HLPF Experience.

These two weeks has been a learning experience for me. Four of us participated with the MGOs, a good sense of collaboration. Every morning briefing gave an idea of what the process looked like which then gave us a chance to attend some of the preparatory groups. Side by side we were attending the opening ceremony, and other thematic sessions. By the end of the week, I was able to understand how the preparation is effective in the process of HLPF.

The opening of the HLPF for the first week, and the themes shared by various groups were very enriching. The importance of data in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The material shared by various groups was interesting. Importance of how data can be more pictorial and how it can help to influence decisions of the policy makers. There were many side events that we could attend and participate. ... I was happy that did it in Senegal, Philippines, Mexico and Ireland has initiated on spatial visual data. Hope Africa will benefit through capacity building skills.

Another side event that I participated was on Water .. sDG 6. And listened to the stories of many other countries where the resource of water needs to be conserved and used responsibly. Another event I attended was on “One Plan, One planet” and later again on Eco system. This enriched my knowledge on how SDGs are inter related and connected bringing the dimension of Environmental protection alive for the Peace and Prosperity of People and Planet.

The second Week was good to listen to the VNRs(voluntary National Report) from various countries and how the process allows for the learning as well as sharing on the ideas of each other. The youth representatives brought the inspiring and challenging dimension and hope they can bring to us and the future generations through implementation of SDGs.

Our own side event was on 17th July where we shared on Localizing the SDGs at grass root level. Four of us brought our stories and experiences from India, Pakistan, Philippines, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Our sisters from New York City supported us by their presence. Lynette.