



Together 2030 Core Group Elections

Responses from Candidates to Questions discussed during the Webinar (Feb. 2)

A webinar was organized on February 2nd 2017 where candidates to the Together 2030 Core Group Elections had the opportunity of introducing themselves to the members of the Initiative.

Some candidates faced technical and/or health issues and others were unable to connect on that time. All candidates were given the chance of providing their inputs in writing to the questions below. This document is a compilation of the responses received by February 3rd 2017.

Questions presented:

- *What is your experience with the 2030 Agenda?*
- *How have you engaged with the Together 2030 work so far?*
- *What strategic advantage you and your organization bring to the Together 2030 Core Group?*
- *Share some ideas you would like to propose for the Together 2030 Core Group.*

Candidates responses (in alphabetical order)

Annette Luttah Aluora

Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement, Togo, Africa

- JVE implements project addressing local needs that are in line with the SDGs.
- We work with governments and in Togo JVE as part of several government advisory committees as a Civil society representative including the energy policy review committee, the national climate change committee and the parliamentary environmental advisory committee. In this JVE supports the government in the achievement of the national determined contributions.
- Presence in thematic networks in the region also working with regional bodies like ECREEE, the AMCOW among others.
- JVE has been key partner to the UNEP major groups and stakeholders – Children and youth as one of the key founders in 2000
- We have been part of the national campaign to prioritize SDGs and towards this JVE is sensitizing communities, working with the government and local communities to localize the implementation of SDGs
- Founding partner of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change and the work on advocacy on climate change in Africa
- Togo is presenting its volunteer national review and JVE is part of the process
- JVE is part of the Together 2030 global advocacy working group

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- Our strength in networks in Togo and in the region. JVE has national representations in 28 countries which work towards a similar goal. Therefore JVE brings regional and nation information on how countries are performing towards SDG implementation
- Addition of the African youth voice to the discussions and towards decision making as leaders of sustainable development
- 15 years organisational experience in national and international environmental policy processes with notable participation in international conferences on Water, energy, climate change, biodiversity, Environmental rights e.g COP, UNEA, AMCEN, among others.
- Strong advocacy strategies for youth participation on platforms of development and decision making
- Active discussion groups using various technological means can also be a good way to share constant and timely information towards Together 2030 development and impact and keep members actively engaged e.g. whatsapp groups

Marjorie Sosa Iglesias

EQUIPO DE PROYECTOS Y ASESORIA SOCIAL (EDEPA), Venezuela

- Based on the fact that I am member of the Venezuelan ONG EDEPA's Directive Board, I have been involved in meetings, discussions, actions and proposals within a networking group of NGO's called Sinergia, dealing with the definition and approaching of the Venezuelan Civil Society in terms of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for Venezuela.
- I am just been engaged in activities related to webinar discussions and virtual meeting organized by Together 2030, as well as share this information with those colleagues within our organization and some other networking groups in Venezuela (Red ARA, Red Clima21; Coalicion DDHH, etc)
- The advantage would be seen in terms of our strength to deal with SDGs within the country, especially because of the current limited scope that the Civil Society has to influence decisions and actions within the framework institutional of the Venezuelan state
- I would like to propose a regional group that allow the Latina America and Caribbean countries to attend online meetings and share reality, experiences, and good practices around the different sustainable development goals towards the 2030

Ola Abu Alghaib

LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY, Global

- I am currently Head of Policy and Influencing at Leonard Cheshire Disability in London.
- I have almost two decades of experience in the field of disability, development, and inclusive social policies in LMICs.
- My responsibilities have encompassed policy analysis, program design, management and evaluation, formulation of advocacy strategies, capacity development, extensive use of



qualitative methods, and research with the World Bank, UN agencies (WHO, ILO, UNESCO), NGOs (including DPOs) and INGOs.

- I have been a member of advisory bodies to support governments in social policy reform; recently I have been involved in providing technical expertise around effective reforms towards inclusive social protection policies.
- I have been actively involved in global advocacy and drafting of the SDGs to insure more recognition and articulation around disability
- I have been a member since 6 months and is engaged actively in its ongoing activities and discussions
- I have 20 years of experience in working on disability and development at national and international level , assurance of involving grassroots civil society in global discussions has been my key interest . I have also serviced at many global board and advisory panels serving that role
- Leonard Cheshire Disability is put in a privileged position to contribute to the work of Together 2030 Core Group. In particular, we are uniquely placed to ensure the 2030 Agenda leads to lasting a positive change for one of the most vulnerable and invisible groups: Persons with Disabilities.
- LCD possesses a powerful understanding of disability developed over 65 years and is part of a global network of over 200 independently managed Leonard Cheshire Global Alliance members in 54 countries.
- We have a proud record of having a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many persons with disabilities across the globe through our inclusive programming delivered by local partners, our advocacy initiatives and our world-renowned research facility.
- We are also one of the largest pan-disability civil society organisations, giving us a strong voice with which to foster and influence profound change.
- Through our extensive network of partners and our unique expertise we are able to powerfully contribute to the work of the Core Group and to Together 2030 as a whole.
- Together 2030 has a unique advantage and opportunity to play a key role at global level to bridge the gap of knowledge and engagement between national and global level . This can be reinforced through strengthening the links with national platforms , creating spaces for dialogue , Assuring inclusive access to information and supporting the visibility of the most marginalised . Additional you can lead on answering the hard questions related to the know how about involving civil society in development process .

Pauline LAMBOU

LEADING WOMEN OF AFRICA-LWA, Cameroon, Africa

- As strategist stakeholder will be able to build UP strategies accountability and governance as board member of www.cimpad.org
- Data skills, translation, education of integrity and inclusive education to be sure nous one is lecture behind
- Would like the Core group to be transparent, democracy, and to rotate the working session and training at the country of residence of member of the Core Group.
- I'm proposing training on education of integrity
- I master all the 17goals



- Since my participation at HLPF 2016 as member of the team advocacy of the WMG, I'm one of the two civil society to elaborate the country strategy for Cameroun
- As teacher, I'm teaching my students those SDGs
- I'm so far engaged with the goals preparing the country report in 2018
- I'm building the strategy
- We will be reporting in 2018 and I'm the main stakeholder strategist

Rochelle Dean

CANDID CONCEPTS DEVELOPMENT, Bahamas, Latin America and Caribbean

- My experience with the 2030 Agenda has focused directly on the means of implementation, follow up and review of the new framework specifically aligned with goal #1 the eradication of global poverty which has been marginalized due to multidimensional poverty specifically in the Caribbean.
- Having co-chaired the indicators task force of the Beyond 2015 Campaign I am a stakeholder in the successful implementation of the sustainable development goals. I've been engaged on a national level as well as offering public consultation through capacity building while promoting good governance and peaceful societies as well as conducting research, while engaging in depth dialogues with other partners as it relates to this very ambitious, transformative and universal Agenda.
- The strategic advantage that CCDA brings to the Together 2030 Core Group is influence as well as experience. Aside from being very familiar with the 230 indicators for data collection of the sustainable development goals. My organization is a member of the TAP Network which specifically holds governments, inter-governmental, civil society organizations as well as the UN system accountable to its processes for their roles in the success of the global goals.
- I am also an ally with the Borgen Project the most politically influential campaign in the USA working with congressional leaders focused on foreign policy to reduce poverty.
- My organization is positioned on a national level due to my influence with government officials in the Bahamas to impact the implementation phases of the goals. I am also conducting a research project, partnering with the University of the Bahamas that will impact the countries recently drafted national development plan.
- The most important idea I would propose is securing funding for the continued success of this initiative by working closer with governments which comes with further developing the mission of the initiative and being prepared to engage politicians.
- Another idea would be promote a policy coherence approach, whether the focus is globalization, environment, trade, employment (as we know unemployment will increase by 3.4 million this year-which translates to 201 million jobless further stagnating economic growth and impacting global poverty, which greatly detracts the sustainable development goals.



- CCDA will work to implement indicators at regional, national and subnational levels to complement the global indicators taking into account national circumstances as we see nations begin to progress domestic policies which gravely affect the global goals.

Sreekanth S Rameshaiah (Sree) - Mahiti

MAHITI TRUST, India, Asia.

- I bring personal field level technology experience and now a specialist team of 60 technologists and sector specialists focusing on use of technology for furthering SDGs.
- I began my career in 1998 as an Information Technology engineer for a large rural development organisation (SAMUHA) in a drought prone rural area 300 kms north of Bangalore, India. In 1998 using remote sensing data we scientifically designed a watershed program serving a community of 40,000. This was the first implementation of its kind in the region.
- We followed this by implementing a micro-banking tool called Village-Money for women's self help groups having 30,000 members in 1999. Soon we realised the value of using technology to aid social impact initiatives to scale and enhance impact. We started partnering with other non-profits and developmental agencies, enabling them to use technology in their program design and implementation.
- We spun off Samuha's tech team into Mahiti, an independent social initiative in 2003. Association has continued with Samuha over the years. Currently we are helping to monitor and evaluate outcomes in agriculture, health and livelihoods through use of mobile and cloud technology.
- Mahiti is now has extensive field experience partnering with government and civil society organisations.
- Health - Data collection and Program monitoring:
 - National survey among HRGs for HIV/ AIDS in partnership with Ministry of Health - India, PHFI, FHI360 and USAID (Covered 250,000 respondents across India)
 - National Patient Satisfaction Survey for patients using public health services (feedback solicited from 200,000 patients daily in 100 hospitals across 7 Indian states - scaling nationally)
- Education - Monitoring scholastic learnings
 - 1.1million children across 27,000 public schools in rural areas of Karnataka, India
 - 900+ remote schools covering 50,000 children in mountainous area of north-India
- Livelihood - Systems support
 - Digital pedagogical applications for skill development of 20,000+ unemployed rural youth
 - Marketplace commissioned for 100,000 rural micro-entrepreneurs to buy and sell their produce
- We have also partnered with Governments, CSO and development agencies in Bangladesh, Laos, Tajikistan, Brazil, Kenya and Tanzania to take social impact initiatives to scale.
- I along with Mahiti offer a strong southern perspective and experience at Local, National and International levels
- We have taken our perspective to international fora such as:
 - Plone Foundation

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- Python Software Society of India
- Regional Open Source Alliance of central-Asia
- Internews International
- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition: GODAN
- By establishing workgroups we should...
 - Create position papers on how technology should be used for better implementation of SDGs at National, Regional and global levels
 - Create frameworks for understanding and analysis of progress of SDGs at national level using global dashboard that provides insights of areas where countries are lagging behind/ exceeding performance
 - Curate open technology toolkits for use by countries in effective monitoring of SDG and their indicators

Inputs not received from:

- Geeplayetheau Teenicee, NABLORE THEAUO ACADEMY OF SPORTS AND ARTS, Liberia, Africa
- Kalisiana Buliruarua, PACIFICWIN-YOUTH, New Zealand, Pacific
- Karol Alejandra Arámbula Carrillo, CORPORATIVA DE FUNDACIONES, A.C, Mexico, Latin America and Caribbean
- Ram Nookadee, DPIN -DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS IN NETWORK, Mauritius, Africa