



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Official HLPF 2017 High-Level Side Event on: “Nutrition and soils in the 2030 Agenda: a contribution to the HLPF Thematic Reviews”

Monday, 10 July 2017 from 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. at the
Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations

871 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Co-hosts:



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Background:

One crucial element to determine the success of implementation of the 2030 Agenda will be the follow-up and review. The presentation of forty-four National Voluntary Reviews and an in-depth review of SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17 under the theme “Eradicating Poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” reflect the level of ambition by Member States, the United Nations system and other stakeholders to make HLPF 2017 a success. At the same time, follow-up and review will require carefully designed formats and methods to ensure thematic and cross-country linkages are made visible to support national level implementation. The envisioned effective, participatory and integrated follow-up and review framework can help countries “*maximize and track progress in implementing this Agenda in order to ensure that no one is left behind*” (UN GA A/RES/70/1 2015, Para 72).

Thematic reviews – as foreseen in the ‘Transforming the World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ – can allow for a crosscutting review of the goals and targets in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda as a package, rather than by looking at progress on individual goals only. By looking at a sub-set of goals from the perspective of a specific theme, thematic reviews under the HLPF provide a tool for an integrated implementation of the SDGs. They can provide ideas for cross-thematic collaboration and cooperation between UN agencies, scientific institutions and civil society, and most importantly, between citizens and their governments. Last but not least, a thematic review can help identify synergies and minimize trade-offs.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda depends on a range of actors. We need to make use of their insights for the HLPF. The 2030 Agenda sets clear that its implementation rests on contributions by all stakeholders. In his review of the High-Level Political Forum 2016, then ECOSOC president Oh Joon, lists “voluntary efforts by the scientific community to produce science-based thematic reviews for the HLPF” as a contribution by the science community to the science-policy interface at the HLPF. At the same time, science is only one source of knowledge in support of the SDGs. Follow-up and review needs to bring together various stakeholders to contribute different forms of knowledge and expertise.

Bringing these various perspectives together and navigating the complexity of an integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda is a time intensive and complex undertaking. The HLPF could therefore benefit from preparatory events that focus on specific aspects of a thematic review. The side event will draw on such a preparatory event conducted in Berlin in May 2017 ahead of the HLPF 2017 with a land and soil lens. This exercise produced a set of policy messages on sustainable soil management and responsible land governance for “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” and a report to reflect on the review and knowledge exchange and communication methodologies applied. Both these outcomes will be presented and discussed at the Side Event. Additionally, a plan to conduct a similar exercise on the topic of Nutrition ahead of the HLPF 2019 will be discussed in order to build partnerships and gain insights from other platforms aiming to conduct similar exercises.

This high-level side event will invite representatives from Member States, UN Organisations, ministries, science and academia, civil society and the private sector to discuss a proposal for the framing and setting-up of integrated, inclusive and participatory thematic reviews in support of the HLPF. The discussions at the Side Event will be relevant for all SDGs being reviewed in depth in 2017 and especially for SDG 2 on ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

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13:15 **OPENING by the Chair and introduction to the Global Soil Week process**

Alexander Müller – Managing Director TMG Think Tank for Sustainability and Study Lead TEEBAgriFood (hosted at UNEP)- **confirmed**

13:25 – 13:45 **WELCOME by co-host Member States providing national perspectives on the Global Soil Week outcomes**

Françoise Assogba Komlan, Ministère de L’agriculture de L’élevage Et de la Pêche Secrétaire Générale du Ministère, Benin - **confirmed**

Daouda Maiga, Conseiller Technique du Ministre de l’Agriculture et des Aménagements Hydrauliques, Burkina Faso, Burkina Faso -**confirmed**

13:45 – 13:55 **REFLECTIONS on the Global Soil Week policy messages and on the review, knowledge exchange and communication methodologies applied**

Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs UNDESA - **confirmed**

13:55 – 14:30 **CONSIDERATIONS for Thematic Reviews on Nutrition**

Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food – (tbc)
Joan Carling, Indigenous People’s International Center for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba Foundation) (tbc)

14:30 – 14:45 **The WAY FORWARD – towards HLPF 2019 and the topic of nutrition**

Klaus Heider, Director General for Food and Nutrition Policy, Product Safety and Innovation at the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) - **confirmed**

14:45 **Light Lunch will be offered (tbc)**