

Interactive Dialogue with Major Groups and other Stakeholders

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Welcome

- Ambassador of Kenya: agenda (what) is done, now we need work on how to respond to goals set, how to pull together the means and how to monitor the process and gaining support

Section 1: A collective vision of the road to 2030

Major Groups and other Stakeholder representative

Tania Martínez Hernández (Children & Youth Major Group and Beyond 2015)

- Human rights responsibilities (health, education, absence of violence/discrimination)
- Must commit to rights of women and girls
- SDGs must include all stakeholders, especially children's participation

Wang Le (Save the Children China)

- Leave no one behind
- SDGs needs to address all social groups, especially the poor and vulnerable
- "End extreme poverty within this generation"

Member State Responses

H.E. Ambassador Hiroshi Minami (Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations)

- People suffering has not changed much
- Concept of Leave no one behind very important
- Sustainability very important for future generations

H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Sareer (Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations)

- SDGs can be source of hope for people around the world
 - o Achieves resilience
 - o Improves quality of life
- We need to work within our resources (preserve cultural diversity)
- Small Island Development States need special attention

Major Groups and other Stakeholder representatives

Mildred Odena Wright Crawford (World Farmers Organization (Farmers Major Group))

- Food and nutritional security very important
 - o Critical for development, especially for women
- "Half of the world is hungry"
- Need for access to credit

- Investment in sustainable agriculture needs to grow

Helen Hamlin (International Federation on Aging)

- Speaker is 92 years old
- Human Rights for all
- Accountability of governments for all
- Must address all citizens in an understandable language
- Must put people at the centers
 - o Shared prosperity
 - o Rights protected
 - o Leave no one behind
- Need for reliable data
- Must honor commitments already made (esp Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing)

General exchange of views

Ambassador of Benin (in French)

- Take charge of the most vulnerable people
- Integrated solution, regarding particular global supply chains

2 speakers (+Ambassador of Kenya): importance of data and monitoring data

Section 2: What we must do to get there

Major Groups and other Stakeholder representative

Eni Lestari Andayani Adi (International Migrants Alliance as part of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development)

- Development justice: must acknowledge this because current development depends on and produces injustice
- 3 basic steps
 - o Resources distributed (finance, land reforms)
 - o Solidarity (can't rely on labor exploitation)
 - o Accountability to people

Åsa Skogström Feldt (The Hunger Project)

- Empower people: people in poverty are not the problem, but the solution
- Start with women (women work hard, but make up most of the poverty)
- People must be authors of their own development
- National ownership is critical, but it requires participation, so it needs to be bottom-up (e.g. participatory local government)

Member State Responses

H.E. Mr. Martin Shearman (Ambassador of Development and Human Rights, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations)

- It's about building better lives for people, not for governments
- We need to focus on the most vulnerable
- We need to put action on "Leave no one behind"

- Data is really important (availability is key to accountability)
- CSOs and business are key to question governments
- FfD important
- Important of integrated solution for development and climate change

H.E. Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations)

- Need consensus and vision for the future (people-focused)
- FfD in Addis is very important
- Private Sector important
- Need for data and indicators (need simplifications to be user-friendly)
- Goals need to be owned by national governments
- “Leave no one behind” only half the story: SDGs also need to address the “people who are detrimentally ahead” (*Applause*)
 - Key to addressing inequality and prosperity for all
- Global Value Chains and MNCs are major source of human trafficking (very sensitive issue)
- 6 points of the Secretary-General should not be copy+pasted into the declaration without proper deliberations (e.g. dignity)
- 3Ps: people, prosperity, planet

Mr. Amit Narang, Counsellor (Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations)

- 3 steps to make the SDGs a success
 - Implementation: Strong call on action
 - Mobilization: we need to find ways to mobilize everybody (“it’s about people”) to achieve the agenda
 - Collaboration: CSOs, businesses, governments

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Esther Caroline Mkamori (Wundanyi Disabled Persons Organization, as part of CBM)

- People with disabilities
 - Need to be included
 - Make up 15% of world population
 - 80% live in developing countries
 - Cannot inherit and lead, so they need to be empowered

Marianne Haslegrave (Commonwealth Medical Trust, as part of Rutgers WPF)

- Focus on Gender and Health, but also well-being
 - Links sanitation, health and gender roles

Section 3: How we will do this

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Busani Sibindi (Save Matabeleland Coalition, and Beyond 2015 as part of Youth for a Child in Christ)

- People on the ground need to participate
- Governments must create a good working environment for CSOs

Dil Bishwakarma (Agricultural Missions Inc)*(skipped)*

Ms. Amina Mohammed (Special Adviser to the SG on post-2015)

- We can be the first generation to end poverty
- Action needs to be taken this year
- The SDGs are not a legally binding agreement, so six elements of the SG can be a moral compass to guide action
- Question: How to leverage technology and CSO action in implementing action?
- Scale = national action

Member State Responses

H.E. Mr. Dmitry Maksimychev (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the UN)¹

H.E. Mr. Peter van der Vliet (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations)

- Agenda for all and by all
- Should address all levels (individual, local, national, regional, international as well as business and civil society) to achieve impact

Major Groups and other Stakeholder representatives

James John O'Brien, Voluntary Service Overseas and the Post-2015 Volunteering Working Group *(skipped)*

Grace Tauli Balawag, Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples Major Group)

- Crucial importance of Human Rights based approach (need to respect human rights law)
- Global goals and targets should be applied universally, but they need to be underpinned by diversity
- Data needs to be disaggregated
- Principles of Equality

General Exchange of Views

- Bahrain: Arab states not represented properly -> call for better geographic representation

¹ Speech in Russian, but since the interpretation technology was broken, no notes are available here

Section 4: Follow-up and Review

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Matthew Simonds (International Trade Union Confederation (Workers & Trade Unions Major Group))

- SDGs should include mutual accountability and ownership
- Success of agenda depends on review and implementation (e.g. ownership at local level)
- Holistic approach including Human Rights

Arelys Bellorini (World Vision, NGO Major Group)

- Need for inclusive and participatory mechanisms

Member State Responses

H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber, Ambassador and Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland

- Need to make sure that goals can be implemented
- Monitoring and Review must happen at all levels (especially national and regional level)
- Need for ongoing platform for addressing challenges
- Review needs to be able to influence policy level

H.E. Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations

- Importance of monitoring, accountability and review
- SDG agenda is a political process, not a legally binding process, so it's important to have a continuous review mechanism (e.g. peer review among similar countries, like in Latin America)

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Emilia Saiz, United Cities and Local Governments (Local Authorities Major Group)

- Importance of cultural diversity

Maria Melinda Ando, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) (Women's Major Group)

- Follow-up, review and accountability are key to the success of the agenda
- Must emphasize equity to address the multiple dimensions of poverty and discriminations
- Strong justice system (e.g. PPPs)

Section 5: Our Commitment

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Igor Rounov (International Road Transport Union (Business & Industry Major Group))

- Commitment to economic growth important
- Need for jobs and macroeconomic stability
- Encouraging international trade
- Sustainable Transport Community emphasizes global value chains

Amos Mwale (Centre for Reproductive Health and Education in Zambia, as part of the International Planned Parenthood Federation) (*skipped*)

Member State responses

H.E. Mr. Vincent Rigby, Assistant Deputy Minister of Canada's Department Of Foreign Affairs, Trade And Development

- Need to provide simple, concise, understandable declaration
- Communication is very important
 - o Though there still is discussion about what are the top 6 elements, we have a framework and we need to communicate it well
- Citing Ambassador of Viet Nam: we need collective commitment to implement SDGs
- Must reaffirm commitment to the poorest people in order for them to feel included and be their own agents of development

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Kiyomi Cecilia Nagumo Tamashiro (Red de Accion Mujeres por la Tierra y el Clima, as part of Women of Europe for a Common Future) (*in Spanish, no interpretation available*)

Susan Parnell (University of Cape Town, African Centre for Cities (Scientific & Technological Community Major Group))

- Partnerships are essential for implementation
- Importance of science in innovation
- Urges member states to scale up scientific and technological development

General exchange of views

- International Chamber of Commerce: business sector is interested in participating
- Ambassador of Benin: local action is essential
- Ambassador of Brazil: every progress needs to be recognized and valued to encourage countries to do the best they can

Closing Remarks (Ambassador of Kenya)

- Agenda needs support from all stakeholders, so today's meeting was good
- Take-away: we need to work on getting everybody on board
- Member States: "best engagement so far"