

P4R Webinar: ‘The role of academia in SDG review’

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When the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted in September 2015, UN member states pledged to commit to ‘a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review process at the national, regional and global levels’. While national reviews are state-led and voluntary, the engagement of stakeholders from civil society, academia and the private sector is highly encouraged. So far, the participation of civil society organizations and business actors has generally been more prominent, both in actual practice and in the discourse about stakeholder engagement, compared to the participation of academia.

The webinar is jointly organized by Partners for Review and the International Science Council. It will focus on the meaningful participation of academia in national SDG review: What can scientific actors contribute to the national review of the 2030 Agenda? What has been the experience so far with the participation of representatives from the scientific community in VNRs? Which factors have made this participation more or less meaningful?

Agenda

- ❖ Opening remarks by Mr. Joern Geisselmann, P4R Secretariat
- ❖ Brief inputs:
 - *The contribution of science to national SDG review* (Dr. Charles Ebikeme, International Science Council)
 - *Engaging academia in the South African VNR* (Prof. Willem Fourie, University of Pretoria & Coordinator South African SDG Hub)
 - *The role of academia in voluntary local reviews in Japan* (Ms. Junko Ota, Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies)
- ❖ Discussion

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