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Towards a participatory implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**Workshop for Civil Society & Other National Stakeholders
held in Amman, 31 January (Grand Hyatt Amman)**

- CONCEPT NOTE -

Introduction

Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will depend on how effectively all stakeholders contribute to its implementation and participate in reviews at all levels. An inclusive and effective architecture for follow-up and review should be built on a strong interaction between governments and non-State actors alike – stakeholders from economic, social and scientific spheres, including policy makers at local and sub-national levels – on the implementation of the Agenda and sharing responsibilities.

As reaffirmed by the Post-2015 Dialogues on Partnerships with the Civil Society, held in Amman in September 2014, engaging all stakeholders, government, media, civil society organizations, including youth, women as well as local communities is the cornerstone for realizing the 2030 Agenda. It was broadly recognized that using a participatory and bottom-up approach to implementation should be a key principle for decision making at local and national levels.

Building upon more than twenty years of multi-stakeholder engagement in sustainable development, achieving the 2030 Agenda will require broad and systematic engagement of all civil society sectors and other relevant stakeholders in order to play a constructive role in supporting the implementation, in full partnership with national and local policy makers, that will deliver results for the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind.

This activity is made possible thanks to funds granted by the European Commission to support the SD2015 project for stakeholder engagement in follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Objectives

- To increase Jordanian stakeholders' awareness of the 2030 Agenda, including understanding of the inter-disciplinary nature of the SDGs and how organizations and practitioners must adapt to address sustainable development holistically;
- To assess the participation of stakeholders in national task forces and generate practical recommendations for supporting teams and clusters that reflect the inter-disciplinary nature of the SDGs;
- To agree on a strategy for better coordinating stakeholders at the national level, without overburdening or duplicating existing structures, and with a focus on sharing information that will support multi-stakeholder partnerships;

- To agree on next steps and follow-up.

Methodology

A one-day workshop will be held in Amman to address the aforementioned objectives with key civil society representatives, and other relevant stakeholder networks active throughout the country. The workshop will aim to build national stakeholder capacity to collaborate with the Higher National Committee for Sustainable Development as partners in the planning, implementation and review of sustainable development. It will also be informed by the outcome of the *Post-2015 Dialogues on Partnerships with the Civil Society*, held in Amman in September 2014, and other relevant consultations such as the *Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security*, held in Madaba in August 2015.

Participants

The workshop will aim to accommodate around 75 participants from civil society and other national stakeholders, plus representatives from relevant UN agencies and government Ministries that are working within the Higher National Committee for Sustainable Development. Participants will be identified through active and relevant networks from major groups and other stakeholders, as well as with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, in accordance with the most contemporary and inclusive practices for follow-up and review at all levels.

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- AGENDA -

9:00 AM	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome from Organizers :</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Government of Jordan (TBC)</i> • <i>Ms. Costanza Farina, chair of UN SDG Group</i> • <i>Civil Society co-facilitator (TBC)</i> • <i>Mr. Sami Areikat, UN DESA</i> • <i>Round of introductions and participant expectations</i> • <i>Presentations of the meeting agenda</i>
Session I 9:30 AM	Presenting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by Government of Jordan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transitioning from the MDGs to the SDGs</i> • <i>Presentation by UN DESA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National strategies for moving from the MDGs to the SDGs</i> • <i>The Principles of the 2030 Agenda</i> • <i>Presentation by representative(s) from civil society</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How civil society, major groups and other stakeholders have been engaged at the global level</i> • <i>Interactive discussion</i>
11:00 AM	Tea break	
Session II 11:30 AM	The consultative process: outcomes of recent national and regional dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by UN Country Team (TBC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dialogues on Partnerships with the Civil Society (September 2014) and related follow-up</i> • <i>Presentation by CSO representative (TBC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security (August 2015) and the Amman Youth Declaration</i> • <i>Presentation by CSO representative (GCE partner, TBC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arab Regional Roadmap for Education 2030</i> • <i>Interactive discussion</i>
12:30 PM	Lunch	
Session III 1:30 PM	Mechanisms for stakeholder engagement at the national & local levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exercise: Identifying connections - using the five P's</i> • <i>Defining an integrated action priority list</i> • <i>Group work: Principles for building a national stakeholder engagement mechanism</i>
3:00 PM	Tea break	
3:15 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group work, continued</i> • <i>Report back from groups and synthesis of discussion</i> • <i>Presentation by UN Country Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Landing the 2030 Agenda at country level</i> • <i>Interactive discussion</i>
5:00 PM	Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Response from UN Country Team</i> • <i>Reactions, acknowledgements and final thoughts</i> • <i>Evaluation of the workshop</i>

