

**High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development  
Under the Auspices of ECOSOC  
Talking Points for Session: "Tracking Progress through Existing Mechanisms"  
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Canada very much appreciated hearing from the panelists and interventions this afternoon. To answer your question, we may need to rethink the format of the HLPF and be open to innovations.

Canada fully supports the principles outlined in the zero draft of Post-2015 including the references to building on existing platforms and processes, promoting inclusive participation, retaining the flexibility, and minimizing the reporting burden.

Establishing a follow-up and review framework will be challenging – but we have many models that have demonstrated success that we can build on, including the examples that have been mentioned today. However, to truly operationalize the SDGs so that we are ready at the next HLPF, we will need to advance a more structured approach on how to practically proceed, including a discussion of roles and responsibilities. We would welcome suggestions on where and how these crucial discussions can be advanced.

We believe that thematic reviews would enable the global synthesis of information by the UN, other multilateral specialized agencies or functional commissions dealing. However, there are many ways to organize themes around these SDGs. We would appreciate clarity from ECOSOC and DESA on how they foresee the identification of annual themes so that we can better understand how we will orient our collective efforts at the global level.

As suggested earlier this week, we could consider a roadmap that will help us tangibly achieve our vision for the HLPF. If this vision includes a focus on mobilizing action around the SDGs, how do we believe this will be achieved? We must start articulating how the system will function including how we will transparently organize, analyze and synthesize mass amounts of information, incentivize participation of all actors, promote innovation, and mobilize action.

For Canada, accountability exercised by a robust but innovative monitoring and review mechanisms at all levels should remain a central implementation driver of Post-2015. We expect that the very useful suggestions from today's session of tracking progress will be captured in this HLPF proceeding. Continuing to build on these ideas will ensure we achieve an inspirational action focused HLPF by 2016.

I thank you.