Switzerland’s initial steps towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD (Report for the HLPF 2016) and experiences with peer learning

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Structure of the presentation

1) Experience with preparing for national “review” (first steps) at the HLPF 2016: Switzerland’s initial steps towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD (Report for the HLPF 2016)

- Context
- Proceeding
- Ex. of peer learning: Informal Retreat for the volunteering countries of the UNECE region presenting at the 2016 HLPF

2) Experience with peer learning and peer review in the context of Sustainable Development

- Peer learning
- Peer reviews
1) Experience with preparing for national “review” (first steps) at the HLPF 2016

➢ Context

• Switzerland is committed to a global review system within the HLPF and will participate in the planned periodic reporting
• Voluntary review 2016: not a real review but Switzerland’s initial steps towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

➢ Proceeding

• Report drafted by an inter-ministerial working group
• Discussion within established participatory consultation mechanism within the Federal Administration
• Exchanges with other countries
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- Ex. of peer learning: Informal Retreat for the volunteering countries of the UNECE region presenting at the 2016 HLPF
  - **Objective of the expert group meeting:**
    - to prepare countries for the national review at the HLPF by discussing the scope of the national review and modalities of the presentation at the HLPF.
  - **Focus**
    - Discussing necessary steps to present voluntary national reviews at the HLPF 2016 including the possible template
    - On-going or planned national-level preparations for the voluntary national reviews
    - What commonalities can be identified and lessons learned from preparations for the reviews undertaken so far
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• **Discussion**
  - Updating about the progress of work for the presentation at the HLPF and informal exchange about progress in implementation at national level

• **Learnings**
  All the countries have
  - similar difficulties in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
  - chosen a similar approach (mapping-process with gap-analyses in order to define priorities
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• **Learnings**
  - All consider the 2030 Agenda as a whole package (horizontal, cross-sectoral approach)
  - Monitoring and indicators are a big issue
  - Need for advocacy and awareness raising
  - Involvement of stakeholders at all levels
  - Most countries face more difficulties in implementing the SDGs at national level
  - Motivations to present first steps are linked with the revision or development of the NSDS, the opportunity to exchange with other countries or the focus is on the national implementation process.
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- **Desired results**
  - attractiveness and take away messages & open participation (inclusiveness)

→ All participating countries recognized the importance of an exchange (Chatham house rules)
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PEER LEARNING (social)

- **Experience**: Stakeholderdialogue «Sustainable Development Strategy 2016-2019»

  Criterion: Sustainability-related participation processes should encourage social learning

  - **Learnings for the stakeholders**
  - strengthening and widening of the network of sustainability actors
  - Sharpening of the positions
  - Awareness of the importance of good and precise communication
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PEER LEARNING

• **Learnings for the organizers**
  - Be more precise in formulating of the objectives of the process
  - Adaption of the process
  - Awareness of the importance of good and precise communication

• **Outcome**

Continuation of the stakeholder dialogue in the form of 2030 Dialog on Sustainable Development (consolidation of partnerships between Confederation, cantons, communes and representatives of civil society, business, academia, politics)
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• **Questions to keep in mind**
  • Role of other regional organisations (EU, EEU, OSCE, OECD, CoE, UNECE)
  • Role of regional processes (e.g. Environment for Europe, WHO Regional Committee for Europe, ILO European Regional Meeting, FAO Regional Conference for Europe….)
  • Role of other stakeholders (civil society, private sector, universities)
  • No duplication. ev. ESDN work together with UNECE OECD / pros-cons
Thank you for your attention!

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