

## Together 2030 Report

High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development

July 11-20, 2016- UNHQ, New York

### HLPF Highlights

- Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF adopted on July 20
- 22 countries presented their national voluntary reviews
- Civil Society letter to President of ECOSOC endorsed by 280 organisations making recommendations on HLPF modalities and programme



View of the Trusteeship Council during HLPF session

### HLPF Overview

#### Expert Segment Overview:

- The Expert Segment week took place from 11-15 July with a total of 18 official sessions that look into the 17 SDGs.
- 53 side events ran in parallel official sessions during the Expert Segment week and 10 SDGs Learning and Training practices.

#### Recurring issues- Expert Segment:

- Lack of information and clarity on Means of Implementation (MOI) including how it will be implemented and how it will be financed.
- Data: existing measurement systems and gaps and other shortcomings in general, including technology. The discussion has not moved on much.
- Prioritisation or selection of SDGs evident from country reports. Invisibility SDG 10
- Plethora of slogans that replace and conceal the face of discrimination, violation of rights, inequality, poverty, etc.
- Leave no one behind / Furthest behind / Unaccounted / Other: lack of clarity in language, and very little moved on since the SDG Summit.
- Multistakeholder Partnerships: lots of discussion about private sector, civil society, etc. without clarity.

### Results of the First Session- Expert Segment Week

- Some useful elements and discussions, but overall the opportunity was not maximized.
- Meeting format: did not allow interactive dialogue with countries.
- Modalities of the meeting: repetitive of other forums filled with speeches and little analysis, review and evaluation.
- Many overlapping actors working the same issues without dialogue between them.
- Much theoretical debate, few concrete results.

### Ministerial Segment (National Voluntary Reviews) Overview:

- Ministerial Segment took place from 18-20 of July with 17 official meetings, including 5 national reviews sessions and 3 general debates.
- 54 side events ran in parallel with the official sessions as well as 3 special events.
- Member States of Egypt, China, Colombia, Venezuela, France and South Korea presented individual national reviews. The rest of members states had clustered presentation as follows:

Group 1	Sierra Leone, Mexico, Morocco, Switzerland
Group 2	Norway, Madagascar, Turkey, Georgia, Germany
Group 3	Finland, Samoa, Montenegro, Uganda
Group 4	Philippines, Estonia, Togo

- You can find the reports in the HLPF link below: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/inputs>

### Results of the Second Session- Ministerial Segment Week:

- Ministerial Declaration was adopted last day of the HLPF on 20 July in plenary, after member states of Nicaragua, Morocco and Palestine objected the text. You can see final adopted declaration in the following link: [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=E/2016/L.24&Lang=E](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/2016/L.24&Lang=E)
- Country reports: show gaps in data, process transparency, etc.
- Lack of debate. Countries read statements or presented videos. Only 2 interventions from other member states were allowed and one intervention from MGoS limited to 2 minutes.
- The reports that stood out were from Sierra Leone, Finland and Germany. The latter 2 complemented their presentations with a Civil Society member in the plenary presenting perspectives on their engagement with the national review. On the whole, these were the exception because they included analysis and reflection, rather than a simple read-out of institutional arrangements in government.
  - Letter to President of ECOSOC was drafted as an initiative from Amnesty International and input it by MGoS making recommendations on the programme and modalities of the HLPF. One of the main recommendations from this letter was that the HLPF programme in 2017 and in forthcoming years should begin with the Ministerial Segment where member states conduct their reviews and adopt the ministerial declaration, followed by the expert level thematic roundtables and dialogues. Together 2030 circulated this letter for endorsement to the entire membership. Approximately 280 organisations from around the globe endorsed this letter in a 24hr deadline. Letter was delivered to ECOSOC president and hardcopies were distributed between sessions to Member States in the room. You can find letter in the link below:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/ior51/4489/2016/en/>

## Together 2030 Engagement at the HLPF

### Member's briefings:

- Together 2030 hosted one Webinar prior HLPF on 6 July for members attending the HLPF as well as two face-to-face briefings breakfast for them in New York.
- These in-person briefings took place on Monday 11 (expert segment week) and Monday 18 (ministerial segment week) and aimed to provide members participating in the first week of HLPF as well as those coming only for the second week with updated relevant information on the HLPF and also on Together 2030 activities, messaging and engagement during the high level forum.
- A total of 22 members attended these in person meetings. Members attending were actively engaged in the discussion asking key questions around HLPF processes and relevance and also sharing their expectations from the HLPF as well as making suggestions on how to better take advantage of Together 2030 network while in New York. You can find pictures of these face-to-face meetings in the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6dqzw6wbvidvmnm/AACBQ6-sKIKMj-rfSdlEoiWja?dl=0>

- After the HLPF, Together 2030 hosted 3 webinars (two in English, one in Spanish) in order to debrief and provide members with relevant info on outcomes and also reflections around the HLPF.

### Member's engagement in HLPF official sessions:

- *Platform representation at the HLPF:* The participation and high profile positioned Together 2030 as a recognized voice in the HLPF Coordination Mechanism where we are members of the Steering Group having daily allocated seats during the 8 days of the HLPF. Few outcomes:
  - Together 2030 facilitated speaking opportunities for members at the official sessions of the HLPF. A daily call was set up in a Google form for members to submit their interest in speaking at a particular HLPF session. T2030 coordinated the preparation of the statement with the member based on [T2030 messaging](#) for the HLPF and the member's organization messaging.



Zan Akologo-Cartias Ghana ready to speak in a session

- A total of 8 statements were delivered during the HLPF. These statements have been shared with DESA to be uploaded in the HLPF official website. You can find statements in the following Dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6dqzw6wbvidvmnm/AACBQ6-sKIKMj-rfSdlEoiWja?dl=0>

- Together 2030 member as a lead discussant- Core group member Gomer Padong from Philippines Social Enterprise Network served as lead discussant in the HLPF session Creating Ownership at National Level that took place on July 13.
- In addition, Charles Badenoch, Vice-President for Advocacy and External Engagement from World Vision International spoke on behalf of Together 2030, World Vision and Save the Children in the first General Debate during the Ministerial Segment week.
- *Small groups for preparation on NVRs:* T2030 facilitated space for members to work in a collective way with other members from MGoS MG on the preparation of statements to be presented at the national review presentations. These working groups were set up by country or group of countries. Members participated in the preparations for Colombia, Uganda, Philippines and Sierra Leone. Core group Member of Together 2030 Philipp Schönrock delivered the statement in Colombia's national review on behalf of MGoS. You can find the statement in the following Dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6dqzw6wbvidvnmn/AACBQ6-sKlKMj-rfSdIEoiWja?dl=0>

- *Informal Meetings:* Two informal meetings to exchange intel and share views were held during the HLPF week. One was held after the expert segment and the second one, after the NVRs. These gatherings were well attended and provided a good space for members to interact on content and issues. We thank Together 2030 members Diego Martinez, from CAFOD and Andrew Griffiths from Sightsavers for having led these meetings. You can find notes from both informal meetings in the link below: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p0DpGUwtFjZphzrk\\_NG8GBWJJoClw4bfC0hAo3Kt0SY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p0DpGUwtFjZphzrk_NG8GBWJJoClw4bfC0hAo3Kt0SY/edit?usp=sharing)



- *Other resources:* Together 2030 set up a Google and Whatsapp groups where members had the opportunity to coordinate other meeting spaces including bilateral meetings. This initiative suggested by the members contributed to keep members informed and updated in real time and also facilitated the exchange of impressions and insights around the HLPF.

### Statements delivered by Members:

Member	HLPF Session	Date
Alvin Leong-ICGC	Science-policy interface: New ideas, insights and solutions	July 12
Gomer Padong (lead discussant)	Creating ownership at National Level	July 13
Andrew Griffiths-Sightsavers	Regional Experiences	July 15
Zan Akologo-Caritas Ghana	From Inspiration to action: Multistakeholder engagement for implementation Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture, climate action, sustainable oceans and terrestrial Ecosystems-	July 12-July 15

	adopting a nexus approach	
Charles Badenoch- World Vision International	General Debate	July 18
Debra Jones- Save the Children	Prospects for the future (projections, scenarios and new and emerging issues)	July 20
Philipp Schönrock- CEPEI	Colombia's national review	July 20

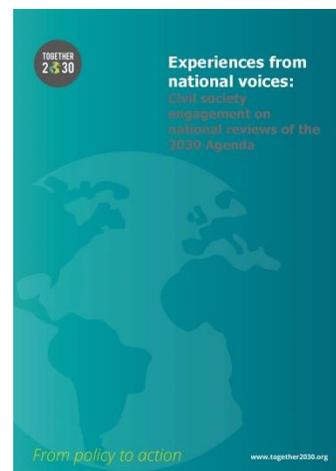
### Together 2030 Side Event:

- A total of 57 persons attended Together 2030 side event “*Are we already left behind? The role of civil society and stakeholders on national reviews of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”. The date and time (Friday PM) allocated by DESA did not favor greater participation.
- The side event took place on 15 July in the Expert Segment week and was organised in partnership with CEPEI, Sightsavers, World Vision International, Justice Development Peace Commission, Save Matabeleland Coalition, Philippines Social Enterprise Network, Participate Network, Bond, Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment and co-sponsored by the missions of Colombia, Sierra Leone and the Philippines
- The speaker’s panel was integrated by Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs; Dr. Sheka Bangura, Minister of Economic Planning (Sierra Leone); Hon. Rosemarie Edillon, Deputy-Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); Sophia Kitcher, Ada Songor Saltwinner Women's Association (who presented by video), Amparo Alonso, Caritas Spain International Advocacy Specialist and spokeswoman of “Futuro con Común”; and Alok Rath, Uganda and South Sudan Country Director, VSO International. The latter two panelists were selected through the open call that Together 2030 sent out to the membership for speaker’s selection.
- The panel was moderated by Lotta Tahitnen, Stakeholders Coordinator from UNDESA and Arelys Bellorini from World Vision and Core Group member of Together 2030 opened the event and delivered opening remarks.
- You can find presentations, pictures, video and side event recording at the dropbox link below: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6dqzw6wbvidvnm/AACBQ6-sKlMj-rfSdIEoiWja?dl=0>



## Case Study Report

- On the occasion of the HLPF, Together 2030 put together the case studies report "Experiences from national voices Civil society on engagement on national reviews of Agenda 2030". The report showcases the challenges faced and recommendations from several NGOs around the globe on engaging with national implementation of the SDGs. You can find the report in the link below: [http://www.together2030.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Case\\_Study\\_Compilation\\_FINAL\\_DRAFT\\_styles-1.pdf](http://www.together2030.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Case_Study_Compilation_FINAL_DRAFT_styles-1.pdf)



## Other events:

- Together 2030 also engaged in other events led by other organisations prior and during the HLPF serving as co-sponsor and also having a role in the discussions:

Event	Role
HLPF Side event- Is Civil Society Participation Shrinking after the Adoption of the 2030 Agenda?	Co-sponsor
Baha'i Breakfast on the SDGs implementation	Co-sponsor and panelist. Arelys Bellorini, Core Member of Together 2030 presented the results of the Perception Survey.
HLPF Side event- All aboard!" Joint action for successful implementation and accountability for the 2030-Agenda	Philipp Schönrock, member of the Core Group moderated the panel
High Level Meeting- Towards Thematic Reviews for an Integrated Follow up and Review of the Agenda 2030	Co-sponsor

## Social Media Engagement:

- Together 2030 actively engaged on Twitter previously and during the HLPF by posting invitations, updating on the Ministerial Declaration process, and during the HLPF twitting in real time quotes and pictures from the sessions and other activities.
- Together 2030 gained 111 new twitter followers on the previous and during the days of the HLPF out of which 92 joined our account on the 8 days of HLPF.
- Twitter traffic increased significantly with 2,344 profile visits; 156 mentions and lastly, 41.4K tweet impressions.



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