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# “responsibility to act”

- accountability

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“The new paradigm of accountability that we seek is not one of conditionality, neither North to South, nor South to North, but rather one of all actors – Governments, international institutions, private sector actors and organizations of civil society – and in all countries, the people themselves.

This is the real test of people-centred, planet-sensitive development.”

# “responsibility to act” and “accountability for action”

## “Responsibility to act”

- ▶ Not many responsibilities identified or agreed in the SDGs;
- ▶ This is, after all, a voluntary, “aspirational” framework: *who* should do *what* has been left undecided
- ▶ “Global partnership” for implementation avoids allocating responsibilities

- The challenge for the SDGs is to establish genuine accountability in this context

## “Accountability for action”

- ▶ The “A” word: controversial during the negotiations; afterwards, more popular
- ▶ We can have data, and monitoring of progress, without having accountability - a step further: the **power** to hold agents responsible
- ▶ -if you want these goals to be effective, credible, and legitimate, the question is, “who must the implementers of these goals answer to, and how?”

- ▶ Accountability is about:
  - The right to demand answer from a responsible agent,
  - To judge whether they have fulfilled their responsibilities;
  - And sanction them where they fail in their responsibilities,
  
- - the difficulty in the SDG context is determining:

Who is accountable? to who? For what?

- ▶ The workshop will make some practical headway on these questions; build understanding and build the capacity of participants to engage on key issues of accountability and review; and given the diversity of partnerships, actors and country contexts, we'll learn a lot from each other

# Key tasks:

- ▶ To assess the responsibilities of states and new multi-stakeholder partnerships in implementing the goals - to try to find **standards** they should be held accountable against.
- ▶ To examine the processes and conditions that need to be in place for accountability, in both these contexts.
- ▶ To examine one key role of states - setting the rules governing this “partnership of partnerships”. How should all these new and innovative partnerships be coordinated and governed?