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# Good governance

- ▣ “Good governance at the local, national and international levels is perhaps the single most important factor in promoting development and advancing the cause of peace”, Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the UN

# **“The future we want”**

- ▣ **With the agreement of The Rio Outcome Document, “the Future We Want,” the UN decided on and started 15 processes, of which the HLPF and post 2015 agenda are but two.**

# Post 2015 and the HLPF process open and accessible

- ▣ On July 9, 2013, during its 91<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting, (UNGA), in resolution 67/290 (A/67/L.72) formally adopted by consensus the format and the organizational aspects of the high level political forum (HLPF).
- ▣ The resolution also recommended to the Economic and Social Council to abolish the CSD effective from the conclusion of its 20th and last session, to be held prior to the first meeting of the forum.

# The HLPF is tasked with

- ▣ Providing leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development,
- ▣ Identifying emerging issues, reviewing progress in the implementation of related commitments and continually enhancing integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental
- ▣ In addition, every four years the HLPF will be held under the auspices of the GA at the level of Heads of State and Governments for two days, “resulting in a concise negotiated political declaration to be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration”

# Major Groups and civil society in the HLPF

- ▣ Major groups, civil society and stakeholders enjoyed an unprecedented number of participatory privileges through working with and at the CSD.
- ▣ These participatory rights are now inscribed into the HLPF mandate and procedure
- ▣ A precedent at this high level of a global intergovernmental context
- ▣ This will greatly contribute to the potential relevance of the HLPF and its legitimacy

# Which privileges are given MGs and civil society?

- ▣ Major Groups and relevant stakeholders are referred to in 7 paragraphs:
- ▣ Paragraphs 8c; 13; 14; 15; 16; 22 and 24.

# Paragraph 15 is the key

*While retaining the intergovernmental* character of the forum, major groups and other relevant stakeholders will be allowed:

- (a) To attend all official meetings of the forum;
- (b) To have access to all official information and documents;
- (c) To intervene in official meetings;
- (d) To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
- (e) To make recommendations;
- (f) To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat of the United Nations;

# Paragraph 8

*The forum, under the auspices of ECOSOC will conduct regular reviews, (specifies content) that:*

- (a) Will be voluntary, will include developed and developing countries, relevant United Nations entities;
- (b) Will be State-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants;
- (c) Will provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders;
- (d) Will replace the national voluntary presentations held in the context of the annual ministerial-level substantive reviews of the Economic and Social Council, building upon the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16 as well as experiences and lessons learned in this context;

# Paragraphs 13 and 14

- ▣ Paragraph 13 is on regional commissions and regional meetings with the involvement of Major Groups
- ▣ Paragraph 14: ... while retaining the intergovernmental nature of discussions, and in this regard decides that the forum will be open to the major groups, other relevant stakeholders and entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the General Assembly, building on ... CSD

# Paragraphs 16 and 24

- ▣ Paragraph 16 is about the right to self-organise and include other groups
- ▣ Paragraph 24 is about helping to fund representatives from major groups irrespective of their country

# Agenda setting, paragraph 22

**“Requests the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to coordinate with the Bureau of the Council and with the bureaux of the relevant committees of the General Assembly to organize the activities of the forum so as to benefit from them inputs and advice of the United Nations system, the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate;”**

# Thank you for your attention

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