



Effective and sustained stakeholder engagement for implementation of national and SDG priorities

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A founding principle

“All countries and all stakeholders” will act in a collaborative partnership to implement the 2030 agenda.

Paragraph 74 of the 2030 Agenda underscores the importance of stakeholder engagement. It states the follow-up implementation and review processes will be:

- open;
- inclusive; and
- participatory.



Who to engage and why?

Who?

- all levels and sectors of government; civil society; gender focused and youth groups; trade unions; private sector; members of parliament; national human rights institutions; supreme audit institutions; academia; media, among others.

Why participation and consultation?

- builds wider societal ownership of the 2030 Agenda;
- promote partnerships for implementing the Goals and raising public awareness; and
- allows public policy to be informed by needs of all affected groups.



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Stakeholder engagement in SDG implementation

INFORM

Governments **inform** stakeholders of their plans for implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda.

CONSULT

Government **meaningfully consults** on plans and options for Implementation, and review of the 2030 Agenda.

COLLABORATE

Governments and stakeholders **work together** on the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda. An iterative process.

Good practices in PSIDS

- Informal mechanisms for stakeholder engagement provide a starting point, e.g. Tonga and RMI VNR process
- The VNR and national planning processes can also be used to institutionalize mechanisms to allow for ongoing engagement. E.g. Taskforces, Working Groups, Committees etc. in a number of Pacific countries, including FSM, RMI, Tonga
- Capacity building for CSOs to facilitate effective self-organization – and umbrella regional CSOs, e.g. PIANGO, PIPSO
- Active engagement of local governments and CSO stakeholder in follow-up and implementation, e.g. Marshall Islands Council of NGO

Enhancing quality of stakeholder engagement



What is a "good practice"? A framework to analyse the quality of stakeholder analysis in implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda: DESA, UNDP (2021)



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Global good practices

- **Promote active coalitions and strengthen collective ability to influence national processes.**
- **Why effective coalitions?**
 - **Promote a unified position and voice;**
 - **Raise the legitimacy of the messages presented to governments; and**
 - **Build a strong relationship with governments.**



For discussion

What actions can be taken to improve stakeholder engagement in the implementation process – at national and regional levels?





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