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## Side-event of France

**At the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023**

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**A collaborative approach at all levels : an essential lever for sustainable transformation**

*July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 (8.00 – 9.30 am)*

*Conference Room 8*

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### **I. Presentation**

**The side event proposed by France in the margin of the 2023 edition of the HLPF will highlight the essential role of an effective partnership approach for the full and timely implementation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).**

The side event will be organised around two sequences

- Governments will present their national processes and institutional arrangements ensuring stakeholder consultation and involvement in SDG implementation, with a particular focus on their respective voluntary national review (VNR) processes;
- Other actors (civil society, research, private sector, local authorities, international organisation) will discuss the relevance of collaborative multi-stakeholder partnerships for the SDGs and will share their experience and good practices.

The side event will be inclusive and geographically open, with participants from different origins and backgrounds. The speakers envisaged come from a variety of governments as well as from civil society, the world of research, local and regional authorities, the private sector and international organisations.

### **II. Context**

The HLPF is taking place in a difficult international context, marked by the rise of extremism and conflict. These events contribute to the continuous shrinking of democratic space in a large number of countries around the globe, and effectively weaken the variety of stakeholders working at all levels to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Yet, a truly sustainable governance must ensure the full inclusion of all people, because the SDGs are everybody's business.

The crosscutting nature of the SDGs means that they can only be achieved through a collaborative and inclusive commitment at local, regional, national and international levels. All stakeholders - at their own level and in their own way – can and must contribute to this collective effort towards the SDGs, in order to ensure that our societies undergo a just and sustainable transition that leaves no

one behind. The collaborative approach is the concrete expression of the democratic and partnership-based aspiration at the heart of the 2030 Agenda. It also conditions the effectiveness of our public policies towards greater sustainability. This idea underpins SDG 17, and it is crucial if we want to see all the other 16 SDGs fully implemented by the end of the decade.

In this respect, governments have a particular responsibility. They must encourage, coordinate and support initiatives by all stakeholders to accelerate SDG implementation. This requires the establishment of appropriate institutional arrangements, a real effort to engage and mobilise citizens and the promotion of appropriate processes ensuring the co-construction of public policies. As critically illustrated during the pandemic, no stakeholder should be overlooked by public authorities, and challenges should be identified from the grassroots in order to devise effective responses.

France's side event at the HLPF will seek to highlight the initiatives and institutional arrangements that contribute to this objective. It will provide an opportunity for governments and all the stakeholders involved in implementing the 2030 Agenda to share their experience, and to express their expectations for a more effective and stronger collaborative approach.

### III. Run-of-show

<b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR AND PRESENTATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS</b>	
<b>5 MINUTES</b>	
MODERATOR: <b>Thomas Friang</b> , Open Diplomacy Institute	
<b>GOVERNMENTS' VISION ON THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH</b>	
<b>20 MINUTES</b>	
<p>The three governments will present national initiatives and institutional arrangements for mobilising and involving all stakeholders at national level in implementing the 2030 Agenda. More than a comparative analysis of what each country has put in place, the aim is to discuss what sort of government action is needed to encourage a collaborative approach in favour of the 2030 Agenda (co-construction of public policies, creation of consultative bodies, initiatives fostering citizen engagement, etc.). This will also be an opportunity for the governments - all three of which are presenting a VNR this year - to present the modalities of the consultative process set up for the preparation of their reviews. The panel will also provide an opportunity to discuss the limits encountered by each country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What multi-stakeholder co-construction forums exist in your countries?</li> <li>- What role does the government play in structuring/animating them? How do these spaces contribute to the achievement of the SDGs?</li> <li>- How were they mobilized for the preparation of the VNR?</li> <li>- What lessons have you learned from this exercise? What were the challenges?</li> </ul>	
6 minutes	<b>H.E. Bérangère Couillard</b> , Secretary of State for Ecology, France
6 minutes	<b>The Honourable Karina Gould</b> , Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Canada
<b>THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AS PART OF FRANCE'S VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW</b>	
<b>15 MINUTES</b>	
5 minutes	Presentation of the Collaborative Conference organized by the Open Diplomacy Institute, as part of the preparation of the French Voluntary National Review, <b>Thomas Friang</b>

10 minutes	Brief presentation of five elected projects from the civil society, with a focus on their collaborative and partnership dimension
<b>THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
<b>25 MINUTES</b>	
The panel is made up of a wide range of stakeholders representing all those involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, beyond governments. The speakers will be able to share their experience (challenges, good practices) and expectations for a strengthened collaborative approach at all levels.	
5 minutes	<b>Dr. Moses Isooba</b> , Executive Director of the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF) - In what way should the full involvement of civil society be placed at the heart of Agenda 2030 governance? What multi-stakeholder partnerships should be formed, both nationally and transnationally?
5 minutes	<b>Mr. Ricardo Rio</b> , rapporteur on the SDGs at the European Committee of the Regions, mayor of Braga - How local authorities are essential relays for mobilizing citizens in favor of the SDGs?
5 minutes	<b>Ms. Imme Scholz</b> , Co-President of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and Co-Chair of the Independent Group of Scientists for the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2023 - How can research provide a more systemic approach to the SDGs? What connections can be made with governments and all the stakeholders, with a view to putting science at the service of sustainability?
5 minutes	<b>Ms. Melissa Powell</b> , Chief of Staff, United Nations Global Compact - How can we strengthen the private sector's contribution to the Agenda 2030? What role can public authorities play as catalysts?
5 minutes	<b>Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva</b> , Executive Director, UNOPS - What concrete role can international institutions play in promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships? How does this collaborative approach guide UNOPS interventions?
<b>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION – 20 MINUTES</b>	
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR</b>	
<b>5 MINUTES</b>	