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Stakeholder engagement

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One founding principle

“All countries and all stakeholders” will act in a collaborative partnership to implement the 2030 agenda.

Paragraph 74 of the 2030 Agenda underscores the importance of stakeholder engagement. It states the follow-up and review processes will be:

- open;
- inclusive; and
- participatory.
Who to engage and why?

• **Who?**
  - all levels and sectors of government; civil society and the private sector; members of parliament; national human rights institutions; academia; among others.

• **Why participation and consultation?**
  - builds wider societal ownership of the 2030 Agenda;
  - promote partnerships for implementing the Goals and raising public awareness; and
  - allows public policy to be informed by needs of all affected groups.
Stakeholder engagement in SDG implementation

**INFORM**

Governments inform stakeholders of their plans for implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda.

**CONSULT**

Government meaningfully consults on plans and options for Implementation, and review of the 2030 Agenda.

**COLLABORATE**

Governments and stakeholders work together on the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda. An iterative process.
Stakeholder engagement in VNR processes

**INPUTS**

*Inputs* from stakeholders requested, and consultations organized to collect them.

**REVIEW**

Draft VNR reports provided to stakeholders for *feedback*.

**REPRESENT**

Stakeholder reps included in official *delegation* during the VNR presentation at the HLPF.

**PRESENT**

Presentations and comments from different stakeholders at the HLPF.
A good practice

• Informal mechanisms for stakeholder engagement provide a starting point.

• The VNR and national planning processes can also be used to institutionalize mechanisms to allow for ongoing engagement. E.g. Taskforces, Working Groups, Committees etc. in a number of Pacific countries.
Another good practice

• Promote active coalitions and strengthen collective ability to influence national processes.

• Why effective coalitions?
  o Promote a unified position and voice;
  o Raise the legitimacy of the messages presented to governments; and
  o Build a strong relationship with governments.
Discussion points?

• What national mechanisms and platforms are available for stakeholders from civil society and the private sector to contribute to the VNR and implementation of the SDGs? Such mechanisms effective and how to improve?

• Are there umbrella bodies that fully represent the voice of disadvantaged and specific interest groups? All views gathered uniformly?

• What partnerships, including with the private sector, have been put in place/ or planned for implementation of the SDGs?
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