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Civil Society Reports: Countries under review at 2017 High Level Political Forum

Guiding Questions for a Template for CSO engagement for Voluntary National Review
at the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

This template aims to identify what mechanisms are in place for government engagement with the SDGs, civil society, local governments, and current initiatives from all actors in realizing the SDGs at a national and international level.

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A. State of national government's preparation for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs – domestic and international

- 1. Which ministry (or other institution e.g. in the Prime Minister's office) is now leading or in charge of the planning for the domestic implementation of the SDGs in your country?**

The Office of the Government and its Department for Sustainable Development.

- 2. Does your government have a policy framework on SDG implementation? How does this relate to existing or other policy frameworks as national development plans?**

Czech Republic this year accepted National Strategic Framework Czech Republic 2030, which should serve as an umbrella strategy for other policies. Policy coherence should be monitored by the Office of the Government. Government Department of Sustainable Development is expected to gain capacities for this purpose.

- 3. Is there parliamentary/congressional scrutiny of the framework? If so, please list the relevant committee and its activity**

NO

- 4. Are local governments in your countries actively engaged in the 2030 Agenda / SDGs? If so, how**



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By now not. But there are structures that could be used for this purposes like for example Local action groups of Agenda 21 or National Network of Healthy Cities.

B. CSO engagement with the government in the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

5. Is the full text of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs available in your local languages? Which language(s)? Who translated it?

Yes, it is available. The translation was prepared by UN information center in Prague.

6. Was there any invitation to public consultation on the voluntary national review at HLPF? If so, who was invited?

Yes, public hearing was organized by the Government Department of Sustainable Development. Representatives of CSO were invited through their representatives in Government Council for Sustainable Development. The opportunity to provide feedback to prepared review was given.

7. Have there been any other ways in which civil society has been able to contribute to the implementation, monitoring or review, including national reporting at HLPF?

NOT YET

8. Has your government invited CSO representatives to be a member of its delegation to participate in the HLPF 2017 and/or make a presentation at the VNR?

Yes, representatives of foundation Beauty of Help will have a presentation, their primary focus is on social services.

9. In case you say “YES”, has your government provided financial support for this participation

Yes, probably in form of covering travel expenses.

C. CSO national coalition-building for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

10. Is there any CSO national platform or network focusing on the SDGs?

Initiative *Měj se k světu* is informal platform which unites umbrella and network NGOs. They jointly participated in preparation of National Strategic Framework CR2030. For future initiative discuss possibilities of NGOs support for SDGs implementation.

11. Are there national platforms that work on specific goals or targets?

NO

12. Have you had a regular policy dialogue with relevant government ministries during the preparation and since the adaption of the 2030Agenda?



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Yes, the dialogue is facilitated by Government Office Department of Sustainable Development and most of it takes place through meetings of Government Council of Sustainable Development and its committees in which are CSO representatives present.

D. CSOs own implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs

13. How far are CSOs developing their own plans on implementation of the agenda in your country?

There is no concrete plan yet. NGOs are just starting discussion about possible role of Voluntary Commitments mechanism.

14. Are there particular case studies of effective delivery by CSOs already underway?

NO

15. Are there challenges to prevent CSO delivery of this agenda in your country?

Especially lack of capacities and awareness between CSO actors.

16. What is the engagement of other stakeholders like the private sector in the national implementation plan? Is there a broader partnership across sectors for implementation? Have any challenges or opportunities been identified in terms of broader partnerships?

Members of all sector including business have their representatives in Government Council for Sustainable Development, but participation from private sector has been only genuine.

17. Is there any clear national plan in terms of funding the delivery of the 2030 Agenda?

NO