

Coalition 2030: Working together to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals

Ensuring Oireachtas delivers on Ireland's commitments to ending poverty and ensuring sustainability at home and abroad

Who are we?

Coalition 2030 is an alliance of leading civil society groups working for the achievement of the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) by 2030 in Ireland and across the globe. Between us, we represent over 100 organisations, working both at home and in over 50 other countries. Our expertise ranges from children's rights to environmental sustainability and from humanitarian relief to education.

We have come together to promote the implementation, in Ireland and worldwide, of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs represent a political, economic and social manifesto for the world over the next 15 years; their success has the potential to be one of the most important turning points in modern history. Ireland co-chaired the negotiations, with Kenya, that led to their adoption. Now that the Goals have been adopted, Ireland must shift the focus to implementation and monitoring.

In the years up to and including 2030, along with leaders of every country in the world, Ireland will report to the United Nations on whether we have kept our promise. Did we do what we said we would to eliminate hunger, to stall climate change, to reduce global inequality? The challenges Ireland faces – homelessness, conflict, forced displacement, climate change, loss of biodiversity, and income inequality – are not confined to our country. They are challenges we can only tackle at a global level, together. Universal participation is key.

Sustainable Development Goals – what are they?

In September of 2015, at the United Nations in New York, 193 countries adopted “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and signed up to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

They mark a significant departure from the Millennium Development Goals that preceded them, in terms of their universal application, recognition of their interconnected and integrated nature, as well as the commitment embedded in these Goals to leave no one behind. The Goals will ensure that by 2030 the world will have taken huge strides to end poverty, eliminate inequality, tackle climate change and stop environmental degradation.

The new Oireachtas has an opportunity to ensure that Ireland continues its leadership, becoming a front runner in the implementation of the SDGs. With your help, we can bridge the gap between the concerns of citizens facing coastal erosion in Donegal, and those facing floods and droughts in Pakistan.

2030 – the SDG deadline – is no more than a few general election cycles away in political terms. You have the privileged position of being one of only a small number of Irish parliaments who can influence Ireland’s leadership on the world stage, by ensuring that we lead by example, implement the Goals and ensure their achievement by 2030.

[Help us to make sure Ireland can stand proud in 2030 and say we did our best.](#) While the world grows wealthier, inequality grows wider and the world is warming – it’s time to change the record.

What can the Oireachtas do?

The Sustainable Development Goals are BIG. With 17 Goals and 169 individual targets to be measured, reported on and met, every part of government and civil society, both here in Ireland and globally, will need to take responsibility for determining whether we become a more equal and sustainable society through meeting these targets. The UN has identified national parliaments as having a crucial role in ensuring development of a National Action Plan on the SDGs, promoting public debate about the Goals, overseeing progress towards national targets, and ensuring sufficient financial resources are committed to achieving the Goals. That is why we want you to help us get the foundations right.

In the next 100 days, and before the real work of delivering the Goals begins, we are asking for your support to help deliver the following:

1) A National Action Plan led by the Department of An Taoiseach.

That the Government develops an ambitious National Action Plan, based within the Department of An Taoiseach and involving all government departments, to steer, implement, monitor, and report on the Goals. This action plan needs to emphasise the interlinked nature of the Goals - linking agriculture and climate change, trade policy and global poverty.

2) An Inclusive SDG Monitoring Forum

That the Government commits to establishing a monitoring forum in which those vulnerable groups – both Irish and internationally – who stand to gain or lose most from Ireland’s work on the Goals are fully represented.

3) The Plan works for the most marginalised and vulnerable.

That the Government commits to a National Action Plan which works for the most marginalised and vulnerable. This means committing resources to those who need it most.

4) Increased Financing for Development to support delivery of the SDGs

Ireland must commit fully to increasing the resources committed to achieving the SDGs by supporting Financing for Development. As a key indicator of Ireland’s commitment, we must reach the UN target of spending 0.7% of our GNI on Overseas Development Assistance, with progress supported by multi-annual roadmap and benchmarks, and our aid programme needs to remain focused on the most marginalized and vulnerable communities.

Coalition 2030 is a growing coalition of organisations based in Ireland, who work for social justice both here in Ireland, and globally in some of the worlds’ poorest countries.

This document is endorsed by the following organisations. We welcome further endorsements.

Aidlink - Age Action – All Together in Dignity – ChildFund Ireland – Christian Blind Mission – Concern Worldwide – Development Perspectives – Disability Federation of Ireland - Dóchas – The Environmental Pillar – European Anti-Poverty Network (Ireland) – Irish Development Education Association (IDEA) – Mercy International Association - Misean Cara – National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) - Social Justice Ireland – Society of St Vincent de Paul – Trócaire – The Wheel - World

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