Stakeholder engagement in SDG formulation, implementation and follow-up
Global, regional and national levels

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Thematic session on the promotion of the Aarhus Convention's principles in international forums
Formulation of SDGs and post-2015 development agenda

- Member State-led with broad stakeholder participation at all levels
- Modalities provide for inclusive and participatory process
- Major Groups and other stakeholders as main interface
- Unprecedented extent of consultations
Formulation of SDGs and post-2015 development agenda

Global level

• **Phase 1: Open Working Group (March 2013 – July 2014)**
  – Hearings, meetings, steering committees per cluster, substantive inputs

• **Phase 2: Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (January – July 2015)**
  – Interactive dialogues, substantive feedback

• **Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, 13-16 July 2015)**
  – Multi-stakeholder process, participation in round tables, CSO coordination group

• **UN Post-2015 Summit (25-27 September 2015)**
  – Preparatory hearings, inclusive set-up (GA res. 69/244)

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Implementation and follow-up

Global level

• **High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development as main global platform**
  – Provides guidance, review and follow-up and policy integration for SDGs
  – Replaced the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
  – Meets every year under the auspices of ECOSOC and every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the GA

• **Far-reaching participatory rights for stakeholders (GA res. 67/290)**
  – Attend and intervene in meetings, access and submit documents, make recommendations, organize side events and round tables, participate in agenda-setting
  – While retaining intergovernmental character of HLPF
SDGs and post-2015 agenda

Regional level

• Regional contributions through multi-stakeholder consultations
  – Regional consultation “Perspectives from Europe and Central Asia on the Post-2015 Development Agenda” (Istanbul, 7-8 November 2013) and preceding civil society consultation
  – Ministerial Consultation on Monitoring and Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda (Geneva, 15-16 September 2014)
  – Regional Consultation on Financing for Development (Geneva, 23 March 2015)

• UNECE Commission Session 2015 as Regional Forum on SD

• Regional component in future review and follow-up mechanism
  – Regional peer reviews (UNECE EPRs)
  – Synthesis and/or thematic reports on SDG achievement
  – Regional Fora on SD
SDGs and post-2015 agenda

National level

• National consultations on post-2015 agenda
  – 88 national consultations supported by UN Country Teams, 12+1 in UNECE region (worldwewant2015.org)
  – National consultations in developed countries

• National level key in implementation and review
  – National sustainable development strategies and governance structures
  – Monitoring and reporting
THANK YOU!

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