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# What do I do?

- Director of the National Council for the Evaluation of Social Policies (**CONEVAL**) in Mexico
- Board Member of the university **El Colegio de México**.
- Board Member of the International Initiative for Impact **Evaluation (3ie)** in India.
- Member of the **Evaluation** Committee at the **GAVI** Alliance in Geneva.
- Member of the Advisory **Monitoring** Group for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (**GPEDC**). UNDP and OECD.
  
- PhD. Economics. Oxford University.
- Director of the Economics Program ITAM. Up until 2003..
- I teach **Development Economics** at the university Mexican Technological Autonomous Institute (**ITAM**), in Mexico.
  
- **Family**: Nice wife, 3 kids. Two parents...
- Music, **Food**, Books

# SDGs

- **Extraordinary effort** by the UN and all its members to collectively set various development goals for 2030....
- However:
- SDGs was a democratic **agreement** between member states. More a **political** agreement than a scientific one.
- Countries are **already** working towards certain goals. Countries started their development before 2015!
- Countries will **prioritize** SDGs, according to their history and needs and **national** mandates. **American Bowling!**
- SDGs are assuming that **each** country should take development on its **own hands**.
- It's a **looong way** between science and development and public policy
  - We could spend decades trying to summarize scientific papers to match all SDGs interlinkages.
  - Development in successful countries has been diverse, with different patterns in each country.
- Policy makers have **MANY OTHER priorities** besides science and robust evidence: **Political incentives**.
  - Multidimensional poverty measurement in Mexico

# GSDR 2019

- 2015-2019 first 4 years of 2015-2030! **1/3rd of the way!!!**
- In 2019 we need to **advise the HLPF** about the Goals and Targets' **progress**, using the best **data** (Sustainable Development Goals Reports, Regional and National reports) plus a good **assessment** (combination of monitoring, evaluation and science)... not only a summary of scientific papers.
- The most useful document for HLPF2019 should be an assessment of the SDGs' process **both** at the UN and in countries and regions. (Countries according to THEIR OWN GOALS!)
  - 1. What did we aim for in 2015?
  - 2. According to data and evidence, what has happened up to 2019?
  - 3. Analysis of evidence, including science point of view: Assessment of SDGs process and results.
  - 4. Lessons and recommendations to HLPF.
- GSDR 2016 is fine, but it's a summary of papers on development, with very little advice and interest for policy makers.
- Do we have an **evaluation** of GSDR 2014-2016?

# Elements of GSDR 2019.

- Help with the **structure** of the report. G
- Assessing how **countries are prioritizing** SDGs and why. G
- Assessing how countries (governments and civil society) are **using scientific evidence**.
- Are **countries understanding the possible linkages** between goals and targets?  
Are countries **prioritizing** some linkages differently from others?
- Assessing **data** availability.
- **Why progress** in some goals and targets and less in others?
- Concrete and (**many**) **good examples** of certain countries 2015-2019...
- Does the **advice from the UN** has been **useful** for countries?
- What should be the **new** strategy and actions, given the overall assessment of the SGD process up until 2019? G
- Present the **proposed** GSDR2019 structure to **members** in 2017, just to check...