



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

INVITATION

Checks-and-Balances Wanted - How to Better Engage Parliaments in the 2030 Agenda 16 July 2019 from 8:00– 9:30 p.m.

**Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
871 United Nations Plaza, New York**

Refreshments and a light dinner buffet will be served starting at 7:30 p.m.

Over the years, the 2030 Agenda has started to play an increasingly important role for governments all over the world in their strategic political planning and the implementation of sustainability policies. However, parliaments continue to stay marginalized or are inadequately involved in those SDG implementation processes. In order to achieve the SDGs, it is vital to strengthen the role of parliaments as important actors in the checks-and-balances-system of democratic political structures.

Without proper involvement of parliaments, members of parliament (MPs) often stay insufficiently informed about the 2030 Agenda and its meaning for their work at the national level or with their constituency. Thus, there often seems to be a gap between the 2030 Agenda and parliaments' legislative function in law making, budgeting as well as national and local implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In many cases, civil society is closing this gap by working alongside parliaments to strengthen their role in the 2030 Agenda processes, providing important feedback to political tasks and creating the link to different levels of society.

This side event will draw from experiences of the German Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development, and of various MPs as well as from examples of civil society work with parliaments. It aims to create a learning space for MPs, governments and civil society as well as a space for exchange on a democratic implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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PROGRAM

Welcoming remarks

- Ms Karin Göbel, Head of Department for Economic and Financial Affairs, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Opening and Introduction to side event

- Johannes Grün, Head of Economy and Ecology Unit, Brot für die Welt
- Dr. Nina Scheer, MP, Germany

Panel Discussion

- Dr. Nina Scheer, MP, Germany
- Dr. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, MP, Indonesia
- Rowshan Jahan Moni, Association for Land Reform and Development, Bangladesh
- Gomer Padong, Philippines Social Enterprise Network, Together 2030 (tbc)

Moderator

- Marie-Luise Abshagen, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

Q&A

We look forward to your participation!