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## Invitation

### How to hold the rich and powerful accountable in the 2030 Agenda

Roundtable discussion on monitoring, review and SDG indicators

8 March 2016, 1-3 pm

Baha'i International Community, 866 UN Plaza, New York

The 2030 Agenda adopted at the highest level in September 2015 has the potential to change the prevailing development paradigm by re-emphasizing the multidimensional character of sustainable development and its universal applicability.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda depends on the adoption of appropriate strategies and policies, available resources and other means of implementation. Accountability mechanisms are important tools for strengthening political commitment and effectiveness. Thus the success of the new Agenda relies a lot on adopting adequate mechanisms and indicators for the monitoring of progress or regressive developments in achieving the goals.

But monitoring and review should not be reduced to the implementation of the SDGs and their related targets. The monitoring of outputs or outcomes alone is by no means sufficient. Rather, policies and policy changes should be scrutinized. In particular, monitoring and review should include the structural obstacles to the implementation of the SDGs and disclose the actors and vested interests behind them.

While we are entering now the implementation phase of the 2030 Agenda, it is necessary to identify these obstacles to the achievement of the SDGs and the ways to address them. This includes the need to analyze and reconsider the approach to work with indicators: Does the proposed set of SDG indicators reflect adequately the goals and aspirations of the 2030 Agenda and its universal character? What are structural and political obstacles to be addressed within and around the work on indicators? How can the principle of common, but differentiated responsibilities be operationalized in the formulation and weighting of indicators? And what does this mean for the role of the UN and the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF)?

We invite you to discuss these issues with representatives of the Reflection Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, of Member States and the UN Secretariat.

Panelists include

**Barbara Adams**, Global Policy Forum

**Nicole Bidegain**, DAWN

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**Kate Donald**, Center for Economic and Social Rights

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