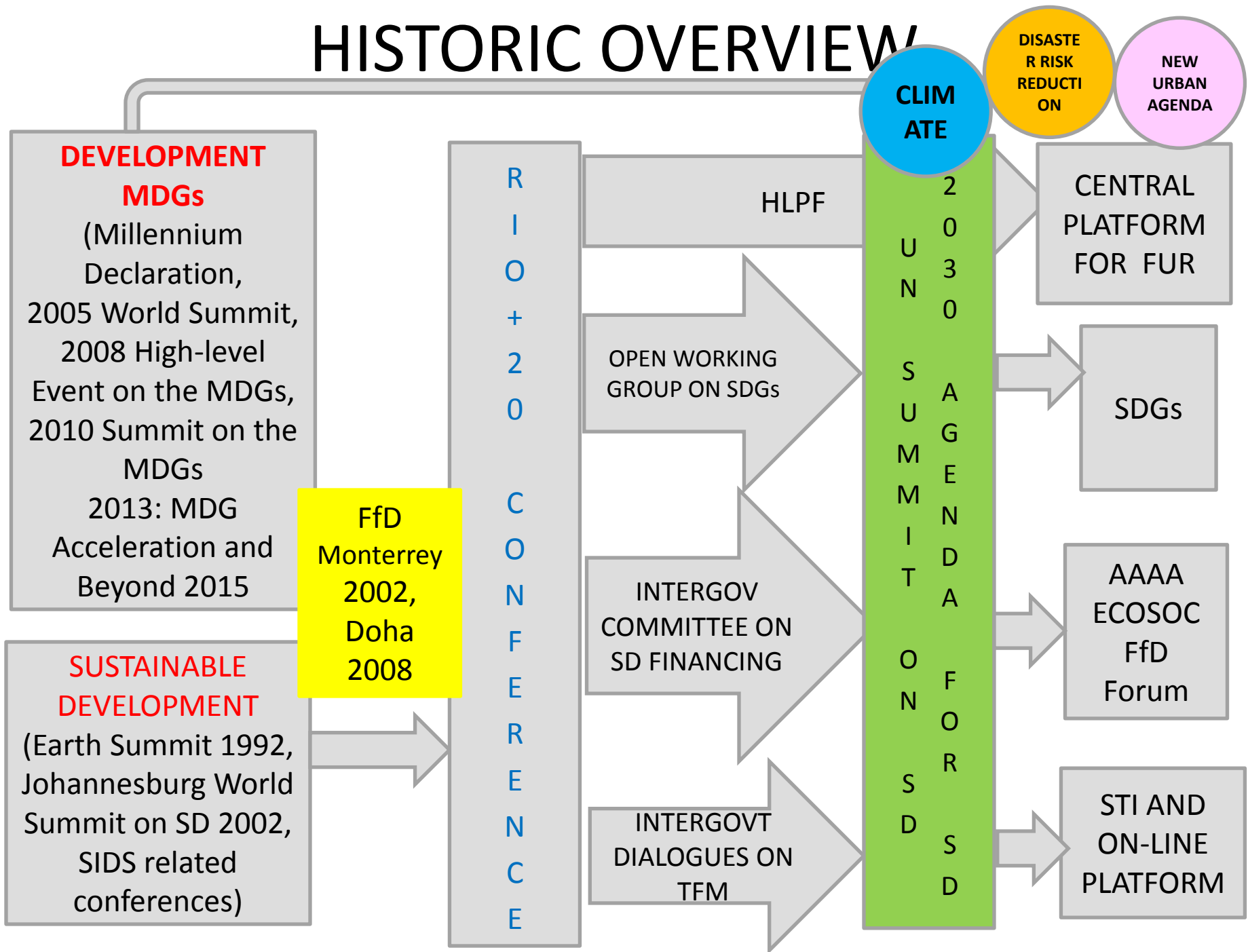


Outcomes and Insights from the 2016 HLPF

**2016 Sustainable Development
Transition Forum**

Incheon, 25 – 27 October 2016

HISTORIC OVERVIEW



High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

A key outcome of the Rio+ 20 Conference in 2012.

A **universal intergovernmental body** that replaces the former Commission on Sustainable Development.

The **HLPF is the central platform for reviewing and following up on the agenda** and SDGs, at the global level. It is expected to:

- provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up;
- keep track of progress through thematic reviews (typical intergovernmental review of commitments) and VNRs (a new instrument);
- spur coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences;
- enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;
- address new and emerging issues;
- strengthen science-policy interface.



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2016 Session of the High-level Political Forum



- The 2016 session took place from **11-20 July** at **UN Headquarters in New York**
- **High-level segment** was held from 18 – 20 July at the ministerial level
- The theme was “**Ensuring that no one is left behind**”
- 22 countries presented their **voluntary national reviews**

Inputs to the 2016 session of HLPF

- Voluntary national reports from 22 countries
- Global Sustainable Development Report which has focused on the theme of the HLPF
- Global SDG Progress report which serves follow-up and review function of the HLPF
- A summary of the multistakeholder forum on Science, Technology and Innovation
- Outcome of the Financing for Development forum
- Inputs from 49 intergovernmental platforms (synthesis in the document E/HLPF/2016/5)
- Inputs by Major Groups and other Stakeholders on the theme

Programme of the 2016 session of HLPF

- **Thematic discussions** on the theme through the lens of all 17 SDGs that included discussions on the following:
 - ❖ Lifting people out of poverty and addressing basic needs
 - ❖ Fostering economic growth, prosperity, and sustainability
 - ❖ Nexus approach to food security and sustainable agriculture, climate action, sustainable oceans and terrestrial ecosystems
 - ❖ Creating peaceful and more inclusive societies and empowering women and girls
 - ❖ Science-policy interface: New ideas, insights, and solutions
- **Voluntary national reviews** that included the following:
 - ❖ Voluntary national presentations of 22 countries
 - ❖ Creating ownership at the national level
 - ❖ Mainstreaming SDGs into national policies
 - ❖ Local authorities and national governments
 - ❖ Means of implementation at the national and global levels
 - ❖ National mechanisms for monitoring progress and reporting on implementation
 - ❖ Countries in special situations, regional perspective, stakeholder engagement

Insights

- HLPF proved to have a potential to be an integrative platform for follow-up and review of 2030 Agenda and SDGs at the global level
- Thematic focus on certain issues produced some very valuable in-depth analysis and recommendations
- Voluntary national reviews are invaluable to gain insight at the national level follow-up and review
- Engagement of all stakeholders at all levels is the only way to implement 2030 Agenda and SDGs

WAY FORWARD

- General Assembly in its resolution 70/299 has decided on the multiyear work programme for HLPF for 2017, 2018 and 2019, which will provide focus, but could also isolate issues

Themes:

For 2017: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world

For 2018: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

For 2019: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

Goals

In 2017: Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17

In 2018: Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17

In 2019: Goals 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17





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