



HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world: Multi-stakeholder perspectives

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Thank you, Mr. President, and greetings everyone.

It is an honour being here speaking on behalf of the High Level Political Forum Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (HLPF MGoS CM) welcoming the immense diversity of actors engaged and committed to achieve the dream of sustainable development. Being from a small national women's organization, Equidad de Género, we can testify to the power of strengthening collective voices and delivering our specific messages in a common space: first the Women's Major Group (WMG) and now the Coordination Mechanism as well.

As you all know, the Coordination Mechanism for Major Groups and other Stakeholders is a self-organizational space for the promotion of broad, open, transparent and inclusive participation in the HLPF. Its role and mandate is to ensure that the rights of access and inclusive participation of MGoS in the HLPF are protected, upheld and potentially expanded. The Coordination Mechanism is a facilitator of a space. I want to recognize the great work of my admirable colleagues in the Steering Group, the sharp and tireless mind of my co-chair in the CM, and the unquestionable alliance that UN DESA staff has established with us in order to promote the highest standards of participation into this space. We keep on learning every day on how to do it better and in more creative ways to accommodate all stakeholders that want to contribute to the HLPF.

In its short life of functioning, and despite our diverse approaches and priorities, the CM has already agreed on a set of principles: first, to abide by the United Nations Charter and Human Rights instruments. Moreover, to promote all of our actions under the sustainable development framework to guarantee the progressiveness, interconnection and equal enjoyment of human rights for all and promote the well being of all persons, women and men, of all ages and bearing in mind the entire diversity of human conditions in a healthy planet. We believe that gender equality and the eradication of all forms of discrimination and violence should be at the core of every effort when implementing the 2030 Agenda.

We've been emphatic in stating that inclusion should pay special attention, but not be limited to, diversity in age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, local communities, indigenous peoples, religion, disability, immigration status, geographic

location, and other relevant characteristics, and to the participation of grassroots organizations and those not based in capitals, in order to leave no one behind.

I want to share with you the WMG's dress code campaign, highlighting each day with scarves priorities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Today's color is red, honoring Women's human rights defenders. I invite you all to the launch of our exhibit at 6:15 pm in the hall outside CR E to remind us that real people all over the world are risking their lives and even lost it exercising their right to promote human rights, sustainable development, equality, dignity and justice. Human rights defenders are working in all dimensions of sustainable development in all spheres of society. That brings me back into the purpose of our session, because we will have an exciting interactive dialogue, attending the interesting points brought to our attention by the Major Groups and other Stakeholders, alongside voices from the floor, regarding all the knowledge of our vibrant community. Welcome, then, to this session, all of you. And look forward to all the lessons and suggestions derived from this Roundtable.