

# HLPF AND WHAT FOLLOWS

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# The Stakeholder Group on Ageing

- SGA is a member of the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders involved in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Our goal: to achieve the inclusion of ageing issues and participation of older persons in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- SGA serves as a voice for the older population, globally. Representing about 800 million older women and men throughout the world.
- 13 current members
- SGA is built on the relationships and collaborations on ageing with the UN

# Agenda 2030 and the SDGs



- The SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) are universal goals adopted by all 193 member states of the United Nations in 2015 to guide international collaboration towards sustainable development.
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 associated targets
- Year 2017 focus on SDG's 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, and 17.
- 15 out of 17 goals, focus on older persons

# High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

\* Updated 19 July 2017

#HLPF 2017



# Themes of HLPF

- **2016** “Ensuring that no one gets left behind”
  - First HLPF since the adoption on the 2030 Agenda and the SDG’s
  - Voluntary National Reports from 22 countries
- **2017** “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”
  - Voluntary National Reports from 43 countries
  - 26 countries reported on ageing in their VNR’s

# SGA Participation

- Session 3: Addressing multi-dimensions of poverty and inequalities
  - Dr. Emem Omokara, Dave Omokato Foundation (lead discussant)
- Session 6: Multi- stakeholder perspective
  - Ms. Verity McGivern, HelpAge International (Stakeholder panel)
- 2 Side Events
  - “Beyond Slogans- Good Practice to Count Us All In”
  - “Making Sustainable Development Work at All Ages: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity for Older Persons”
    - Launch of the report on “Ageing, Older Persons and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

# TIME-LINE FOR HLPF PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES, 2017 (actions required by members of the

## MGOS HLPG Coordination Mechanism and its Steering Group in collaboration with DESA/DSD)

Date of notification	Subject matter	Deadline	Actions required by MGOS Steering Group	Outcome
1. 11 Jan	ECOSOC Retreat 20-21 February		Organized by President of ECOSOC for Member States to prepare for 2017 HLPF; 5 members of civil society were personally invited. No role played by MGOS Steering Group in determining representation of MGOS. <b>SGA involvement</b>	Comments provided to Jeff Huffines (invitee) by some MGOS Steering Group members on agenda/concept note.
2. 9 February	EGM in Bogota, 25-26 March 2017	14 Feb extended to 21 Feb	EGM on enhancing MGOS engagement in National Level Reviews. 187 applicants. 15 funded spots available. MGOS Steering Group reviewed applicants from their respective groups and came up with short list of applicants for voting purposes. 60 applicants for self-funded spots also received. <b>SGA involvement</b>	22 February – release of confirmed list of 15 participants to be funded.  <b>SGA – Roseline Kihumba</b> was selected but had visa issues and could not attend.
3. 15 March	Position papers of MGOS for HLPF	28 April	No involvement of MGOS Steering Group. MGOS invited to prepare annual position papers as official document to be submitted to HLPF <b>SGA involvement</b>	<b>SGA position paper</b> on DESA website, summary in document E/HLPF/2017/2.
4. 23 March	MGOS priority recommendations for strengthening the HLPF		Task Group on follow-up to ECOSOC Retreat held on 20-21 January 2017, produced MGOS priority recommendations for strengthening the HLPF, as well as Plan of Action. <b>SGA involvement</b>	Shared MGOS priority recommendations with Director of DESA/DSD, Director of DESA/OESC and President of ECOSOC.
5. 28 March	Side events	10 May	Member States, UN system and members of MGOS Coordination Mechanism submitted proposals – 280 applications. No action required by MGOS Steering Group, other than urge decision-making, addressing delays, insufficient rooms and need to combine events.	28 June – list issued  <b>SGA – sponsored two side events.</b>
6. 10 April	MGOS Work Streams		MGOS Steering Group established task teams to prepare for HLPF. <b>SGA involvement</b>	Task teams actions – see below
7. 18 April	Participation in Expert Group Meetings convened by UN entities	25 Apr (SDG1) 28 Apr (SDG5) 11 May (SDG2) 15 May (SDG3)	No procedure established for MGOS participation in SDG1 which was held in Copenhagen and organized by World Bank – open application. Given that the other three were held in New York, MGOS/Steering Group was advised to select reps living in New York as there were no funds for travel, to represent MGOS (not just their own constituencies). Selected participants solicited input for their presentations/ participation in discussions. SDG5 – 5 candidates (2 selected) SDG2 – 3 candidates (1 selected) SDG3 – 8 candidates (2 selected) <b>SGA involvement</b>	Selection made: SDG5 - 12 May SDG2 – 15 May SDG3 – 19 May
8. 20 April	HLPF temporary passes	24 April	MGOS/Steering Group members submitted name of ECOSOC accredited organization to serve as “umbrella” for constituency to receive additional 50 temporary passes; and name of contact person. <b>SGA involvement</b>	<b>SGA member AARP</b> offered to act as “Umbrella organization” for SGA members.

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<b>9. 2 May</b>	<b>Registration open</b>	<b>11 June, extended to 15 June (notification dated 8 June)</b>	<b>NGOs to register (organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC, organizations on the CSD Roster.</b>	<b>Registrants informed as and when application was processed</b>
<b>10. May</b>	<b>Funded participation</b>	22 May 31 May -voting	25 slots available. 330 names received. Each MGOS/Steering Group member to recommend 20 names for funding and 10 names to be placed on waiting list. 96 names submitted by MGOS; 25 names selected.  <b>SGA involvement</b>	6 June, release of list of 25 participants to receive funding. Individuals contacted by UN re travel arrangements. Wait list? <b>SGA – 2 reps selected to receive funding but neither could attend because of visa issues.</b>
<b>11. 12 May</b>	<b>MGOS Official Expert Speakers</b>	26 May	MGOS to nominate; 192 names received. Voting conducted to come up with 44 names; ECOSOC to determine who speaks and when. Funding also available for 10 of the list of 44 speakers.(106 requested funding). Some selected speakers had already been selected to receive funding for participation in HLPF.  <b>SGA involvement</b>	12 June list of 44 names submitted to DSD; decision as to which speaker to speak at which session not released. Speakers were contacted individually at different times. <b>Emem Omokara and Roseline Kihumba selected as official speakers, but Roseline had visa issues and could not attend.</b>
<b>12. 4 June</b>	<b>Speaking during general debate of ECOSOC</b>	29 June	MGOS requested to submit name of representative – one coordinated statement per group/constituency, to be delivered by organization that is in consultative status with ECOSOC.	Speakers contacted individually.
<b>13. 19 June</b>	<b>MGOS Speaker at HLPF Opening</b>		MGOS Steering Group to decide from list of Speakers (44) and list of funded participants (25). Voting took place resulting in list of 5 people with highest votes from funded list; person selected was on List of 44 (Ms. Vivania Ditukana Tatwaqa). <b>SGA involvement.</b>	Decision on speaker - 23 June
<b>14. 19 June</b>	<b>MGOS HLPF Pre-meeting (9 July)</b>		Registration by individuals; attendance first come first served basis.  <b>Steering Group Task Team</b> collaborated with DESA/DSD in organization of programme.	28 June, participants informed  <b>SGA members who participated:</b> Jack Kupferman and Sylvia Beales (Gray Panthers); Verity McGivern (HelpAge); Kathy Kline (SERR)
<b>15. 19 June</b>	<b>VNR breakfast (19 July)</b>	14 July	Nominations of two per MGOS. <b>Steering Group Task Team</b> collaborated with DESA/DSD in organization of programme. SGA involvement	Individuals informed, 18 July. <b>SGA – Emem Omokaro and Verity McGivern attended.</b>
<b>16. 21 June</b>	<b>Exhibition during HLPF</b>	29 June	NGOs o submit proposals. No action required by Steering Group.	



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17. 22 June	Speakers MGOS session (from list of 44 submitted to ECOSOC		<p><b>Steering Group Task Team</b> collaborated with DESA/DSD in organization of <b>MGOS session.</b> 7 MGOS speakers for Segment 1 8 MGOS speakers for Segment 2.</p> <p><b>SGA involvement.</b></p>	<p><b>Speakers informed on ????</b></p> <p><b>List of speakers in HLPF programme dated 17 July.</b></p> <p><b>SGA - Verity McGivern selected as official speaker.</b></p>
18.	Questions during panel discussions		<p><b>SGA involvement.</b></p>	<p>Questions posed by <b>Jack Kupferman</b> on SDG3 (health); and by <b>Masako Osako</b> on disaggregated data.</p>
19. 28 June	Questions during VNRs	28 June	<p><b>Steering Group Task Team</b> prepared guidelines, worked closely with DESA/DSD to organize meetings for consolidating questions, selection of speakers, etc. throughout the VNR process.</p> <p><b>SGA involvement.</b></p>	<p><b>SGA –Sylvia Beales, Katherine Pettus</b> posed questions on VNRs submitted by Portugal and Slovenia respectively.</p>
20. 4 July	MGOS Communications Strategy for HLPF		<p><b>MGOS Communications Task Team</b> issued email with information on social media guide, tweets, MGOS space on Action 4 SD Site, and Press; issued Press Release on civil society participation in HLPF.</p> <p>Press interviews were also organized for individual representatives, particularly from developing countries.</p> <p>Press conference that was organized for 18 July was cancelled because of evacuation of lower floors of Secretariat building due to small fire.</p> <p><b>SGA involvement.</b></p>	<p><b>SGA</b> also issued its own press release.</p> <p><b>Emem Omokara</b>, on behalf of SGA was selected for interview.</p>
21. 10-19 July	Early morning briefings		<p>MGOS Task Team, in collaboration with DESA/DSD, organized early morning briefings (8 a.m. to 9 a.m.) for MGOS constituencies, including the distribution of tickets for Conference Room 4.</p> <p><b>SGA involvement.</b></p>	<p>Tickets distributed to <b>SGA members.</b></p>

# Next Year, 2018

- Theme: “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”
- Focusing on SDG’s 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15
- 30 countries have already shown action in VNR’s for 2018
- SGA focus will be on SDG 11- Sustainable cities and communities

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