**Concept Note**

**Preparatory meeting**

**Major Groups and other Stakeholders at the High-level Political Forum:**

***Year 1 - MGoS in Agenda 2030 implementation, follow-up and review***

**10 July 2016**

**09:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Preparatory Meeting of the MGoS Coordination Mechanism**

Right before the start of the 2016 HLPF, MGoS will gather on 10 July in New York, with the support of DESA/DSD to hold a one-day preparatory meeting to promote understanding of what is expected to take place during the first HLPF after the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, including the opportunities and procedures for MGoS engagement. Additionally, the meeting will be a good moment for MGoS to network, get to know other players engaged, share first experiences in the implementation efforts, as well as for identifying common ground and different perspectives

It will also be an opportunity to provide visibility to the important and well prepared contributions of MGoS throughout the HLPF, consolidating the role of MGoS Coordination Mechanism(MGoS CM) as a solid structure for the continued engagement and input of MGoS.

A brief summary report of the meeting will be prepared and circulated to MGoS, relevant authorities and included in the media concerned of MGoS.

*For more information, please read the* [***background paper.***](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ea7qBH3swptlNxHLGjjPrJa0tD-aeukFsYJpK1uQcbQ/edit)

**Draft programme**

**Session 1: *The importance of the HLPF in 2016***

**09:00 - 09:10 a.m. Opening remarks by MGoS CM SG and DESA/DSD**

**09:10 - 09:30 a.m. Expectations for HLPF 2016 and beyond**

* Presentation “HLPF one on one” by UN DESA/DSD
* Review of the programme, opportunities for participation and coordination by Sunita Kotnala, Sathi All for Partnerships, India

**09:30 - 10:15 a.m. MGoS participation at HLPF 2016**

* HLPF User Guide, evolution of modalities and procedures, including FuR - Jan- Gustav Strandanaes, Sustainable Development Governance Consultant
* Role of HLPF MGoS Coordination Mechanism by Arelys Bellorini, World Vision

**10:15 - 12:00 p.m. Facilitated discussion in smaller groups**:

* Expectations and views about the HLPF 2016;
* HLPF thematic panels, interesting topics and preferred activities;
* Recommendations for interventions and tips for newcomers;
* Discussion on improved modalities and activities to strengthen the CM for MGoS.

*Additional questions for discussion:*

1. *What is at stake at the HLPF 2016 in terms of MGoS participation in the FuR?*
2. *How will the HLPF as the first Forum after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda define precedents for future HLPFs?*
3. *How can the participation of MGoS be operationalized and institutionalized in the HLPF? How can MGoS engagement be further supported?*
4. *How will MGoS engage the HLPF 2016 and beyond progressively through the HLPF 4-year review cycle? What other ideas and suggestions could MGoS make towards more inclusive and meaningful participation in the implementation, follow-up and review processes?*
5. *What mechanism can be used to bridge existing gaps in the implementation by MGoS of the 2030 Agenda? What is the role of the MGoS Coordination Mechanism in the longer-term process?*

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Lunch break

**Session 2: *Year 1 - Are MGoS ready for implementation? First impressions, strategies and challenges in action on the ground***

**1:00 - 1:45 pm**

* Welcome by Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS (Moderator)
* Report back by facilitators of morning breakout sessions
* MGoS in implementation and Multi-stakeholder partnerships by Felix Dodds, Global Research Institute at the University of North Carolina
* Reporting and voluntary guidelines for MGoS by Nurgul Djanaeva, Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan

**1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Moderated dialogue** open for all participants and presenters to ask questions, voice opinions, present ideas, first experiences and best-practices in efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda.

*Additional questions for discussion:*

1. *How much progress have MGoS achieved in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and other frameworks reporting to HLPF? What are the main challenges in taking the first steps and defining a structure for the next 15 years?*
2. *What is the current perception of inclusion and capacity of support of MGoS to national reviews? Any reports of experiences with 22 voluntary national reviews in 2016?*
3. *How MGoS may contribute to ensuring evidence-based reporting on the implementation, follow-up, and review of the Agenda for 2030 and other sustainable development agendas feeding into the HLPF?*
4. *How will the HLPF contribute to nexus between the 2030 Agenda; Sustainable Development Goals, Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, Addis Ababa Action Agenda, 10 Years Framework on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Samoa Pathway.*
5. *How can the HLPF build on global indicators frameworks while also considering the inputs of other UN processes, bodies and agendas?*

**2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Conclusion remarks**

* Next Steps by Eleanor Blomstrom, WEDO/WMG
* Concluding remarks by MGoS HLPF Coordination Mechanism Steering Group Co-Facilitators Rodrigo Messias & Vladimir Cuk

**Participants**

The preparatory meeting will be open to participants from the Major Groups and other Stakeholders constituencies, representatives from the UN system, Member-States and invited experts. Pre-registration in the event is required at: [**http://goo.gl/forms/xPiJCbr9vGd4vVDb2**](http://goo.gl/forms/xPiJCbr9vGd4vVDb2). The conference room has a capacity of 100 participants.

This meeting is aimed at both new and experienced participants alike. Should it the first time you attend the HLPF or if you have been following this process from start, it will be a unique opportunity to share expectations, discuss common positions and learn more about what other colleagues are doing for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

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*sustainabledevelopment.un.org/majorgroups/hlpf*