

## **A CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

### **An open letter to governments for a strong civil society participation in the post-2015 negotiations**

Next year will be the conclusion of a global process that will set the new post-2015 agenda. Global participation in the discussions to set the post-2015 agenda have been unprecedented. People and their organizations in all parts of the world have actively engaged and continue to be engaged in all phases of the process.

Only by welcoming a diversity of voices can a legitimate and people-centred post-2015 framework be designed – so **this is our call for leaders and government representatives:**

- CSOs and citizen participation must be a part of the formal and official post-2015 process from beginning to end, including the inter-governmental discussions, at all levels from local to global.
- Full access and the meaningful participation of all groups must be assured, as it is essential to the transparency and integrity of the forthcoming negotiation.

Participation will create the necessary ownership that will allow for effective implementation of this transformative agenda. Participation must be recognised as an end in itself of the post-2015 agenda, catalysing a shift to more participatory and accountable governance at all levels that secures all people's opportunity to meaningfully participate in the design, implementation and monitoring of public policies that affects our lives.

Citizens and their organisations will be your partners in the implementation of the post-2015 agenda. We want to continue to be part of the process that will define the future of global development.