

Together 2030 Principles

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This document is the product of a broad discussion within Together 2030 (see details below) and is organized in two sections:

- 1) **Principles that should be upheld by governments and stakeholders during the implementation and follow up of 2030 Agenda and**
- 2) **Principles to be upheld within Together 2030 in the promotion of its joint work**

Those are the principles that will be the basis of the work of the Initiative. The document shall be revised regularly to adapt it to current trends and commitments related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Together 2030 Principles

- 1) **Principles that should be upheld by governments and stakeholders during the implementation and follow up of 2030 Agenda**

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| Full respect for international law | Actions must be guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including full respect for international law; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties covenants, protocols and agreements, and the outcomes of all UN conferences and summits relating to sustainable development. |
| Respect, protection and fulfilment of human rights | Design, implementation, review and follow up of the 2030 Agenda must be fully consistent with and reinforce international human rights laws, regulations, standards and commitments. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda must be rights-based, people-centred, and inclusive and promote equality and non-discrimination. Follow up and review process at all levels must demonstrate that the implementation of Agenda 2030 advances on the realization of all human rights for all people. |
| Leaving no one behind: Focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest | Governments must prioritize the needs and identify and address barriers and mechanisms of exclusion of the most vulnerable and those furthest behind in every policy and action planned towards |

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| behind | <p>the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Governments must move their national and local planning system in order to integrate all the SDGs and focus on coherence.</p> <p>The dignity of the human person is fundamental to sustainable development. Considering the importance of human rights for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, a focus on people should be taken into account in the design, implementation and follow up of actions, prioritizing the promotion of equality at all levels.</p> |
| Openness, Inclusiveness, Participation and accessibility | <p>Design, implementation, follow up and review should be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people, with particular attention to the most vulnerable and furthest behind and support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>The right to information and participation should be considered as fundamental for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and decision-making at all levels should be inclusive, guided by the principles of transparency and participation of all people, without discrimination.</p> <p>Promoting the rights of people to meaningfully participate in decision-making, action, follow up, monitoring, review and evaluation, setting up systems that allow for accessibility and integrating the voices of the most vulnerable and marginalized, including although not limited to, women, children, youth: persons with disabilities, older persons, ethnic minorities, LGBTQTIA groups, refugees and others in transit, leaving no one behind.</p> |
| Planet-Sensitive | <p>Recognising planetary boundaries and aiming for a more equitable distribution and sustainable use of natural resources in protecting the biological support ecosystems of the planet, and encouraging the use and distribution of natural resources in a rational, sustainable and equitable way.</p> |
| Universality | <p>The SDGs are “global in nature and universally applicable” and at the same time, take into account different national realities and respect national priorities. Being both universal and context</p> |

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| | <p>specific, the SDGs generate great opportunities to promote localized, tailored and interlinked innovative approaches, making the 2030 Agenda relevant for all countries and societies.</p> <p>Developed and developing countries have committed to the implementation of the full 2030 Agenda and all its SDGs and also to cooperate with others in their efforts.</p> <p>The universality of the SDGs demands a strong international cooperation towards its implementation, and strengthened global solidarity focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and the most vulnerable. Countries have a double responsibility of: (1) implementing the 2030 Agenda in their respective national contexts and (2) supporting other countries in their efforts towards its implementation.</p> |
| <p>Integration, Interrelation and Indivisibility of the SDGs</p> | <p>The SDGs should guide the development of policies, programmes and projects in an integrated fashion and using approaches that connect and balance the different pillars of sustainable development (environmental, social and economic) and the interlinkages between the goals and pillars.</p> <p>Developed and developing countries should implement actions towards the achievement of all SDGs. The targets set out in Agenda 2030 should be considered as a floor and not the ceiling when being translated into the national level content. Countries should strive to identify the most transformational areas when deciding how to phase the implementation of goals and targets.</p> <p>Countries should also ensure their domestic and international policies in certain areas do not undermine progress in the achievement of other goals and targets.</p> <p>The engagement of civil society and stakeholders will be critical to make this possible.</p> |
| <p>Eradicating poverty</p> | <p>Governments must show that the implementation of the 2030</p> |

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| | Agenda is clearly leading to ending of poverty and inequality in all its dimensions. |
| Gender responsive and focused | All plans, policies and programmes set up towards the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda should prioritize and include the active and meaningful participation of children - both boys and girls - young people, as well as a clear focus on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and the promotion and realization of their rights. |
| Equality for all, everywhere | <p>Focusing on the reduction of inequalities within and between nations. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda should be a reality for all and no one should be left behind.</p> <p>The implementation of the 2030 Agenda should address the barriers that lead to exclusion and discrimination.</p> <p>All states should work towards full disaggregation of data to track inclusion and exclusion in their assessment of needs and monitoring of progress.</p> |
| Building, enhancing and sustaining peace, addressing violence and insecurity | <p>Addressing the multiple and interlinked factors that drive conflict and insecurity at national, regional and global levels.</p> <p>Fostering people’s meaningful inclusion in all phases of peacebuilding and conflict resolution, while ensuring that development efforts address inequalities between social groups</p> <p>Calling the attention to and addressing violence and insecurity - particularly sexual and gender-based violence and violence against children and other vulnerable groups - promoting and ensuring protection and addressing power imbalances, including unequal gender relations, that contribute to violence and insecurity.</p> |
| Sustainable economies with sustainable patterns of consumption and production | The implementation of the 2030 Agenda should promote the re-examination of the current over reliance on sustained economic growth that does not include environmental costs, and move towards a sustainable path, including strong patterns of sustainable |

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| | consumption and production. |
| Accountability | <p>All countries must be accountable to the commitments expressed in the 2030 Agenda. Inclusive, transparent, participatory and open follow up and reviews processes must be established at local, national, regional and global levels with the meaningful participation of civil society and all stakeholders. Efforts should be made to strengthen the agency of those being left behind.</p> <p>At global level, whilst HLPF will rely on existing intergovernmental platforms, some of which address particular marginalised groups, it needs to review which of such groups are not yet fully addressed in the ECOSOC eco-system of functional bodies, forums and others and set up appropriate intergovernmental space to ensure that no particular group will be left behind, particularly those that have been furthest behind and where there is clear evidence that the MDGs were not able to fully address.</p> |
| Transparency | <p>Transparency, accountability and inclusiveness in decision-making, implementation and follow up should guide all actions put in place related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.</p> <p>Governments should provide regular and accessible information about the level of the implementation of the SDGs in their countries. The same principle applies to other stakeholders, including the private sector, civil society, academia and others who should be able to share their contributions towards the achievement of the commitments reflected in the 2030 Agenda.</p> |
| High-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated data | <p>Monitoring mechanisms should be established in all countries to collect and analyze data that is reliable, comparable and disaggregated. Both quantitative and qualitative data should be used, including those based on participatory researches.</p> <p>Data generated should be open, available and action-oriented to all.</p> |
| Global partnerships for the support and promotion of best | Global partnerships can help with capacity building, with improving efficiency of national and regional authorities and with providing |

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| practices in implementing and monitoring the 2030 Agenda | <p>adequate instruments for data collection and survey.</p> <p>To achieve the ambitious Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda there will need to be far more, and effective cross-sector partnerships. This is where multi-stakeholder platforms to catalyse partnerships have an essential role to play. They provide a systematic approach to getting partnerships to the necessary scale. Any or all multi-stakeholder platforms' efforts must be made to reach first and foremost those left furthest behind.</p> <p>National platforms, in a variety of forms, are currently emerging from different stakeholder groups at the country level as well as from global initiatives seeking to strengthen their national-level implementation delivery systems. Understanding the landscape of existing (or readily adaptable) partnering structures will be critical in order to build on these as far as possible.</p> |
| Common but differentiated responsibilities | <p>Recognizing the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, the implementation of 2030 Agenda should take into account different national realities and respect national priorities and developed and developing countries should engage in a global partnership for sustainable development to facilitate an intensive global engagement in support of implementation.</p> |

1) Principles to be upheld within Together 2030 in the promotion of its joint work:

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| Equality on setting up partnerships between members | <p>Together 2030 should promote spaces where organizations from the global "South" and "North" meet, engage, share and participate in an equal level. A spirit of collaboration should prevail in the conduct of its work based on a common vision focused on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</p> |
| Establishment of inclusive, transparent and participatory processes and governance that | <p>To allow for members to engage on the actions and decision-making of the Initiative, Together 2030 will aim at establishing inclusive, transparent and participatory processes at all levels of</p> |

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| lead to meaningful participation | operation. |
| Inclusive leadership and shared responsibility | Members of the initiative should be granted spaces and should exercise leadership, accordingly to their capacities, in promoting concrete action towards the implementation and accountability of the 2030 Agenda. |
| Active engagement, promotion and sharing of experiences | <p>Members of Together 2030 are committed to actively engage in the work undertaken by the Initiative and to promote its values and actions accordingly to their capacities.</p> <p>Members of Together 2030 are committed to use the Initiative as a space to share experiences, lessons learned and opportunities related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Together 2030 should recognize the opportunities brought by the diversity of its members and of promoting partnerships.</p> |

About this document:

This paper is issued on behalf of Together 2030. The first draft was produced by the “Principles Document Task Force” during two rounds of consultations (February 18 – March 2 and March 23-30 2016).

A revised version was opened to the whole Initiative for two rounds of comments: May 5-19 and May 24 – June 7.

The final version was signed off unanimously by the Together 2030 Core Group.

Diversity of Opinion within civil society:

Members of Together 2030 express and prioritize different aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs and provide a broad range of views regarding its implementation and follow up.

Members are united in the following objectives:

- 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.