and Findings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graham Long, Newcastle University</li> </ul>
<b>9:55 – 10:15</b>	<b>Discussions</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	<b>Session 3: First cycle of the HLPF: Regional Perspective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Ortiz, ECLAC</li> </ul>
<b>10:25 – 10:35</b>	<b>Session 4: Review of the first cycle of the HLPF and views on the HLPF Review based on four years of HLPF support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irena Zubcevic, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, UNDESA</li> </ul>
<b>10:35 – 10:55</b>	<b>Discussions</b>
<b>10:55– 11:00</b>	<b>Wrap up and closing</b>

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