



The Permanent Representatives of Belize (Ms. Lois Young) and Denmark (Mr. Ib Peterson) were appointed as co-facilitators to lead an open, inclusive and transparent process of informal consultations with Member States, to take decisions on the most critical issues, as seen by Member States, addressed in the report of the Secretary-General outlining milestones and way forward towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda.

An initial meeting was held on 17 March 2016 to present a roadmap for the process of informal consultations.

Co-facilitators:

- Stated they will conduct consultations in an open, inclusive and transparent manner.
- Underlined the consultations will focus on follow-up and review for the HLPF after 2016.
- Stated co-facilitators aims to facilitate a resolution to be adopted by the UNGA.
- Based on informal consultations from Member States and SG's Report, some critical issues needed to be addressed during this process:
 1. Theme setting for the HLPF and thematic reviews
 2. Operational aspects of inputs into the HLPF
 3. Framework for national review – periodicity and formatting as well
 4. Role of regional reviews and how these contribute to follow-up and review at the global level
 5. Countries in special situations – SIDs, LDCs, LLDCs and how best to review implementation of the 2030 Agenda
 6. System wide support for implementation and links to QCPR to mainstream SDGs into UN
- Outcomes from these consultations will be aimed for the multi-year programme of work for HLPF in 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- Stated they will take into consideration and attempt to align other ongoing processes occurring at the UN such as the alignment of the GA with the 2030 Agenda, GSDR and the revitalization discussion occurring for the 2nd Committee and repositioning of the UN system occurring in the 5th Committee.

Roadmap by the co-facilitators for the informal consultations on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level:

Date	Meeting/Consultation	Location
Tuesday, 29 March 2016	Informal brainstorming meeting for Members States at the expert level: Informal exchange of ideas on what the critical issues could be to include in the GA resolution on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda	CR 11
Thursday, 31 March 2016	First informal consultation with Member States: Building on the informal brainstorm, the first informal will seek to clarify which are the main issues, that Member States think should be the focus of the resolution.	CR 3
Friday, 1 April 2016	First informal consultation with Stakeholders: Exchange of views with stakeholders on the upcoming process and substantive issues to be considered in the resolution.	CR 3
Middle of April 2016	Issue of a Non-paper from the co-facilitators: Distribution of a non-paper aimed at focusing the previous informal consultations on the potential elements of the resolutions.	
TBD: Last week of April 2016 (25-29 of April)	Second informal consultation with Member States: Building on the non-paper issued by the co-facilitators, the second informal will seek to further the understanding of the substantive issues where a decision is needed.	TBD
TBD: Last week of April 2016 (25-26 of April)	Second informal consultation with Stakeholders: Gathering input from stakeholders on the non-paper from the co-facilitators on issues that need to be included in the subsequent process going forward.	TBD
Early May	Issue of the Zero Draft	
During the month of May	Negotiations on the draft resolution on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda	TBD

- Co-facilitators hope that agreement will be reached in early June, in time for action for the HLPF.

- Stressed their openness and willingness to engage and commitment to an inclusive and transparent process

Questions & Answers:

St Vincent on behalf of CARICOM:

- Aligned its statement with the G77 and AOSIS,
- Stressed Member States should be flexible to take into account the differences among states.
- Cautioned about avoiding system-wide duplication and in capitals for example on improving the work of Second Committee, which should be broadened to include others.
- Stressed should avoid redundancies
- Referred to the Barbados and Mauritius agreements and the Samoa Pathway, noting that SIDS issues should be discussed as part of the HLPF and not in a subsidiary body.
- Stated different approaches could be necessary for the various regions.
- Emphasized the centrality of comprehensive follow-up.

Thailand on behalf of the G77 and China:

- Referred to the mandate in para 90 of the 2030 Agenda.
- Stated there should be state-led reviews under the auspices of ECOSOC, guidance on annual themes and options for periodic reviews.
- Stressed the 2030 Agenda already provides detailed and robust guidance at all levels which should be used.
- Underlined to need to ensure that follow-up and review is done in a systematic way.
- Stated the G77 and China does not think that the informal consultations should cover thematic and cross-cutting issues, but needs to know which entity will discuss them.
- Stated the UN agencies should support the HLPF in follow-up and review, as it has a central role. They should work coherently with the GA, ECOSOC etc in accordance with mandates.
- Stated the process will benefit from the revitalization of the work of the GA and there should be a flow chart of inter-linked processes. Resolution 67/290 can be complemented to spell out the role of ECOSOC in relation to the HLPF.
- Stated there should be better alignment of ECOSOC's work with the Division on Sustainable Development in working together to decide how the HLPF will be organized.
- Stated there is a need to develop further the modalities for review of national reviews. Both vertical and horizontal processes should be maintained as in goals in any clustering.

European Union:

- Stressed the need for a strong framework that is comprehensive, open, transparent and effective.

- Underlined the HLPF should be relevant and maintain interest over the years and the follow-up and review system should be one that does deliver.
- Stated the EU welcome the efforts for the global follow-up and review framework that should fully reflect the three pillars of sustainable development.
- Emphasized there should be mechanisms for feeding into the process, which should not be rushed and lessons learned should be used.
- Underlined there is a need to provide clarity on system-wide coherence and for an efficient UN Secretariat that delivers as one.
- Noted effectiveness should be maximized and they should be mindful of other linked processes.
- Referred to budgetary implications and the ECOSOC dialogue on system, stressing the need to work closely with the ECOSOC Secretariat.

Japan:

- Emphasized that implementation was already taking place at the national level in many Member States.
- Stated the global level should underpin it and they should avoid duplication.
- Stated the 2030 Agenda and FfD had been discussed last year and they should now focus on the best way to move forward.
- Stressed Member States cannot afford new discussions on the HLPF, which is happening in four months and they should consider 2017 and beyond, keeping in mind other processes.
- Stated the current process should focus on a limited number of issues for starting a four-year cycle. The rest of issues can be discussed in the review at the 73rd session of the GA.

Morocco:

- Underscored the follow up to commitments for categories of countries, such as the African countries for which there is a framework.
- Stated there is a crucial need for Africa and African countries. Referred to the inclusion of means of implementation, or follow-up of commitments to be part of global follow-up.

United States:

- Underlined they share the view that the consultations should focus on most urgent issues, noting that the 2016 HLPF will be run by the President of ECOSOC.
- Emphasized there is a need to save some space to take stock as to how things are going and to leave some room for innovation.

Russia:

- Asked for clarification on consultation with stakeholders and which ones would be involved.

- Ambassador Petersen responded by emphasized consultations will be an open and transparent process and the co-facilitators intend to hold briefings with Major Group, CSOs and other stakeholders.

