

Reinvigorated Multilateralism

... or rows and quarrels everywhere?

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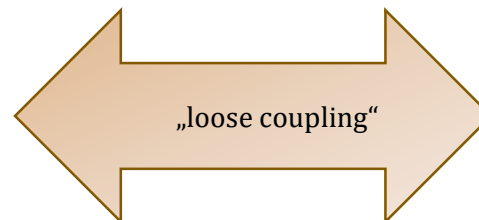
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Focus: Two propositions

- 1) The **HLPF** can be part of a “reinvigorated” multilateralism, specifically in context of what the UN Secretary General António Guterres has called a “**networked and inclusive multilateralism**”
- 2) There is **NO consensus** among member states **how** to build this “reinvigorated multilateralism” – we all have to do more to analyze and understand the **underlying conflicts and barriers** – and eventually learn how to best deal with them

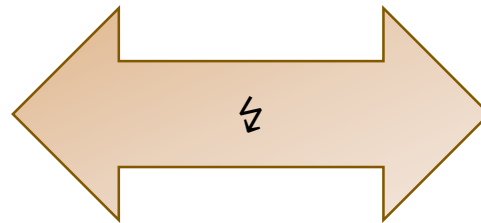
HLPF: two tracks

Track / Mandate	First Track: more intergovernmental, formal (“First UN”)	Second Track: more transnational, informal (“Second and Third UN”)
HLPF’s proceedings	intergovernmental negotiations on ministerial / political declaration; thematic / SDG reviews voluntary national reviews	UN system activities and reports, expert group meetings, consultations, side events, special events, exhibits, learning events and labs, MGoS papers, etc.
HLPF’s deliverables	political leadership, guidance, recommendations on the implementation of sustainable development	(platform for) regular dialogue, stocktaking and agenda-setting, coalitions of the willing and multi-stakeholder partnerships



Lack of consensus among member states how to build “reinvigorated multilateralism” – rows and quarrels?

geopolitics
interests
fear of change
distrust
human rights
foreign occupation
spoilers
path-dependencies
careers
financing
sovereignty
gender



Thank you!

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