

Together2030

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TOGETHER 2030: POLICY TO ACTION

Background:

The adoption of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) in September 2015 and the commitment from all governments towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) create a unique opportunity to promote the transformative potential of the new Agenda at all levels.

The implementation of those commitments will require not only a strong leadership from governments (at national, regional, sub-national and global levels) but also the engagement of much broader constituencies and the set-up of more creative coalitions and joined up advocacy. Since March 2015, Beyond 2015¹ has been promoting the [Policy to Action Initiative](#), focusing on building political leadership for the implementation of the post-2015 agenda at the national level, aiming to ensure that the SDGs are translated into national development plans, and that people and their organisations are included in the implementation phase as early as possible.

A group of organisations² are now joining forces aiming at advancing this work and pushing for the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030 at all levels.

A participatory process has to be developed, experienced and monitored at sub-national, local and national level as well as at the regional and global level. The multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary approach will be critical to guarantee that the interlinkages, indivisibility and the universality of Agenda 2030 is kept and promoted and organized civil society will have an important role to play in this regard.

Together 2030 is an initiative that brings together partners across the globe around national implementation and tracking progress of 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Overall objective

Our overall aim is to generate knowledge and project voices from different civil society and stakeholders around the world on the challenges and opportunities for the Agenda 2030, bringing these into the discussions on the way to formulate and implement roadmaps at national level and holding governments to account at all levels.

The focus will be in ensuring that civil society organisations and stakeholders are able to share knowledge and experience of implementation and accountability, work together on global, regional and national advocacy and track whether commitments made on Agenda 2030 are effectively turned into action, in order that they can make ambitious and sustained contributions in the implementation of the SDGs.

¹ [Beyond 2015](#), a global civil society campaign established in 2010, pushed for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals. Beyond 2015 has brought together more than 1,500 Civil Society Organisations in over 130 countries around the world.

² The group of founding organisations is currently comprised by: [CEPEI](#) (Colombia); [JDPC Ijebu-Ode](#) (Nigeria); [Philippine Social Enterprise Network](#) (Philippines); [Save Matabeleland](#) (Zimbabwe); [Sightsavers](#) (Global); [World Vision](#) (Global).

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Specific objectives

- **Raise awareness, strengthen capacities and mobilize resources** in order to support Southern civil society to play a full role in national, regional and global implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030 and to engage civil society organisations based on the North in promoting the universality and indivisibility of the Agenda.
- **To convene multi-stakeholder platforms** to systematically distil and communicate knowledge and ideas and experiences being generated about the SDGs.
- **Create a Community of Practice** to host and support unique events that combine the best research and innovation in policy and practice, and link the regions to international processes (global, regional and national).
- **Create a knowledge platform**, which develops high quality research, bringing in a range of voices, to promote a transformational agenda with a compelling narrative and a set of ambitious but practical goals and targets.
- **Track and report on positions, priorities and concrete actions** of the governments around the globe regarding implementation of Agenda 2030, in order to support effective accountability at all levels.
- **Facilitate, support and promote global, regional and national advocacy actions** focused on the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030.
- **Promote a supportive global architecture for implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030** that maximizes voices from all levels, especially the poorest and most vulnerable

Membership

Together 2030 is currently led by a group of founding organisations (see footnote above) who have developed the proposed objectives for this initiative. A call for participation will be launched and all organisations that are supportive to the objectives will be welcome to join this initiative.

How to Join

This initiative will be **open to civil society, non-governmental, non-profit stakeholders around the world**. It will be entirely voluntary, informal and based on need; it will be action oriented and members will be asked about their contributions to joint work. We will aim to build fluid governance structures that meet the needs of this developing initiative; these will be open and transparent, based on the needs identified by members and the requirements of our objectives.

Members will be asked to support the key goals of **Together 2030**:

- To strengthen partnerships between civil society and stakeholders to support the effective implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.
- To make the voices of people heard and have people holding governments accountable for the progress towards achieving Agenda 2030 and the SDGs at all levels.

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