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## Invitation

**Saturday, 26 September 2015**

**1.15 PM – 3.00 PM**

**UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8, General Assembly Building**

The Governments of Botswana, Mongolia and Switzerland, as well as International IDEA, are organizing a High-Level Side Event on

### **Engaging People for Sustainable Development: Accountability, Transparency and Participation**

on the occasion of the  
United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development enshrines an ambitious and transformational vision which has the potential to re-define priorities for global action in the next decades. It recognizes that “eradicating poverty in all forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development”.

As a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which seeks also to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom, the 2030 Agenda is a challenging roadmap for change. Turning it into reality will require the involvement and engagement of people.

The High-Level Event will engage representatives of countries from different regions in an exchange on national experiences of promoting accountability, transparency and participation that could contribute to the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The High-Level Event will also attempt to identify a set of key guiding principles in this regard. Ministers and high-level representatives of governments, NGOs, the private sector, financing institutions, international organizations and academia will engage in an interactive debate on critical aspects for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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## AGENDA

### *Keynote speeches*

- **H. E. Ms. Simonetta Sommaruga**, President of the Swiss Confederation
- **H. E. Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj**, President of Mongolia
- **H. E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi**, Vice President of the Republic of Botswana
- **Mr. Thomas Gass**, Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Mr. Yves Leterme**, Secretary-General of International IDEA
- **Mr. Carl Wright**, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)

### *Moderated roundtable discussion*

Ministers and high-level representatives of governments, NGOs, the private sector, financing institutions, international organizations and academia will discuss the following critical aspects for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- What aspects of existing **mechanisms** at the national and sub-national levels will be critical for ensuring progress for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? Where are the main challenges in terms of transparent and direct accountability to the people and which improvements are necessary?
- What different roles can **actors** like legislatures on all levels, local authorities, civil society organizations, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders, play to effectively engage in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? What experiences can be shared on widening and deepening spaces for participation of and engagement with such actors in order to create transparent, inclusive, efficient and inter-linked accountability mechanisms?
- What are the key institutional and capacity development **enablers** that could contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- What guiding **principles** can be identified to enable and encourage people to participate in accountability mechanisms?

Please see the attached concept note for more detail.

This event will be webcast live.

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