

Preparing for the HLPF 2019 Thematic Reviews: Sustainable Development Goal 10

Breakfast Dialogue, part of the “SDGs Under Review” series
20 February, 2019, Baha’i International Community’s United Nations Office
(866 UN Plaza, Suite 120)
8:30 - 9:45 AM
Concept Note

In the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States decided to undertake thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including cross-cutting issues. Thematic reviews are expected to engage all relevant stakeholders and reflect the integrated nature of the SDGs as well as the interlinkages between them. In 2019, the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) under the auspices of ECOSOC, will have as its theme ‘*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*’ and examine in particular SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17.

The objective of this breakfast meeting is to create a space where a substantive contribution can be made to the thematic review of SDG 10 - “**Reduce Inequalities Within and Among Countries**”. Prior to the meeting, a thought piece on SDG 10 will be prepared and shared as an initial contribution to the dialogue.

During the breakfast meeting, participants are expected to address the current thinking on SDG 10, innovative approaches being taken, lessons learned and recommendations on how to advance implementation and strengthen stakeholder engagement. In short, the purpose of the gathering is to create a space for a genuine and focused exploration of Goal 10.

Guiding questions:

- What are examples of policies that have reduced inequalities, and how were they identified?
- What are the barriers to the establishment or implementation of inequality-reducing policies? How have these been overcome and what allowed this to happen?
- In what ways has civil society served to spur and enhance the implementation of successful policies?
- What allows policy to increasingly be based on practical experience and thoughtful assessment, rather than ideological conviction or political loyalty?
- How can the first review of progress toward SDG10 be seized as an opportunity to enhance political momentum to address inequalities both globally and within countries?

About the “SDGs Under Review” breakfast series:

This breakfast series will address all SDGs under review at the 2019 HLPF. A summary of the discussions will be compiled into a publication to be shared in the lead up to, and during,

the HLPF. The breakfast series will also be an opportunity for the creation and strengthening of relationships between Civil Society, Member States and the United Nations.

The breakfast series on SDGs under review is lead by the Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office in collaboration with the UN DESA, Division for Sustainable Development Goals. The SDG 10 breakfast meeting is being held in partnership with the Center for Economic and Social Rights, the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, the Society for International Development, and WaterAid.

A similar event was organized focusing on SDG 4. Please, check here for a [video](#) and here for the [summary](#).

Call in details:

Topic: SDG 10: Inequalities Breakfast Meeting

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