

HLPF High-Level Luncheon on: “Nutrition and soils in the 2030 Agenda: a contribution to the HLPF Thematic Reviews”

Lunch will be served during the event

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Background:

Follow-up and review are crucial to the success of the 2030 Agenda. At the same time, follow-up and review require carefully designed formats and methods to ensure thematic and cross-country linkages are made visible to support national level implementation. The envisioned follow-up and review framework can help countries “maximize and track progress in implementing this Agenda in order to ensure that no one is left behind” (UN GA A/RES/70/1 2015, Para 72).

Thematic reviews – as mandated in the ‘Transforming the World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ – can allow for a crosscutting analysis of the goals and targets in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda as a package, rather than as individual goals. By looking at a sub-set of goals from the perspective of a specific theme, thematic reviews under the HLPF provide an approach to support an integrated implementation of the SDGs. A thematic review can help identify synergies and minimize trade-offs. They can provide ideas for cross-thematic collaboration and cooperation between UN agencies, scientific institutions and civil society, and most importantly, between citizens and their governments.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda depends on a range of actors. We need to make use of their insights to inform the discussions at the HLPF. The 2030 Agenda makes it clear that its implementation rests on contributions by all stakeholders. In his review of the High-Level Political Forum 2016, then ECOSOC president Oh Joon, lists “voluntary efforts by the scientific community to produce science-based thematic reviews for the HLPF” as a contribution to the science-policy interface at the HLPF. At the same time, science is only one source of knowledge in support of the SDGs. Follow-up and review needs to bring together various stakeholders to contribute different forms of knowledge and expertise.

Bringing these various perspectives together and navigating the complexity of an integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda is a time intensive and complex undertaking. The HLPF would therefore benefit from preparatory events that focus on specific aspects of a thematic review. The side event will draw on such a preparatory event conducted in Berlin in May 2017 ahead of the HLPF 2017 with a land and soil lens. This exercise produced a set of policy messages on sustainable soil management and responsible land governance and a report with lessons learned from the methodology that was applied. Both these outcomes will be presented and discussed at the side event. Additionally, a plan to prepare contributions to thematic reviews from the perspective of nutrition will be discussed in order to build partnerships and gain insights from other groups aiming to conduct similar exercises.

This high-level event will invite representatives from Member States, UN Organisations, ministries, science and academia, civil society and the private sector to discuss a proposal to prepare integrated, inclusive and participatory thematic reviews in support of the HLPF. The discussions at the side event will be relevant for all SDGs being reviewed in depth in 2017 and especially for SDG 2 on ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

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1:15 - 1:20 pm Welcome address and opening

TBC, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

1:20 – 1:30 pm INTRODUCTION by event chair – *Why do we need preparatory events to support the HLPF to ensure a transformational 2030 Agenda?*

Alexander Müller – Managing Director TMG Think Tank for Sustainability and Study Lead TEEBAgriFood (hosted at UNEP)

1:30 – 1:40 pm WELCOME by co-host Member States: *The importance of discussing soils and land ahead of the HLPF 2017*

Françoise Assogba Komlan, Ministère de l’Agriculture de L’Élevage et de la Pêche Secrétaire Générale du Ministère, Benin

Daouda Maiga, Conseiller Technique du Ministre de l’Agriculture et des

Aménagements Hydrauliques, Burkina Faso, Burkina Faso

1:40 – 1:45 pm INPUT from civil society
Joan Carling, Indigenous People's International Center for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba Foundation)

1:45 – 1:50 pm REFLECTION: how the HLPF can benefit from preparatory events
Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs UNDESA

1:50 – 2:10 pm FIRST ROUND OF COMMENTS

2:10 – 2:15 pm CONSIDERATIONS for Thematic Reviews on Nutrition
Ruth Richardson, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

2:15 – 2:25 pm The WAY FORWARD – towards HLPF 2018/19 and the topic of nutrition
Klaus Heider, Director General for Food and Nutrition Policy, Product Safety and Innovation at the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

2:25 – 2:40 pm SECOND ROUND OF COMMENTS

2:40 – 2:45 pm WRAP UP BY CHAIR

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