Together 2030 - Policy to Action

2016: First year of National Reviews

Implementation Webinar: Next Steps on follow up and review mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda
The commitment

• **All countries** agreed, as a **principle** and applying to **all levels**, to:
  • undertake reviews that are “open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people”
  • to “support reporting by all relevant stakeholders” (para 74, d), and
  • that inclusiveness should also apply for the sub-national level (para 77).

• Countries also agreed to **volunteer** to present national reviews at the meetings of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), in New York, starting in 2016.
Country Volunteers for 2016

- As of March 29, **21 countries** have volunteered to present reports during the HLPF session.
- **China; Egypt; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Madagascar; Mexico; Montenegro; Morocco; Norway; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Samoa; Sierra Leone; Switzerland; Togo; Turkey; Uganda and Venezuela.**
- The list is updated: [https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf)
How are countries going to report?

Questions for reflections: 1) How the reports are going to be prepared and what type of consultations will happen at the national level? 2) How will reports be presented at the HLPF and what will happen with the recommendations?

In his report, the SG presented a proposal for the “voluntary common reporting guidelines for Voluntary National Reviews at the HLPF”. It is not very clear if all countries will be applying those guidelines though.

Retreat, February 2016: expectations are that this first year of voluntary national review would be primarily about how countries are preparing for and managing their transition towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
Participation

• At the 2030 Agenda, all Member States were “encouraged to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress” at the national level (para 79) and the volunteer countries have a strategic role to play in setting the tone for the forthcoming reviews.

• The UN Secretary-General flagged the importance of participation in his report to the General Assembly on follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda.
  • “Major groups of civil society and other stakeholders, including business, must participate in all parts of the follow-up and review architecture. The HLPF should champion innovative practices and engage non-state actors” (para 15).
Together 2030 Perception Survey

• Together 2030 has developed a perception survey to gather views from civil society and other stakeholders about their engagement on the national review processes.

• The survey, available in English, Spanish and French, questions about availability of information and awareness and about actual participation in the national reviews.

• Outcomes to shed additional light about the levels of participation and the main challenges to strengthen inclusion and leave no one behind.