**Programme of the**

**Retreat on the preparation for the 2016 session of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**

**New York, 23-24 February 2016**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR RETREAT 1**

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| **23 FEBRUARY 2016** | |
| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration |
| **TIME** | **TOPIC** |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Welcome and opening by:  H.E. Mr. Harald Braun, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations  H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of ROK and President of ECOSOC  H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the General Assembly  Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA |
| 9:30 - 10:45 | Expectations for the 2016 HLPF reviews:  -How can this year’s reviews help us to gauge our baseline, identify upcoming challenges and assess our early steps in implementation? |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15 - 13:00 | Thematic reviews:     1. What does it mean to leave no one behind in the various country contexts? 2. How can the HLPF discussions on the theme and the SDGs be informed by reviews conducted in other intergovernmental bodies and what would be the most relevant inputs? 3. What will make the thematic review useful to countries and how can the HLPF recommendations be elaborated? |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | Voluntary national reviews:  Work in two working groups     1. What would be standard features in preparing HLPF voluntary national reviews this year within the countries, what could ambitious approaches be and how can countries support each other in preparing these reviews at national level? 2. How can the HLPF examination of the reviews be best prepared, organized and followed-up so as to be most useful to all countries in the context of the principles established in the 2030 Agenda? How can national reviews lead to possible support and new partnerships to assist the reviewed countries?   Each working group will discuss what the main areas of focus of the reviews are expected to be |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Reporting back from the working groups |
| 16:30 - 16:45 | Coffee break |
| 16:45 - 17:45 | Global reviews:   1. How can the SDG Progress report and global sustainable development report be most useful to the HLPF in conducting its global and thematic reviews? Will other inputs be needed? 2. What would be useful political guidance from the HLPF and how could it be developed? |
| 17:45 - 18:00 | Closing |

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| **24 FEBRUARY 2016 – closed meeting among countries who volunteered for voluntary national reviews at the HLPF** | |
| **TIME** | **THEME** |
| 9:00 - 10:00 | Expectations and plans for preparing HLPF voluntary national reviews at country levels   1. How far have countries gone in conducting their reviews at national level? 2. How are countries planning to organize from now to the HLPF? 3. What support do they need from each other and from other actors? |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee break |
| 10:15 - 11:15 | Expected focus and any emerging lessons   1. What is the planned scope of the countries’ reviews at national level and in the HLPF? 2. What lessons and challenges have emerged in the reviews thus far? |
| 11:15 - 12:15 | Making the voluntary national review at the HLPF most useful:   1. How can the voluntary national review at the HLPF be most useful and how can it be best prepared and organized? 2. How can national reviews lead to possible support and new partnerships to assist the reviewed countries? |
| 12:15 - 13:00 | Next steps and wrap up |