

## **Request for formal mechanisms for the participation of Major Groups and other Stakeholders in the Inter-agency Expert Group on SDG indicators**

17 April 2015

To: H.E. Ambassador Macharia Kamau and  
H.E. Ambassador David Donoghue,

Your Excellencies,

The Major Groups and other Stakeholders would like to formally commend you for the outstanding way in which you are conducting the Post-2015 Development Agenda Intergovernmental Negotiations. Further, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support during the IGN and your tireless championing of Major Groups and other Stakeholders engagement on several fronts.

Thank you for instituting the new format for the Interactive Dialogue between Member States and Major Groups and other Stakeholders. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to express our views on the agenda. Additionally, you have been most respectful in listening carefully to our statements. We also commend your efforts to encourage Member States to participate in these sessions. It is especially meaningful that you have implemented this level of exchange during one of the most significant periods in UN history, namely the drafting of the Post-2015 Development Agenda that will guide our mission for the next 15 years.

Reflective of this, following the decisions made at the 46th Session of the Statistical Commission, the interactive dialogue revealed that Major Groups and other Stakeholders are in a strong position to contribute valuable and extensive expertise to the process of identifying indicators for the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs.

You may remember our numerous requests that indicators be selected in a fully open, transparent and participatory process – inclusive of experts from Major Groups and other Stakeholders. Several statements requested that representatives be invited to participate in the proposed Inter-agency Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDG) by “having a seat at the table.”

The offer by H.E. Ambassador Kamau at the interactive dialogue on 25 March to recommend our participation on our behalf to the Statistical Commission is highly appreciated. It is a testament to the spirit of collaboration between Member States and civil society that has characterized these negotiations. Allow us please to include the following specific requests for your consideration and that of the Statistical Commission:

1. **Membership:** We recommend that the IAEG-SDG should include seats for representatives of Major Groups and other Stakeholders. These representatives will ensure the coordination and facilitation of expert input by civil society, including the selection of individual experts from Major Groups and other Stakeholders as needed and on the basis of pertinence and thematic relevance. We would recommend that the Statistical Commission encourage participating national statistical offices to form similar structures and/or opportunities for civil society and other expert engagement at the national level.

2. **Consultation, contribution and participation:** We would like to see the Statistical Commission and the IAEG-SDG adopt a structure whereby Major Groups and other Stakeholders are involved throughout the decision-making process.

3. **Transparency and access to information:** The IAEG-SDG secretariat shall provide membership information, advance notification of meetings and process modalities, as well as ensure access to all materials, including background documents and proposed drafts.

4. **Participation in ad hoc task forces:** To the extent that the IAEG-SDG may choose to establish ad hoc sub-working groups to address particular sets of indicators, Major Groups and other Stakeholders will have a similar opportunity to engage and contribute as outlined in items 1-3 above for the broader IAEG-SDG activities.

We thank you in advance for the kind offer to advocate on our behalf, and in general for all your outstanding work as co-facilitators of the IGN process.

Sincerely yours,

Major Groups and other Stakeholder constituents that are active in the post-2015 process:

<b>1. International Association of Applied Psychology</b>
<b>2. World Council of Psychotherapy</b>
<b>3. Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Developpement (UNASCAD)</b>
<b>4. Youth Beyond Disasters</b>
<b>5. Radanar Ayar Rural Development Association</b>
<b>6. Pastoralist Information and Development Organization(PIDO)</b>
<b>7. Transparency International</b>
<b>8. Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development-nrg4SD</b>
<b>9. The Missing Millennium Development Goal Initiative</b>
<b>10. European Environmental Bureau (EEB)</b>
<b>11. Philippine Social Enterprise Network</b>
<b>12. National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights</b>
<b>13. Asia Dalit Rights Forum</b>
<b>14. The Global Movement for Budget Transparency, Accountability and Participation</b>
<b>15. International Disability Alliance</b>
<b>16. ASTRA Network</b>
<b>17. Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport</b>
<b>18. International-Lawyers.Org</b>
<b>19. Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI)</b>
<b>20. Loretto Community</b>
<b>21. Earth Forever</b>
<b>22. Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA)</b>
<b>23. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation</b>
<b>24. NGO Major Group</b>

<b>25. Sustainable World Initiative</b>
<b>26. International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI)</b>
<b>27. The Gulf Foundation</b>
<b>28. Business and Industry Major Group</b>
<b>29. Population Institute</b>
<b>30. SENSITIZATION CENTRE</b>
<b>31. UNANIMA International</b>
<b>32. Solar Cookers International</b>
<b>33. Rutgers WPF</b>
<b>34. Global South Initiative</b>
<b>35. Maryknoll Sisters</b>
<b>36. School Sisters of Notre Dame</b>
<b>37. International Society of Doctors for the Environment</b>
<b>38. ARTICLE 19</b>
<b>39. Nonviolence International</b>
<b>40. Charles &amp; Doosurgh Abaagu Foundation</b>
<b>41. Association for promotion sustainable development</b>
<b>42. Stakeholder Group on Ageing</b>
<b>43. NGO Federation of Nepal</b>
<b>44. Pax Romana</b>
<b>45. France Volontaires</b>
<b>46. Systems Innovations and Communication for Philanthropy &amp; Progress</b>
<b>47. BOCS Foundation</b>
<b>48. Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development</b>
<b>49. International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, (INPEA)</b>
<b>50. IBON International</b>
<b>51. International Environment Forum</b>
<b>52. International Federation on Ageing</b>
<b>53. COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION</b>
<b>54. SAHRiNGON Tanzania Chapter</b>
<b>55. Council for NGOs in Malawi - CONGOMA / GCAP Malawi</b>
<b>56. DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevoelkerung)</b>
<b>57. NANGO</b>
<b>59. International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group</b>
<b>60. Sanayee Development Organization</b>
<b>61. Sisters of Saint Anne Social Justice Office</b>
<b>62. Disability and Development Cooperation</b>
<b>63. Feminist Task Force</b>
<b>64. World Future Council</b>
<b>65. International Center for Not-for-Profit Law</b>
<b>66. Save the Children</b>
<b>67. Plan International</b>

<b>68. Islamic Relief Worldwide</b>
<b>69. The Sisters of Mercy, Mercy International Association</b>
<b>70. Plataforma para America Latina del Llamado de ACCION contra la Pobreza GCAP</b>
<b>71. Alliance contre la Pauvreté au Mali</b>
<b>72. Feminist Majority Foundation</b>
<b>73. Baha'i International Community</b>
<b>74. Caribbean Policy Development Centre</b>
<b>75. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)</b>
<b>76. CNCDD-11.11.11</b>
<b>77. Bioregional</b>
<b>78. UNESCO Etxea</b>
<b>79. Communitas</b>
<b>80. Interessenvertretung Selbstbestimmt Leben in Deutschland</b>
<b>81. Oxfam</b>
<b>82. International Council on Social Welfare</b>
<b>83. Working Group on Girls</b>
<b>84. Initiative for Equality</b>
<b>85. Sisters of Charity Federation</b>
<b>86. GCAP Bangladesh Secretariat</b>
<b>87. Soroptimist International</b>
<b>88. VSO</b>
<b>89. GCAP GHANA/ABIIMMAN FOUNDATION</b>
<b>90. International Movement ATD Fourth World</b>
<b>91. Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.</b>
<b>92. HelpAge International</b>
<b>93. Women for Women's Human Rights-New Ways</b>
<b>94. Restless Development</b>
<b>95. UNESCO Etxea</b>
<b>96. CAFOD</b>
<b>97. Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</b>
<b>98. Dominican Leadership Conference</b>
<b>99. USA REFUGEES &amp; IMMIGRANTS</b>
<b>100. ENDA Tiers Monde</b>
<b>101. <u><a href="http://TheAdvisors.com">TheAdvisors.com</a></u></b>
<b>102. VSO International</b>
<b>103. Mainstreaming Adaptation, Resilience and Sustainability into development and daily life (MARS) Practitioners Network</b>
<b>104. The Institute for Conscious Global Change</b>
<b>105. Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa</b>
<b>106. Österreichische Gesellschaft für Familienplanung</b>
<b>107. Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace</b>
<b>108. center for development of international law</b>
<b>109. Major Group for Children and Youth</b>

<b>110. Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP) Meaningfulworld</b>
<b>111. Armenian Constitutional Rights Protective Center</b>
<b>112. FOKUS-Forum for Women and Development</b>
<b>113. Education for All Campaign Network, the Gambia (EFANet)</b>
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<b>115. World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA)</b>
<b>116. Centro de Investigacion para la Accion Femenina</b>
<b>117. Local Authorities Major Group</b>
<b>118. Workers and Trade Union Major Group</b>
<b>119. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University</b>
<b>120. WaterAid/NGO</b>
<b>121. Zonta International</b>
<b>122. Development Services Exchange</b>
<b>123. ACT Alliance</b>
<b>124. T.I.I.L.O.</b>
<b>125. Hui E! Community Aotearoa</b>
<b>126. Prof. Joan P Mencher</b>
<b>127. Sightsavers</b>
<b>128. Kepa</b>
<b>129. SEEDS-INDIA</b>
<b>130. Saferworld</b>
<b>131. Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment</b>
<b>132. Christian Aid</b>
<b>133. Women Environmental Programme</b>
<b>134. Community Emergency Response Initiative</b>
<b>135. Trocaire</b>
<b>136. Ugoku/Ugokasu (GCAP Japan)</b>
<b>137. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary</b>
<b>138. Soroptimist International</b>
<b>139. Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)</b>
<b>140. Quaker Earthcare Witness UN WG</b>
<b>141. Rehomfa youth welfare org</b>
<b>142. Friends of the African Union</b>
<b>143. Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO)</b>
<b>144. FAWCO</b>
<b>145. ADD International</b>
<b>146. HIV Young Leaders Fund</b>
<b>147. Irish Doctors Environmental Association</b>
<b>148. Indigenous Peoples Major Group</b>
<b>149. International Council for Science (ICSU), Organizing Partner of Science/Technology Major Group</b>
<b>150. Women's Major Group</b>
<b>151. Farmers Major Group</b>

