

ENSURING MEANINGFUL CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSOR FRAMEWORK TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

RESOLUTION

The 44th Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations,

Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by all United Nations Member States as a universal framework for promoting sustainable development, peace, prosperity, and human dignity,

Recognizing that significant challenges remain in achieving many of the Sustainable Development Goals before the target year of 2030,

Reaffirming the essential role of civil society organizations in advancing sustainable development, strengthening democratic participation, promoting accountability, and supporting implementation at the local, national, regional, and international levels,

Acknowledging that the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), together with its network of more than 100 United Nations Associations (UNAs), serves as one of the world's largest and most representative global civil society movements dedicated to supporting the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Also recognizing that United Nations Associations play a unique role in connecting the United Nations with citizens, communities, educators, youth, parliamentarians, and civil society organizations in their respective countries,

Emphasizing that any successor framework to the Sustainable Development Goals should be developed through an open, transparent, inclusive, and participatory process that reflects the diverse perspectives of civil society worldwide,

Affirming that broad public ownership and meaningful stakeholder engagement are essential to the legitimacy, implementation, and long-term success of future global development agendas,

1. Encourages Member States to establish a formal, transparent, and inclusive global civil society consultation process to contribute to the development, review, and negotiation of any successor framework to the Sustainable Development Goals after 2030;
2. Encourages the United Nations to recognize civil society organizations as essential partners throughout the development of future global sustainable development frameworks, alongside Member States, United Nations entities, Indigenous and Afro descent Peoples, academia, labour



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organizations, youth, women, the private sector, and other relevant stakeholders;

3. Also encourages the United Nations to engage the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), together with its global network of United Nations Associations (UNAs), as important partners in mobilizing, facilitating, and coordinating broad civil society consultations across regions in support of the development of future global development agendas;
4. Calls upon Member States to conduct inclusive national consultations with civil society organizations, including their respective United Nations Associations where appropriate, and to incorporate the resulting recommendations into their national positions during negotiations on post-2030 global development frameworks;
5. Requests that regional and global consultation mechanisms be established sufficiently in advance of negotiations to ensure meaningful participation by civil society organizations from all geographic regions;
6. Recommends that consultation mechanisms ensure equitable participation of organizations representing developing countries, Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, Indigenous and Afro descent Peoples, youth, women, persons with disabilities, and other historically underrepresented communities;
7. Encourages the inclusion of qualified civil society representatives in advisory bodies, expert groups, drafting processes, working groups, and review mechanisms related to the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of future global development goals;
8. Calls for transparent reporting mechanisms demonstrating how recommendations received through civil society consultations have been considered during the formulation of successor global development frameworks;
9. Also encourages Member States, United Nations entities, philanthropic organizations, and development partners to provide adequate financial, technical, and capacity-building support to enable the meaningful participation of under-resourced civil society organizations in global consultation processes;
10. Invites WFUNA and its member United Nations Associations to continue strengthening public engagement, facilitating dialogue, and mobilizing civil society participation in support of the development and implementation of future United Nations global development agendas.