

Towards an Accountability Framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Perspectives from the UNECE region

Question 1: In general terms, what should an overall accountability mechanism involving the national, regional and global level look like and what could be the role of the regional level in this mechanism?

An overall accountability mechanism should consist of an overarching global framework with a set of national or regional level mechanisms. At the international level, a monitoring mechanism needs to be established which reviews the policies and practices of Members States. This should be done periodically and should be based on information from the State, reports from experts and international entities as well as other stakeholders. At the regional level all actors play a fundamental role in providing key assessments, which can feed into the national level and in turn to the global process. The outcome of the report at the international level, with its set of recommendations, should be reviewed and adopted at the highest level.

Question 2: What are the major lessons from CSD progress reviews and MDG accountability that can inform and help improve the post-2015 accountability framework? Have CSD progress reviews and MDG accountability been adequate and if not how should this be different for the SDGs?

The post-2015 framework requires a holistic approach and therefore any monitoring and accountability measures should be carried out through various mechanisms and procedures. In general the accountability reports have been adequate but mutual accountability between countries involves monitoring adherence which implies answerability and a clear outlining of responsibilities.

Question 3: What should be reviewed and who should be reviewed?

The progress towards all SDGs should ideally be reviewed in one review cycle. All Member States and relevant stakeholders should be reviewed over a multi-year cycle.

Question 4: What type(s) of review should be conducted and what kind of information should it be based on? What should be the role of the UN system and other stakeholders in the process?

A comprehensive review should be undertaken underscoring progress made or lack of, best practices and recommendations for improvement, as well as a discussion and exchange of experiences and best practices at inter-governmental meetings. The role of the UN and other stakeholders will be fundamental in contributing data and review assessments.

Question 5: If you favour peer reviews, what could such reviews at the regional level look like and what existing models do you consider relevant?

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Question 6: How should the reviews at national, regional and global level be linked? And how can existing accountability mechanisms be integrated?

Any accountability reviews made at regional level should feed into the national level and in turn to the global process. All existing accountability mechanisms should be integrated under a single post-2015 mechanism.