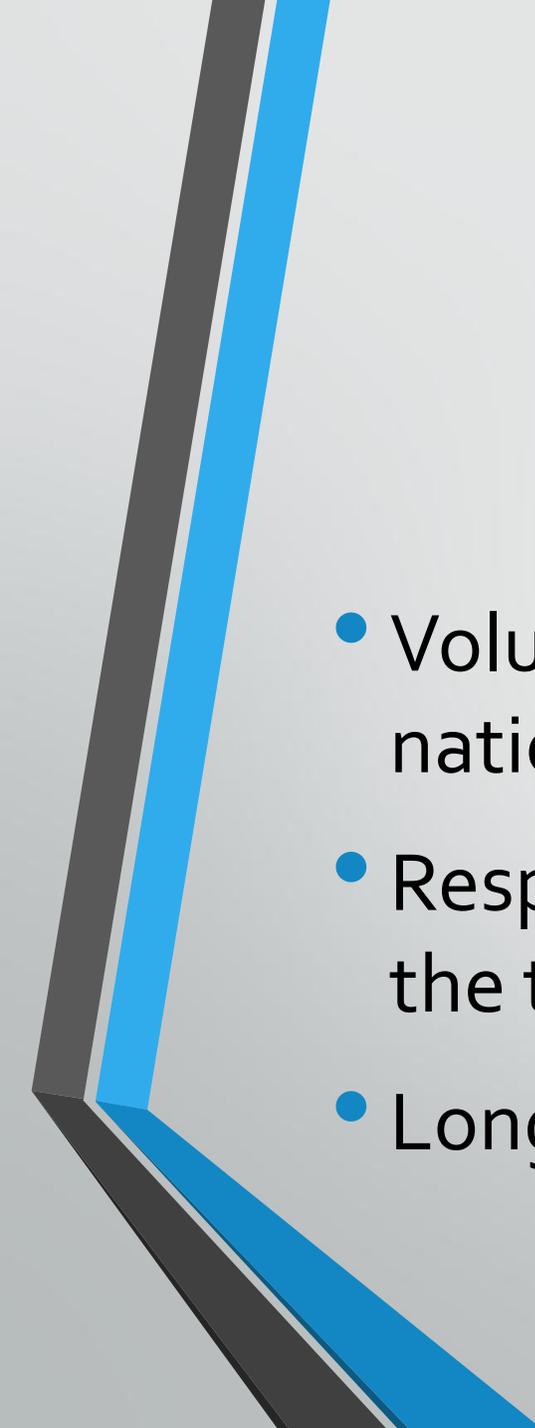


Voluntary National Reviews of the 2030 Agenda

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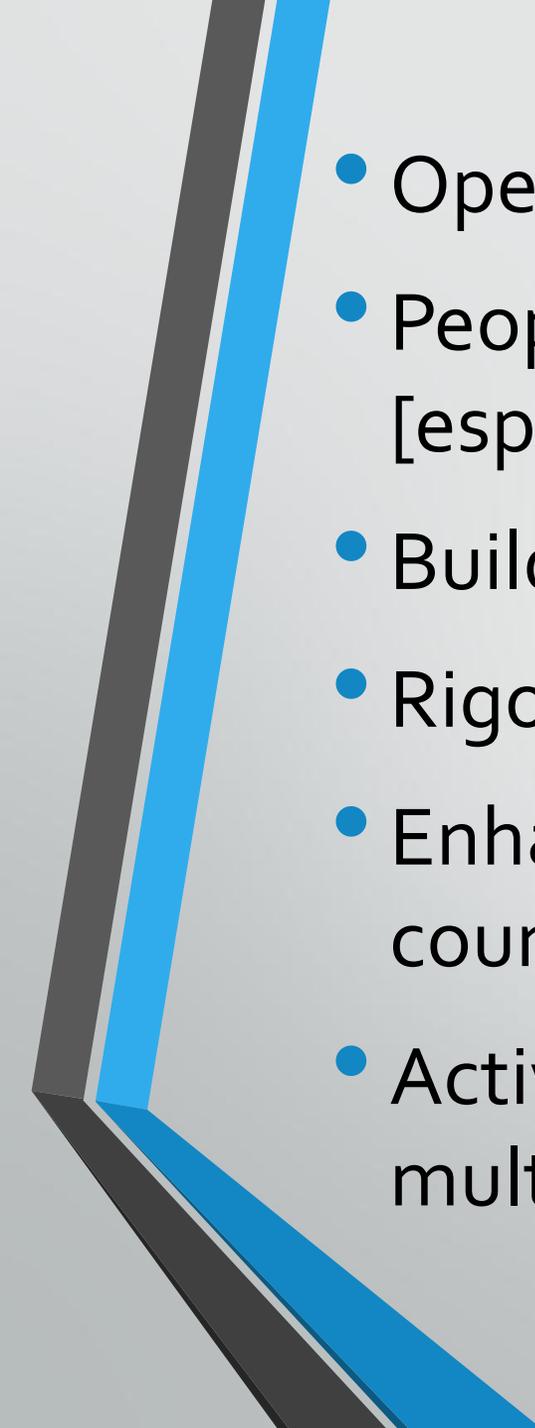
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Principles for the follow-up and review framework: *Robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated*

- Voluntary and country-led ... take into account different national realities, ... based on national official data
- Respect universal, integrated and interrelated nature and the three dimensions of sustainable development
- Long-term orientation; mobilize MoI and partnerships.

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- Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent
 - People-centred, gender-sensitive, respect human rights [especially for] ... those furthest behind
 - Build on existing platforms and processes
 - Rigorous and evidence based
 - Enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries
 - Active support of the United Nations system and other multilateral institutions

National reviews (paragraph 79)

- We also encourage Member States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels which are country-led and country-driven. Such reviews should draw on contributions from indigenous peoples, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders, in line with national circumstances, policies and priorities. National parliaments as well as other institutions can also support these processes.

Global and regional reviews

- The high-level political forum will have a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates. (2030 Agenda paragraph 82)
- Follow-up and review at the regional and subregional levels can, as appropriate, provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets. (2030 Agenda paragraph 80)

HLPF: reviewing *and* advancing implementation

- HLPF, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, shall carry out regular reviews (paragraph 84)
- Voluntary, including developed and developing countries, United Nations entities and other stakeholders
- State-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants.
- Platform for partnerships

Consultations on follow-up and review

- Co-Facilitators (Belize and Denmark) on follow-up and review are currently facilitating negotiations on the draft of resolution on follow-up and review at global level; aim to complete negotiations by end May
- Among other things, draft requests the President of ECOSOC to encourage “voluntary national review from developed and developing countries, including countries in special situations”
- Requests SG to update voluntary common reporting guidelines

Discussions among volunteering countries

- Regional expert group meetings of volunteering countries in ESCAP, ECE and ECA regions
- Two retreats at German House in New York, most recent on 26-27 April
- Opportunities for familiarization, sharing of experiences, and ideas/plans
- Common refrain – “it’s a work in progress”
- Preliminary messages: countries aiming at same objective through a variety of coordination mechanisms and institutional arrangements
- Mapping of SDGs and gap analysis

Preparatory High-level Meeting for African Countries: Aims and expectations

- Status of national preparations – experiences, challenges and preliminary lessons and links to the 2016 HLPF theme “Ensuring to leave no one behind”
- Views on voluntary guidelines for reviews
- Presentation of reviews at the HLPF – options and ideas
- Benefits from voluntary national reviews – integration of the three dimensions of SD, Institutional Mechanisms, etc.

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