



## Recommendations for Setting up of National and Regional Structures for Together 2030

*Collection of Inputs from the Regional and National Structures Task Force*

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### 1. About this document:

This document is issued on behalf of the Together 2030 Regional and National Structure Task Force (76 organizations as of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – list below).

The Task Force was invited to provide recommendations on what type of structures and what type of engagement/partnership/representation should be set at national and regional level by Together 2030.

A google doc has been open for the collection of inputs from February 12 to 26 based on a list of questions proposed by the Secretariat. A second round of comments was opened from March 7-11 and the document was finalized by the Secretariat.

### 2. General analysis of recommendations:

- A review of the inputs show a **high level of ambition and expectations** from members of the Initiative at the regional and national level which will need to be balanced with the potential availability of resources from the global level as well as the capacity of regional and national level to fundraise to support their activities.
- There is a general perspective that focus should be on supporting action at the **national level**.
- **National structures** should focus on mobilizing members of the initiative at that level, proposing and engaging on actions and reporting back to the regional and global levels.
- The **regional level** is expected to have a facilitation/coordination role, also combined with a capacity to analyse and review data and trends and support the national level with strategic guidance, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation.
- The **regional level** should also facilitate and promote information and experience sharing and connect the national with the Global level, although colleagues also flagged the need for direct links between the national and global levels of the Initiative to be established.
- The **global level** is expected to support with guidance, strategic support, information sharing, creation of spaces for participation and connection between the other levels and the global arena as well as mobilizing resources for activities at the national/regional levels.
- Recommendations tend to indicate a preference for setting up **specific structures** to represent Together 2030 at the regional and national level, although also considering ways to strengthen and connecting with existing structures, depending on the context.



### 3. Summary of recommendations:

#### Question 1: What type of structures should Together 2030 set up at regional and national levels?

Proposals included:

- Several colleagues proposed setting up of representations of the Initiative at the regional level (including of a structured secretariat) and focal points/national coordinators in each country.
- Emphasis on the importance of the synergy between the national, regional and international levels for the analysis of the political panorama, exchange of information, awareness and joint advocacy.
- Importance of responding to the language diversity in each region and at the international level. Also highlighted the need for eventual staff of the Initiative to be able to communicate in the different languages spoken in the regions covered.
- Some colleagues were cautious about the role of the Regional level, calling for more emphasis to setting up structures at the national level.
- Proposal of creation of “National Coordination” in each country for Together 2030, that can even be decentralized to state/regional/district levels.
- Ideally, funds should be allocated for hiring a “National Officer/Coordinator” in key countries, hosted by a member organization.
- The inputs called for strong national presence, including, for instance, of a “national hub” connecting civil society interested in monitoring Agenda 2030 and with clear communication lines with the regional and global levels.
- Going beyond the national level and reaching out to grass roots organizations were also flagged as important.
- There was a suggestion to set up structures at the national level to coordinate the work of the initiative, a “National Coordination for Together 2030”, to support decision-making.
- Others suggested adding a “Regional Coordinator” per region operating under the Global/International Secretariat.
- Several colleagues were extremely ambitious on their proposals for national and regional structures for Together 2030, emphasizing the need for structure and staffing at the regional and national levels. Some proposed establishing full-fledged secretariat structures at the regional level (for instance, including a coordinator and an outreach officer) and national level (for instance with a coordinator, a secretary, a financial officer, a mobilization officer and an outreach and evaluation officer). There was a mention that those Secretariats would need ICT structure as well.
- Setting up of national coordination structure and for the Global/International level to engage on fundraising to support activities at this level.
- Align with existing strong national and regional platforms instead of creating parallel structures to facilitate coalition building and maximize use of resources.
- In case there are not national platforms established, a selection could be established for Together 2030 organizations willing to lead the coordination work at that level.

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- Regional level as important to shape “regional identity” and to facilitate engagement with relevant regional spaces and forums (including, for instance the Regional HLPF meetings).
- If regional coordinators/facilitators are hired, it may be considered to base them within a partner research/policy institute/think tank to support the work on intelligence and trend analysis.

## **Question 2: What type of coordination should be established between the national, regional and global levels within Together 2030? What type of accountability there should be between the national/regional and global level?**

Collection of inputs regarding this question:

- National focal points should send regular reports (every 3 or 4 months) to the regional and to the global levels.
- Regional focal points/coordinators should be responsible for preparing reports that reflect the regional perspective/status, highlighting the trends, convergences and divergences between countries in the same regions. Regional focal points/coordinators could also flag the SDGs that are advancing more or less in a certain region.
- Colleagues also flagged the importance of setting up proper connection/communication channels between the global and the national levels.
- Global/International Secretariat should maintain the national structures informed about the availability of resources and how those can be accessed by the local level. At the same time, the national structures should regularly report back on projects and funding to the Global/International Secretariat.
- Setting up of regular evaluation reports between the different levels, focusing on facilitating a bottom-up accountability approach.
- The regional coordination should follow up and monitor activities at the regional level and be accountable to the Global/International level.
- Proper strategic plans should be prepared at the regional and national levels, to support transparency and accountability, including with clear actions and timelines.
- Colleagues also flagged the need to set up adequate mechanisms to evaluate actions at all levels.
- National and regional structures should have a “facilitator role” (information sharing, networking, capacity building, sharing of experiences, monitoring and evaluation).
- The Regional level should organize spaces and meetings to share relevant information and gather inputs from the national level and should have the role of leading the monitoring and evaluation of activities at the regional and national levels.
- Regional structures should be able to provide a clear “scan” of processes, actors (like UNDP, the Regional Economic Commissions and others) and focus of the Agenda 2030 implementation in their regions.
- Intelligence and information from the global and regional levels can be used to guide and be used as leverage at the national level.
- Global and regional level should facilitate space and participation of voices from national level.



**Question 3: What processes should be set to define national and regional structures/representatives of Together 2030?**

***Where should we be present? What type of representation do we need (national hubs? national coordination? connection with local platforms?)***

Comments to those questions:

- For the role of Regional Coordinators/Facilitators: open selection process in the region to be coordinated by the Global/International level. Same process could be followed if staff is to be hired at the national level by the Initiative.
- Importance of having proper management structures and access to information and resources via friendly websites and ICT resources.
- Regional and National structures should be selected only amongst members of Together 2030.
- National coordination should be able to “coordinate” the work at national level and also be able to connect and engage with the local level.
- Members of Together 2030 at the national level should strategize on the best way for them to coordinate the work (either connecting to an existing structure or setting up a specific space/hub). Democratic processes should be established to set up “coordination/facilitation groups” to allow for broader participation. Same may apply to the regional level.

**Question 4: What should be the responsibilities of those representing Together 2030 at the national/regional level?**

Comments from the Task Force:

- Keeping the flow of communication between the Together 2030 members at the national and regional levels;
- Create spaces for dialogue amongst members of the Together 2030 to promote partnerships and joint action.
- Develop and disseminate reports on the outcomes and challenges on the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030 at the national and regional levels.
- Global Secretariat could develop systems to facilitate the collection and analysis of data/information.
- Regional and national structures should also engage in actions that promote the inclusion and participation of civil society in official follow up mechanisms at regional and national levels.
- Regional and national structures should be responsible for developing and proposing joint work at those levels, bringing the global perspective to the regional, national and local levels.
- Regional and national structures should be responsible for fundraising to support activities at those levels.
- At Regional and national levels, “steering committees”, established with a rotational approach to generate opportunities for several organizations, should be established to lead the work of Together 2030 at those spaces, setting up priorities for joint action,



collecting information and promoting partnerships and being accountable to all members of the initiative in the region/country.

- Regional and national structures should prioritize the communication with Members of the Initiative, engaging members in drafting the messages from the initiative.
- Regional and national structures should act as “Ambassadors” of Together 2030 and main advocates for the content of Agenda 2030.
- Regular reports should be submitted to the International Secretariat for dissemination and analysis.
- Regional level should coordinate, share information, facilitate reporting and following up and alignment with the global level.
- National level should be responsible for leading, developing and coordinating research, organizational, planning and evaluation activities and mobilizing members of Together 2030 on the ground.

**Question 5: What strategies should be set up to mobilize resources to support the work at national and regional levels?**

Inputs from the Task Force:

- Global level should engage on fundraise to provide seed funding to kick start action at the national/regional levels.
- Capacity building could be provided for National coordinators/focal points on resource mobilization.
- National/Regional level should engage with organizations and groups already established at those levels to maximize resources focused on common priorities.
- Whenever there is funding available, a clear process should be established at the global level for regional/national focal points/coordinators to drafting and present projects.
- Regional/National focal points should undertake a detailed study of resources needed as well as of potential sources and prepare a plan for the mobilization of resources.
- Global level should keep the regional/national level of Together 2030 informed about the availability (or not) of resources.
- National focal points/coordination should review what type of resources are available for specific SDGs and engage on fundraising focused on national and local contexts.

**Question 6: What type of support should Together 2030 at global level seek to provide to the National/Regional level?**

Comments to this question:

- Global level should provide strategic guidance and technical support and engage on fundraising to support actions at the national level.
- Global level should also provide opportunities for capacity building in advocacy and monitoring of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, support for information exchange and building up of joint advocacy processes for all levels;
- Drafting of learning materials and setting up of spaces for the exchange of information and experience.
- Global level should also review reports and information received at the national and regional level to prepare trend analysis and strategies.



- Development of communication strategies and materials for Together 2030 to be used at all levels.
- Organize webinars and promote exchange of information.
- Organization and promotion of capacity building on technical issues related to the SDGs as well as on advocacy and project management (including fundraising).
- Provision of strategic advice and sharing of information about the global level and potential interlinkages with the national/regional levels.
- Advocacy and promotion of space for voices from the national and regional levels, especially from the most vulnerable and marginalized to engage and participate at the global level.
- Facilitate networking, information and experiences sharing, capacity building on methodologies, processes and skills.

**Annex 1 – List of Members of the Together 2030 Regional and National Structures Task Force (as of March 2 2016).**

**Note:** Those organizations, as members of the Task Force, were invited to collaborate and provide inputs to this document. Final text reflect the summary and collection of those inputs but not necessarily, the agreement or endorsement of those organizations on all proposals presented.

<b>Members of Together 2030 Regional and National Structures Task Force (as of March 2 2016)</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Country</b>
RJEDD/BF	Burkina Faso
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Africa Youth Coalition Against Hunger Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
AHJASA (Asociacion Hondureña de Juntas Administradoras de Sistemas de Agua)	Honduras C.A.
AIESEC	Bolivia, Plurinational State of
APDNA	Argentina
ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE SORDOS DE PANAMA	PANAMA
Association Shifa des Maladies NeuroMusculaires	Algéria
BASAB BD	Bangladesh
BEYOND ACTION 2015 SOCIETY (BASO)	KENYA



Bio-Hitech	Guinée
Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL), Tamilnadu	india
Campaign2015+ International	Nigeria
Campaña Peruana por el Derecho a la Educación I	PERU
Carbone Guinée	Guinée
CBM Germany	Germany
CEGODEM / GCAP	Nicaragua
Center for Peace and Development Effectiveness	Liberia
Centre for Girls and Interaction	Malawi
Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa	Nigeria
CENTRE OMBRE DES FEMMES DU BURUNDI	BURUNDI
CEPEI	Colombia
CERACA-ong	BENIN
Civil Society MDG Campaign/GCAP Zambia	Zambia
CLADE	Brasil
Climate Action Network Tanzania	Tanzania
CNAPOST2015	BENIN
Community Development Initiative	Nigeria
Convention pour l'Emergence du Senegal - Coalition Agenda Post2015 (C.E.S.-C.A.P2015)	Senegal
CRADDES NGO	Benin
CRADDH	Togo
CSYM HUDUMA *MTANDAO-NETWORK	TANZANIA
DECA Equipo Pueblo, A.C.	Mexico
France Volontaires	France
GCAP Rwanda Coalition	Rwanda
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GESTOS-	Brazil
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Gracefully Consulting	South Africa
HaritaDhara Research Development and Education Foundation	India
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ICMC	Belgium
International Disability Alliance	USA
Jeres	El Salvador
MARS Practitioners Network	Myanmar
Nablore Theauo Academy of Sports and Arts	Liberia
NACDOR	India
National Council of NGOs in kenya C/O Sosurwo Fonds Kenya Organization	Kenya
NEEDS	INDIA
Nickpint Media Trust	Kenya
Nonviolence International	United States
Philippine Social Enterprise Network	Philippines
PRAJACo	Jamaica
Rainbow Warriors Core Foundation	Aruba, Dutch Caribbean
SAMACO	Zimbabwe
Saptodinga	Bangladesh
SeddolInvest	SENEGAL
Sightsavers International	India
SOLIDARITE DES FEMMES BURUNDAISES POUR LA LUTTE CONTRE LE SIDA ET LE PALUDISME AU BURUNDI	BURUNDI
Somos el Presente	Perú
SOS Children's Villages International	Global
SUNFO-GCAP Lanka	Sri Lanka
Sustainable Development Goals Ambassadors of Nigeria	Nigeria
SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION	MALAWI
TERRE DES JEUNES DU BURUNDI-TRANSNATIONAL	BURUNDI
The Hunger Project Mexico	Mexico



Uganda Coalition for sustainable Development	Uganda
United Nations Foundation	United States
WOMEN FOR PEACE AND GENDER EQUALITY INITIATIVE	NIGERIA
WWF	EU
Youth Association for Development (YAD)	Pakistan
Youth Empowerment Support - Organisation	Zambia
YOWLI BURUNDI	Burundi