Reinvigorated Multilateralism
... or rows and quarrels everywhere?

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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

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3 Marianne Beisheim and Felicitas Fritzche (2021): The UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development: governor, orchestrator – or empty institution? (unpublished manuscript)
Lack of consensus among member states how to build “reinvigorated multilateralism” – rows and quarrels?
Thank you!

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