Based on experiences gained from the two decades in which the CSD was operational, and the collection of modalities regulating participation of civil society in the CSD, and utilising GA resolution 67/290 establishing the HLPF as the legal reference bases, a series of modalities can be proposed to govern Major Groups and other Stakeholders engagement in all HLPF sessions:

1. Accreditation – should be granted to all members of MGoS who have proven interest in sustainable development issues and have worked with them, building upon CSD;
2. Access and attendance – all HLPF sessions and meetings must be held in areas of the UN that allow for such access, as was the case during the CSD meetings;
3. Access to all documents – during meetings, their preparatory phase and follow up;
4. Oral statements and comments in plenary sessions – in line with Paragraph 15 of Res. GA/67/290, MGoS representatives shall be allowed to make different interventions and specific verbal comments to official documents in plenary sessions as well as opening and closing statements in each HLPF meeting;
5. Interventions during the deliberations – consistent with the practice followed at CSD 13 (2005 to 2011), representatives from each of the 9 MGs should be allowed a 3-min statement each to comment on the text at the beginning of the plenary session;
6. Production and presentation of written documents – using the CSD standard, these documents could be 8500 words;
7. Organization of side events, round tables, etc. in cooperation with Member States and the HLPF Secretariat – in line with Paragraph 15 of Res. GA/67/290, MGoS should all be invited to participate as actively as possible;
8. Participation in regional meetings – must be guaranteed in line with Paragraphs 13 and 15 of Res. GA/67/290;
9. Funding – should be made available to an increasing number of MGoS’ representatives;
10. Self-organizing processes of participation – under facilitation of the OPs;
11. Science based approaches and the Global Report on Sustainable Development –representatives from all MGs must be involved in the development of the methodology of the global sustainable development report, as well as being invited to contribute to the annual report in the future;
12. Reviews – In line with Paragraph 8 of Res. GA/67/290, MGs are given an important role in contributing to reviews at all levels, which could be part of the written documentation produced for the HLPF;
13. Agenda setting – all MGs should be invited to propose items and comment on the upcoming agenda for the HLPF sessions;
14. Principle of no regression - norms which have already been adopted must not be revised if this implies retreating on the protection of collective and individual rights (in line with Paragraph 84 of the Rio+20 outcome document)

Additionally, the HLPF should be provided with a bureau (such as the CSD had been provided) and a strong Secretariat, since an institution entrusted with creating a sustainable future cannot afford to have a weak governance structure.

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