

Concept Note and preliminary programme

Partners for Review – A Transnational Multi-Stakeholder Network for a Robust Review Process

November 7 – 9, Bonn/Germany

Background

With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda with its Sustainable Development Goals, the international community has taken a historic step towards ensuring a life of dignity for all. Germany strongly believes that the effectiveness of the Agenda and its goals will depend on the quality of national review, monitoring and multi-stakeholder processes. Therefore, Germany has been a strong advocate of a **robust follow-up and review mechanism** from the early stages of the intergovernmental post-2015 negotiations.

Germany has underlined its commitment **by introducing *Partners for Review* as a global policy initiative at this year's HLPF**. The platform is intended to facilitate mutual learning, joint discussion and exchange of experiences on successful national reporting cycles and review processes. In doing so, it aims to contribute to robust 2030 Agenda review processes.

The *Partners for Review* kick-off meeting from November 7-9 in Bonn, Germany, is designed to encourage countries to engage in efficient review processes at the national and global levels. Past and future presenting countries are invited to share both best practices as well as challenges encountered along the way.

Objectives

The meeting will focus on cross-cutting issues of effective institutional coordination, multi-stakeholder involvement, alignment to national realities and statistical monitoring. The two-and-a-half day conference will also leave enough room for participants to enter into individual dialogue according to their country's particular demands and priorities.

The **key objectives** of the *Partners for Review* network meeting in Bonn are to

- ✓ Launch the transnational *Partners for Review* Network
- ✓ Foster Dialogue on SDG implementation at national level
- ✓ Enable Peer Learning and exchange good practices on review and monitoring processes
- ✓ Provide assistance and technical support
- ✓ Support Follow-up through a virtual space for members to sustain continue their dialogue and assist one another

Target Group

The Partners for Review network meeting is designed to **create a network of persons involved in national review** processes to enable demand-oriented learning on the new challenges posed by SDG review. It addresses the needs of senior government officials as well as non-government stakeholders.

The kick-off meeting thus invites stakeholders involved in national review processes and SDG implementation, such as:

- Senior government officials from Planning Ministries, President's or Prime Minister Offices (PMOs) or other coordinating units in charge of national review processes,
- Civil society members
- Researchers, and
- Private sector stakeholders

Expected results

All participants of the P4R network meeting will

- 1) have **strengthened capacities** required to conduct national review processes, monitoring, and initiate multi-stakeholder processes enabling them to effectively and coherently steer national review and SDG implementation at national level.
- 2) profit from a **transnational network** allowing for continued **peer-to-peer dialogue and exchange** of national experiences and lessons learnt.

Methodology and Format

The network meeting will make use of **new and innovative formats to generate an enabling and creative work environment** and foster a fruitful and lasting dialogue among the participants. By focusing on cross-cutting issues, the meeting will break silos and address all participating countries equally. Among others, there will be sessions on (a) institutional coordination (b) multi-stakeholder engagement (c) harmonizing global goals and national priorities, and (d) statistical monitoring.

Partners for Review will bring together members prior to reporting at **the HLPF** and offer assistance on integrating recommendations back at the national level. Additionally, *Partners for Review* will provide a virtual space for members to continue their dialogue and assist one another.

Preliminary Schedule

of the Kick-off Meeting (7th to 9th of November 2016)

Day	Time	Sessions
6 November	PM	Arrival in Bonn , informal reception and cultural event (optional)
Day 1 (7 November)	AM	Welcome Session and Panel Discussion: “NVP from Different Perspectives” with Opening Address by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
	PM	Working Group with expert input on impressions from the 2016 HLPF Cocktail Reception and informal networking event
Day 2 (8 November)	AM	Expert Input and Working Group discussion on i) institutional set-up of national review ii) multi-stakeholder partnerships
	PM	Expert Input and Working Group discussion on iii) translating the SDGs to national context iv) statistical monitoring Dinner and free evening
Day 3 (9 November)	AM	Network event on designing <i>Partners for Review</i> as a partnership initiative Closing Ceremony and free afternoon

Registration and Logistics

Please RSVP to partnersforreview@giz.de at your earliest convenience, no later than Oct 20.

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