

**To the attention of the co-facilitators of the Post-2015 Intergovernmental Process**

HE Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya  
HE David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland

Re: Congratulations regarding your appointment as co-facilitators for Post-2015 and regarding the engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society in the upcoming SDGs / Post-2015 process

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Your Excellencies

As members of the Major Groups of Women, Children & Youth, Workers & Trade Union, NGOs, Indigenous Peoples, Science & Technology, Local Authorities and Farmers we wish to congratulate you on your appointments as co-facilitators to lead “open, inclusive, and transparent consultations on the post-2015 development agenda, including the organization and modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations and the remaining issues related to the Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.”

We appreciated the opportunity to work with both of you, in your various capacities, during the deliberations in the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and we look very much forward to working with you again during the future negotiations.

In this regard, we are cognizant of the call in the outcome document for the UN General Assembly Special Event in September 2013 for “a transparent intergovernmental process, which will include inputs from all stakeholders including civil society, scientific and knowledge institutions, parliaments, local authorities, and the private sector.” In addition we note that paragraph 8 of the draft resolution on the Organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda” Invites... other relevant stakeholders, including parliamentarians, academia, non-

governmental organizations, civil society organizations, Major Groups and the private sector, to participate in the Summit, including in its interactive dialogues and preparatory process...”

**We therefore wish to ask** you to do your utmost to ensure during the negotiations on organization and modalities that the preparatory process will allow the full participation of non-governmental civil society organizations as facilitated by the Major Groups & Stakeholders that is at the very least comparable to the participation that we enjoyed during the sessions of the OWG. This would include not only being called on to make interventions in meetings during the preparatory process but also pro-active engagement through regular sessions with you as Co-Facilitators as well as Member States.

**Please be assured that we stand ready** to make our contribution to the successful development of the SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda, and would appreciate to be informed on the stakeholder engagement modalities in due time so we can mobilise our constituencies.

Yours sincerely,

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