

Concept note

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

3rd Network Meeting, October 24 – 25, Kampala/Uganda

2030 Agenda review, on national, regional and global levels, shall “*promote accountability to our citizens, support effective international cooperation in achieving this Agenda and foster exchanges of best practices and mutual learning. It will mobilize support to overcome shared challenges and identify new and emerging issues.*” (A/RES/70/1 §73)

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages Member States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels that are country-led and country-driven. At the global level, the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development is the central space for follow-up and review of UN Member States’ SDG implementation. Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) showcase countries’ individual approaches to implementing and reviewing the 2030 Agenda, and encourage further reflection, learning and debate on shared challenges.

Partners for Review consolidates a network of stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and the private sector involved in national review processes and to enable demand-oriented learning on new and emerging challenges of SDG review, follow-up and implementation on the road to 2030.

The third *Partners for Review* network meeting, organized by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), will be hosted by the Ugandan Office of the Prime Minister and carried out in joint cooperation with the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) from October 24 - 25 in Kampala, Uganda.

Objectives

The meeting will address cross-cutting challenges of national implementation and the imperative of strengthening stakeholder participation and engagement.

In particular, the participants will benefit from peer expertise in the issues of (i) effectively coordinating ministries, parliaments and government institutions (whole-of-government approach), (ii) institutionalizing the active involvement and participation of non-government stakeholders (whole-of-society approach), (iii) strengthening national review and monitoring mechanisms and (iv) improving data collection and management.

Previous and prospective reporting countries will be given the opportunity to present hands-on approaches, share practical expertise and liaise with UN DESA staff.

Key objectives are to:

- Enable peer-to-peer dialogue on common challenges and solutions
- Identify good practices and success factors
- Learn from a comparative analysis conducted by P4R as regards the VNRs at the HLPF 2017 to facilitate national implementation;
- Consolidate the *Partners for Review* as a community of practice for national implementation.

Target Group

Partners for Review invites decision-makers involved in national review processes to enable demand-oriented learning on the challenges posed by SDG review. It addresses the needs of government officials as well as of key non-governmental stakeholders from all societal groups, such as:

- government focal points from lead ministries, such as Ministries of Planning, Foreign Affairs and the Environment, President's or Prime Minister's Offices or other departments with designated coordinating authority;
- representatives from civil society organizations, both national and international;
- representatives of academia and research as well as
- representatives from the private sector involved in reviewing the SDGs.

Expected Results

Participants of the meeting will benefit from a broad network of peers to help them navigate and deal with the manifold challenges countries encounter en route towards robust national SDG review and presenting at the HLPF.

Methodology and Format

The network meeting will use formats conducive to creating a productive and innovative working atmosphere, enable intensive and practice-oriented exchange of lessons learned and provide input catering to participants' expertise and demand.

Partners for Review is committed to providing involved stakeholders a safe space for peer-to-peer discussion. A confidential environment and trusting community will be essential for mutual learning and overcoming challenges encountered by all.

Registration and Logistics

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience, no later than September 25th 2017, using the following online [RSVP form](#) (link is embedded).

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