The EU perspective on Monitoring, Accountability and Review for post-2015

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Context: the wider intergovernmental process

2013
- 67th UNGA
- MDG summit 2010
- SG report
- UN HLP post-2015
- UN consultations

2014
- Special event
- Open Working Group on SDGs
- UN Expert Committee on SD Financing
- IEAG report
- SG "Synthesis report", Dec 2014

2015
- Financing for development process
- Financing for development Conference, Addis, July 2015
- Sept 2015 Summit NY
- High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Monterrey 2002
- Durban 2011
- Negotiations on a new global climate change agreement until 2015
- Durban 2011
The post-2015 development agenda: The Way Forward

- Third Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa in July 2015
- UN Summit in New York in September 2015

⇒ The outcomes from both will contribute to the 21st COP in Paris in December 2015.

⇒ A successful outcome for all the year's Conferences and events related to post-2015 will hinge on the international community's ability to build consensus and common understanding, even on the difficult issues.
Context: The EU’s vision

- Commission Communication 27 February 2013: "A Decent Life for All: Ending poverty and giving the world a sustainable future"

- General Affairs Council meeting Luxembourg, 25 June 2013: "The Overarching Post 2015 Agenda - Council conclusions"

- Commission Communication, 2 June 2014: "A Decent Life for all: from vision to collective action"

- Council Conclusions, 16 December 2014: "On a transformative post-2015 agenda"

- Commission Communication, 5 February 2015: "A Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development after 2015"


→ Basis for Statements expressing the joint EU position in the intergovernmental negotiations both for FfD and post-2015
Context: the post-2015 'package'

Comprised of four elements:
1. A political declaration
2. Goals and Targets
3. Means of Implementation and the Global Partnership
4. Monitoring, Accountability and Review

Financing for development Conference, Addis, July 2015
The post-2015 Monitoring, Accountability and Review framework

• **One overarching MAR framework** for the whole post-2015 agenda (covering all aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and their means of implementation)

• Important to **integrate MAR of Addis Outcome into post-2015 MAR**
Main objectives / functions of the MAR framework

• To monitor progress towards the SDGs and other relevant commitments underpinning the post-2015 agenda

• To foster exchange of best practices and mutual learning

• To provide political and leadership focus to motivate and incentivize further action and adoption of policies

• To actively engage all stakeholders in the process and thereby to reinforce ownership and ensure accountability

• To reinforce the universal character of the post-2015 agenda

⇒ A strong MAR framework will contribute to the mutual accountability needed for the global partnership for the post-2015 agenda.

Conceptual differences between “Monitoring, Accountability and Review” and “Follow-up and Review”
Monitoring, Accountability and Review

- The framework should be **underpinned by transparency, inclusiveness and responsiveness, efficiency and effectiveness**
- The framework should be **operating at local, regional and international level**.
- The framework should **involve all stakeholders, including civil society, academia, the private sector, and governments**
- The **High Level Political Forum will be the primary forum on global level and will have a key oversight role**
- Development of **core set of results-oriented global indicators** should underpin future measurement
- **Data collection** should make use of the **possibilities offered by digital and geospatial data**, technologies and in situ monitoring
Multi-layered approach & Links between different levels

**National level:** reporting on national implementation

**Regional level:** Peer review and review of shared targets

**Global level:** progress assessed on the basis of a core set of harmonised global SDG indicators covering the whole agenda, complemented by thematic reports, information from regional reviews and national reports and augmented by reports from UN agencies and civil society.
Follow-up within the EU

- Universal agenda requires action by all
- Implementation of the agenda after the adoption of the outcome document in September 2015
- Mapping of existing relevant action / commitments
- Building on existing framework and policies (e.g. Europe2020)
- Making the MAR framework operational
Thank you for your attention!