

2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

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Since 2011 Global Partnerships for Effective Cooperation are debated but continue allowing strong power imbalances in world marked by enormous inequality and structural violence.

It shouldn't be like that. Through the SDGs and AAAA, the governments agreed about *WHAT* to do and on *HOW* to do it. But these agreements were not fulfilled, so now we urgently need Partnerships that reclaim multilateralism and advance rights, not racing to the lowest common denominator, but capable to make social and environmental justice prevail.

To recover from COVID-19 governments must take back the driving seat of development. As data indicates, the multinational corporations didn't contribute enough to finance or implement the SDGs but their level of influence is increasing over governments and UN, while the commercial relations continue imposing barriers to human rights.

Today, the history of AIDS drug monopoly is repeated: countries in the Global North prioritizing intellectual property and profits over lives in the South. So, instead of reinvent the wheel, effective partnerships depend on world's leaders interest to learn from their mistakes.

For that they need:

1. Focus on systemic barriers and integrated rights, abandoning siloed approaches, emphasizing system-wide policy coherence at all levels, especially for human rights bodies, ensuring accountability on all commitments made.

2. Recognize the community-led responses for Covid-19 and for achieving SDGs. Engaging and supporting grassroots, particularly led by women and girls in all our diversity, to monitor policies and budgets that directly impact our communities.

We hope the Partnership Forum shouldn't be an arena for geopolitical skirmish, but rather an arena for cooperation that people, especially those most marginalized deserve. As evidence indicates, Partnerships not founded in rights-based frameworks are doomed to remain a disaster for humanity. This becomes clear when not even a global pandemic, a challenge impacting everyone, everywhere, could create the levels of cooperation and solidarity required.