

# Review and Follow up

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# (1) The need for strategizing in Civil Society

(1) Stakeholder involvement could fill 3 gaps in SDG context:

- Implementation (expertise)
  - Review and follow up (watchdog)
  - Participation (inclusivity, voice)
- These are questions for individual organisations, but civil society needs to “self-organise” – for what? How much of these 3 functions (and others), what balance?

(2) Approach to the “first” HLPF for the SDGs – cautious/ambitious; supportive/critical; gap-filling/agenda-setting?

## (2) Together2030 Essential Elements Paper:

- National processes of review; national reporting at the HLPF
  - how they are linked; how preparation for, and feedback from, HLPF, can strengthen national context of review
- How to maximise value of reviews at the HLPF: country *reports* are not, in themselves, a global *review*. How to go beyond reports as narratives of progress
  - (1) The importance of processes of discussion and deliberation (including stakeholder participation): how to ensure this happens at the HLPF
    - (2) The importance of shaping the language and norms around review:
      - Within* SDGs – universality, interdependent and indivisible agenda, “Leave no one behind”
      - Beyond* SDGs – human rights, existing environmental agreements, other review processes

### (3) The example of “Leave No one Behind”:

- Establishing, as a principle, its links to universality, and to non-discrimination, equality, HR
- Establishing what it means for:
  - Policy Design and Policy Coherence
  - Data
  - Review and Monitoring
- Sets a standard for evaluation of state action in the review process
- helps to move us beyond reports-as-narratives
- sets terms of debate; prompts debate.
- Long term – gives substance to Agenda2030