

# INFORMAL STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON THE ZERO DRAFT POLITICAL DECLARATION

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## Written Comments on the Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit 2023

On 7 June 2023, UN DESA, in partnership with the SDG Action Campaign, hosted a [virtual informal Stakeholder Dialogue](#) to provide civil society organizations, networks, major groups and other stakeholders with an opportunity to provide inputs to the [SDG Summit Zero Draft Political Declaration](#). More information about the webinar as well as the recording of the webinar and the visual summarizing the discussions can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/SDGSummitZeroDraft>.

Participants of the webinar were invited to provide additional inputs on the Zero Draft Political Declaration. This document is an **informal compilation** of the over 50 inputs received<sup>1</sup>. Below follows a list of relevant as submitted.

*Informal Compilation of Individual Inputs (ordered by the sequence of submission time and grouped together by organization)*

### **Sigma Theta Tau International [Mexico]**

Part 12 reaffirms the commitment to gender equality, UNICEF recently reported a 24% pay differential between men and women, empowerment of women and girls through education, training and investment in care and nursing is urgently needed. We must ensure we have enough nurses with the right skills to advocate and lead clinical changes that are needed to increase UHC and deliver SDGs. This call for action is to elevate community health through the support and protection of nurses. Part 13 resolves to realize our vision to deliver UHC the SDGs which are not deliverable without a sustainable health and especially nursing workforce as most of

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the care around the world is provided by nurses. Unless there is urgent prioritization and investment in nursing, the SDGs, UHC and the management of NCD can be delivered. Also, nursing is predominantly female, and there are inequalities in pay and therefore an investment in nursing is an investment in women and girls and an investment in local economies.

### **WFEO [USA]**

Success can only be achieved if we trust one another and work together and not against each other if we are to leave no one behind. How can UN bring Member States and Other Stakeholders together? We are on the same team!

### **CLAN (Caring & Living as Neighbours) [Australia]**

We note there is no acknowledgement of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Zero Draft. To achieve SDG 3.4, we request inclusion of the following language in:

- Paragraph 35, viz: “...include all children, youth, persons living with non-communicable diseases and disabilities, etc.” and
- Paragraph 36 d), viz: “...and consumption practices to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases... etc.”

We note there is no specific acknowledgement of the importance of uninterrupted and affordable access to essential medicines, diagnostics and equipment, despite learnings from the COVID-19 Pandemic. To achieve SDGs 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.4, we request inclusion of the following language in:

- Paragraph 13, viz: “...and quality health care, uninterrupted and affordable access to essential medicines, diagnostics and equipment, etc.”

We commend the focus on future generations. We request capitalisation of the “i” in the word “Indigenous”:

- Paragraph 35, viz: “...in Indigenous peoples, etc.”

### **UNANIMA International [USA]**

Suggested inputs to Political Declaration: in paragraph 13, insert "adequate housing" after 'water and sanitation.' In paragraph 35, insert "people experiencing homelessness" after 'older persons.'

### **YOURS- Youth for Road Safety [Italy]**

To support the zero draft declaration inputs in those sections: Mobilizing resources, boosting investment, and building capacity, Transformative actions for the SDGs.

Road crashes are a global health problem that contributes to an estimated 1.3 million deaths and 500 million injuries every year and hinders sustainable development, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. At the same time, road safety is pivotal to achieving the sustainable development goals, in particular the ones related to gender equality (SDG5), quality education (SDG4), health and well-being (SDG3), climate action (SDG13), Sustainable cities and communities (SDG11), inequalities (SDG10).

We are asking to be included in the multi stakeholders partnership to address the global development challenges and contribute to the implementation of the SDGs with our talents, skills, and innovative ideas, that will improve our lives, economies, and future.

### **Digital Bimpe [Nigeria]**

Education and Youth Empowerment: MGCY urges Nigeria to prioritize quality education and invest in comprehensive youth empowerment programs. This should involve enhancing access to education, ensuring inclusivity and equity, and promoting skills development and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people.

### **United HOUSE Studios, Inc. [USA]**

We address the global connectors in support of Point 3. We address what we are building in support of Point 5. We address our need for seed-level transformation in support of Point 15. Having us choose which SDGs we support allows us to see what we are capable of doing individually. However, by supporting one, we support all, collectively. We have been committed since 2011 a bold, ambitious and transformative action — building a new creative industry. We imagined "changing or transforming" would be the answer. Finally, we realized the only way to achievement of the SDG goals, is to build from seed-level. Our globally networked world-class cohort of creators are building a more Authentic, Ethical, Sustainable, Purposeful and Impactful (ÆSPi) creative industry. Funding is crucial. By recognizing seed-level commitment (in building new business culture), we can accelerate. Seed-level focus creates strong foundations an ÆSPi industry. Our micro platforms must be elevated now. Thank you.

### **The Millennials Movement [Peru]**

The Zero Draft is not referring to take bold actions to respond to current wars, regional focus needs to be a priority regional prep. forums needs to be bold on the preparation towards the VNR presentations, children and youth and intergenerational approaches to achieve the 2030 Agenda seem not to be a priority we need more that statements referend to keeping a promise for the future but instead include us in a meaningful and safe way.

### **Green World Youth [Kenya]**

Keep the good work, it is a collective responsibility to make sure that we achieve the sustainable development goals, let's leverage local organizations that are taking action at the grassroots level. I am proud of joining you, and I will use the knowledge to spread the good news to the marginalized people in my country.

### **Fibree Foundation [Malta]**

From all parts of the globe women and girls cry out the right to live as humans in a world that already delivers dignified life to animals but denies it for women and girls.

There are reports coming from everywhere that exposes judicial institutions contributing to the death of women when judges refuse to apply laws that protect women and girls as much as it poses impunity to feed activities of organized crime. Please, we cannot just watch a second turn of holocaust where women are modern victims without a place to escape or without access to dignified life. we are watching the second turn of holocaust while we don't ask for personal accountability in the judicial institutions.

Once I am a professional within judicial system, I am ashamed of myself because we don't have a task force to analyze cases in the court about human rights violations of women and girls. Furthermore, it is very important to protect human rights defenders and whistleblowers.

### **BRAC Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative [Bangladesh]**

P 38: Add additional paragraph under 'Transformative actions for the SDGs': "We commit to leaving no one behind, and we recognize the multidimensional nature of poverty. We will take action to leverage and scale evidence-based interventions to end extreme poverty and build resilience by integrating empirically proven holistic interventions for the extreme poor into national social protection and economic development programmes."

P 40: Add "We will strengthen the partnership with Member States, development partners, civil society, and private sector partners to adapt and scale proven solutions for achieving the SDGs."

Correction of paragraph's from previous submission:

- P 35: Add under 'Transformative actions for the SDGs': "We commit to leaving no one behind, and we recognize the multidimensional nature of poverty. We will take action to leverage and scale evidence-based interventions to end extreme poverty and build resilience by integrating empirically proven holistic interventions for the extreme poor into national social protection and economic

development programmes."

- P 36: Add Levers for SDG acceleration: We will strengthen the partnership with Member States, development partners, civil society, and private sector partners to adapt and scale proven solutions for achieving the SDGs.

### **Fibree Foundation [Malta]**

This scenario makes the need even more apparent for viable, scalable and flexible alternatives to act with urgency for benefits of people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, leaving no one behind by opening space to use science, technology, and innovation as drivers of sustainable development on SDG progress on 5 and 16.

Thus, I would suggest accelerating the deployment of technology in judicial institutions and getting it of machismo or discrimination. It is time to deploy tools that will drive judicial decisions within paths that will ensure the presence of human rights and compliance with the democratic system.

Sovereignty is human rights. Nowadays we should discuss the sovereignty of life.

### **The Phoenix Legacy Group [USA]**

One of the clinical definitions of insanity is to repeat the same actions, over and over, expecting a differing result. We can't continue doing what we did yesterday, or tomorrow will be just like today. I am reminded of an old caver's mantra: If we walked in, we could walk out. We can and must discard binary thinking. We can and must innovate our way out of these existential threats. Tolerating and/or rewarding the status quo must cease. Policy that has no consequences has no benefit.

### **ATD Fourth World - All Together in Dignity [France]**

Para 35 - We suggest commitment "to promote and support citizens conversations at national and local levels about the challenges and ways to leave no one behind. The development of a culture of inclusion and outreach to the furthest behind first should be nourished by state action and fundings".

### **Shikshit Yuva sewa Samiti [India]**

Point 36(b)we want to include the word accessible with inclusive and equitable education for all including early childhood education

### **University of Nairobi - Economics Scholar Panel [Kenya]**

It's an amazing opportunity to learn more on the SDGs in relation to our economic growth goals.

### **World Innovation Summit for Education / Qatar Foundation [Qatar]**

Creating a comprehensive global action plan for achieving youth and women empowerment in education is a critical step toward establishing inclusive and equitable society. This strategy should highlight targeted actions that address barriers like gender discrimination, social and economic inequality, and restricted access to excellent education. It should stress the significance of empowering young people and women through educational opportunities, skill development, and leadership development. This roadmap can pave the way for transformative change by promoting gender equality, creating safe learning environments, and ensuring equal access to education for all, unleashing the full potential of youth and women and enabling them to become active contributors to their communities and agents of social progress.

### **Saha Mbah Association [USA]**

Climate change is not helping the fight against poverty. Instead, it makes it worse with food insecurity, water sanitation and human displacement.

### **Make Mothers Matter [Switzerland]**

To quote M. Guterres, UN SG: 'The pandemic has shown us who is doing the work that really matters: nurses, teachers, care workers. As we recover, we need to remember this. It is time to end the inequities of unpaid care work and create new economic models that work for everyone'(UN Town Hall with Young Women from Civil Society Organizations, August 2020).

Addressing the issue of the inequitable distribution of unpaid care work is absolutely key to progress on Gender Equality, without which the 2030 Agenda cannot be achieved. This is missing in the current draft.

Therefore we suggest the following reformulation of the end of paragraph 12:

[...] is not possible if WOMEN AND GIRLS [DELETE: one half of humanity] continue to be denied THEIR full human rights, AND IF STRUCTURAL BARRIERS TO GENDER EQUALITY ARE NOT ADDRESSED, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND PRACTICES, HARMFUL GENDER STEREOTYPES AND SOCIAL NORMS, AND THE INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF UNPAID CARE AND DOMESTIC WORK.

### **KazNARU [Kazakhstan]**

The tourism industry also offers plenty of opportunities to breathe more air into the Kazakhstan economy. Tourism already represents 8.4% of GDP. More than 9% of the Kazakhstan workforce is employed in the tourism sector, mostly in small and medium-sized enterprises.

For this purpose, there is an agenda based on three key pillars:

- First, attracting more international tourists, for example by dedicated international tourism communication campaigns.
- Second: diversifying the tourism offer, in particular through new transnational tourism opportunities that can be equally profitable during the medium and low seasons.
- Third, investing in talents and training for excellence. Our tourist sector needs professionalism, commitment, passion and management capabilities. We are working to make sure that the sector can quickly access the skills they need to thrive.

### **United HOUSE Studios, Inc. [USA]**

I would like to address the global connectors in support of Point 3. I would like to address what we are building in support of Point 5. "We commit to bold, ambitious, and transformative actions, anchored in international solidarity, shared responsibility and robust cooperation at all levels. We will promote a systemic shift towards a more inclusive, peaceful and sustainable world for people and planet, for present and future generations." We are calling all creators / creatives / innovators globally, who are supporting number 17 "Partnerships for the Goals" please reach out: [<https://www.instagram.com/akathehouse>]. We are seeking Authentic, Ethical, Sustainable, Purposeful and Impactful (ÆSPi) Creators in partnership with SDGs. [<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/authentic-ethical-sustainable-purposeful-and-impactful-aespi-creators-initiative> ]

### **World Federation of Engineering Organizations [China]**

Engineering - a very important keyword - is missing in the draft. As indicated by UNESCO Engineering Report "Engineering for Sustainable Development" (UNESCO 2021), engineering plays the crucial role of in accelerating implementation of the SDGs, because it is ENGINEERING and ENGINEERS using scientific knowledge and technological methods to solve the problems about energy, water, infrastructure, etc. under related economical, social, and environmental conditions. Therefore, it is strongly suggested, in this declaration, that engineering should be mentioned together with SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY and INNOVATION. Concretely, to add ENGINEERING into "Science, technology and innovation" in paragraph 28, 36(j)(k) as "science, technology, ENGINEERING and innovation". And engineering capacity building/development should be highlighted in the part of capacity building.

### **Nigeria Youth Climate Preservation Network [Nigeria]**

Paragraph 3 of the Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit 2023 highlights the urgent need to accelerate actions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

by 2030. The paragraph recognizes that progress towards the SDGs has been uneven, and more efforts are required to ensure that no one is left behind. It calls for political will, strengthened partnerships, and increased financial resources to achieve the SDGs. I believe that this paragraph is crucial in emphasizing the need for collective action and collaboration among member states, non-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector towards the realization of the SDGs. Overall, the Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit 2023 sets a strong foundation for the global community's continued efforts towards sustainable development.

### **Initiative for Climate Change and Renewable Energy Advocacy [Nigeria]**

If I may say, a lot need to be done, especially in countries in Africa, I want this to be well know how the government need to put geared to participate and carryout policies that will facilitate the developments of SDGs in their various countries, especially in Nigeria. Climate action activities should be the main agenda and respect for humanity should be taken seriously by the United Nations. We suggest the locals need to be involved than just the government alone if we want to achieve great results and to do this, we need to engage the local non-governmental organizations.

### **Ducho Nutrition Services [Nigeria]**

I support the zero hunger, good health and well-being and clean water and Sanitation.

(2,3,6) They are very vital especially in this person of climate change affecting the food system insecurity.

### **Digital Public Goods Alliance [UK]**

Countries urgently need to implement foundational digital technologies known as "Digital public infrastructure" to serve as the foundation for government programs to accelerate progress towards the SDGs. We have seen the benefits of DPI implementation in covid response, health, education, financial inclusion, food security, and climate response.

One of the most effective ways this has been achieved is through the use of Digital Public Goods ??a way for countries to share learnings and technologies, bring down costs, increase cross-border interoperability, and strengthen international digital cooperation.

Our recommendation is to explicitly mention the use of digital public goods for DPI as a way of accelerating the SDGs, reflecting previous statements made by the UN in "The Age of Digital Interdependence" (2019), in the UNSG's "Roadmap for Digital Cooperation" (2020), and the UNSG's "A Global Digital Compact – an Open Free and Secure Digital Future for All"



(2023) in paragraph 36c.

### **Major Group for Children and Youth [Nigeria]**

13. & 35. Mental health care and education should be prioritized and provided to all regardless of their educational and socioeconomic status or background. There is a wide spread of Mental health disorders worldwide, due to various global issues like climate change, aftermath of the pandemic, conflict amongst others with millions of people of all ages and backgrounds affected by various conditions. These conditions impact individuals and communities in profound ways. The need for accessible mental health care and education for all is a pressing global issue. Efforts should be made to remove barriers and provide comprehensive mental health services and education to everyone. Mental health education involves increasing awareness, reducing stigma, promoting early intervention, and empowering individuals and communities. We hereby urge that accessible quality mental health care and education should be highlighted in the execution of SDG 3.

### **@MATES4Kids [Australia]**

On behalf of @MATES4Kids (Maximising Access to Essential Supplies for Children), a global movement committed to reducing the preventable mortality associated with childhood NCDs, and contribute to SDGs 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.4 we acknowledge:

- key learnings from COVID-19 regarding the importance of securing uninterrupted supplies of medicines, diagnostics and equipment for all
- the upcoming UNHLM on NCDs in 2025, the intersectionality of communicable and non-communicable conditions, and need for a focus on the prevention and management of NCDs (paragraph 36)
- the vital importance of scaling newborn screening, an existing technology that is universally available in all high-income countries, to achieve SDGs 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 and redress health inequities for newborns and children (paragraph 13)
- the importance of privileging the voices and perspectives of people living with NCDs and other conditions within the UHC discourse (paragraph 35).

### **SWP German Institute for International and Security Affairs [Germany]**

To accelerate implementation, it is essential that countries review + revise their national implementation strategies. The Declaration already touches on this in para 36 (m) - please defend this, you might even consider moving it up the list. The 2023 GSDR recommends that Member States develop "national transformation frameworks for accelerated action" + present them to the 2024 HLPF. It would be useful to add 1) such a timeline in the Political Declaration + 2) a commitment to robust follow-up through the VNRs. For the latter, the UNSG's

recommendations in the 2023 Progress Report, para 58 (a more meaningful participation of independent civil society could be added to this), could be taken up in para 39 of the Political Declaration. Unless we encourage governments to review + revise their existing implementation strategies, we will not see transformative change. The 2024 Summit of the Future should create a multilateral environment conducive to implementing the revised national plans.

### **UN Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights [Switzerland]**

#### **Para 36**

- f) people and peoples must be the primary beneficiaries of sustainable development processes, which should be culturally sensitive and appropriate, contextualized to specific cultural environments and seek to fully align themselves with the aspirations, customs, traditions, systems and world views of the individuals and groups most likely to be affected
- j) cultural diversity is crucial for the human ecosystem and for the sustainability and resilience of the wider ecosystems, together with biodiversity, to which it is interlinked. It opens avenues towards implementation that recognizes the value of both traditional and modern knowledge and encourages their synergies; cultural rights are at the core of sustainable development processes
- k) recognition of culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development, need for a stronger place for culture throughout the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; adoption of a stand-alone goal on culture and adoption of a global agenda for culture

### **RFSL [Sweden]**

P11: to respect, protect and fulfil human rights and achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (ADD: in all their diversity.)

P12: We reaffirm that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (ADD: in all their diversity) will make a crucial contribution...

P12: The achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is (DELETE: not) (ADD: only) possible if (DELETE: one half of humanity continues to be denied full human rights and opportunities.) (ADD: human rights are realized and applied to all equally and without distinction or discrimination.)

P15: The 2030 Agenda remains our promise to (ADD: all) the children and youth of today...

P22. We are deeply concerned that once again people in vulnerable situations (ADD: especially

those who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination) are...

P35: (DEL: Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda) (ADD: Including) all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, (DEL: and) migrants, (ADD: and other populations.)

P36:a: We commit to targeted and accelerated action to remove all legal, social, and economic barriers to achieving gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls, and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights. (ADD: We will tackle all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination and address the negative gender roles, norms, and stereotypes that perpetuate gender inequality.)

P36:l: We will continue to strengthen our efforts to collect, analyze and disseminate relevant and reliable data, disaggregated by sex, age, disability and other characteristics (DEL: relevant in national contexts,) for better monitoring and policymaking to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

P18. We commit to enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals, engaging all relevant stakeholders, including (ADD: Major Groups and Other Stakeholders,) civil society, the private sector...

The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders are official stakeholders to the UN sustainable development process. The mention of the MGOS separate from larger civil society is imperative and important. Till date, the MGOS have been an integral part in the achievement and acceleration of the implementation of the SDGs at every level.

LGBTI populations, among other vulnerable groups, who are also official Stakeholders to the MGOS, should be mentioned among population listings in the Political Declaration. If not, listings which can never be exhaustive should not be closed, and should be open-ended - mentioning "other groups" or "other populations" or "among others".

### **Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding [Kingdom of the Netherlands]**

CSPPS welcomes the consultative approach that the co-facilitators have embarked upon in drafting the Political Declaration and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in writing on its zero-draft. We would like to make three suggestions [\*Section 36]

- The Political Declaration should acknowledge that Goal 16 is a critical enabler for the

other SDGs next to being a crucial goal on its own. Actionable progress on SDG16 will bolster accelerated action across the 2030 Agenda.

- The Political Declaration should recognize the importance of a people-centered approach to implementation of the 2030 Agenda. SDGs when implemented must embrace inclusive and participatory approaches to identify people's needs & find ways to address people's grievances.
- The Political Declaration should include mention of the key importance of upholding and where possible enlarging civic space to support and enable true partnerships with civil society. [see for info: <https://bit.ly/2023CSdeclaration>]

### **GSMA [UK]**

Paragraph 36c:

- Enabling and accelerating internet adoption is critical to the growth of the digital economy, achieving the SDGs and ensuring no one is left behind in an increasingly connected world. Worldwide, 3.6 billion people remain excluded from the benefits of mobile internet, with 94% of the unconnected living in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). As such addressing barriers to mobile internet adoption and use is critical: the vast majority of the unconnected – 3.2 billion people – live in areas already covered by mobile broadband. Policy options to address this usage gap therefore should focus on lowering the overall cost of smartphones, data; improving literacy and digital skills focused on the needs of target user groups; creating an environment for businesses and organisations to digitally transform or for start-ups to grow; and addressing online safety and security concerns, such as harassment, disinformation or handset theft.

### **Brooke [UK]**

We welcome the commitments to leaving no one behind (this includes poor livestock-owning communities), strengthening pandemic preparedness, prevention and response, and partnering with civil society. However, there are significant omissions: no reference to livestock, animal health, animal welfare and One Health.

- 4. ADD: We are facing an increased risk of pandemics of zoonotic disease due to neglect of animal welfare and underinvestment in animal health systems.
- 11. ... lasting protection of the planet, (ADD: animals) and its natural resources.
- 20. ... of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution threaten planet, (ADD: animals) and people. ADD: We recognise the important linkages between animal welfare, sustainable development and the environment, as per the UNEA-5 Nexus Resolution.
- 36. d) ADD: We recognise the role of working livestock in sustainable agriculture. f) ADD: We recognise livestock as important resilience assets and

the need to protect their health and welfare.

### **CIVICUS [Switzerland]**

Ireland and Qatar are among the 52 States that have endorsed CIVICUS Unmute Civil Society Recommendations. Though, there is no mention of civic space and the importance of civil society in the zero draft. The zero draft should support the recognition of the importance of civil society. We would appreciate seeing a para to 'reaffirm that civil society will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets' (for ex. in para 12). The draft should also acknowledge the Busan Principles (for ex. in para 17). Under section II we would welcome to see a para on challenges faced by civil society: according to the CIVICUS Monitor today only 3.2% of the world's population lives in countries with Open civic space. Under para 36 we would welcome language on support to civic space as a set of universally accepted rules. Lastly, we would welcome inclusion of language on the importance of the role of civil society in monitoring on the SDGs.

### **PMNCH Secretariat [Switzerland]**

Greater attention to adolescents and youth (10-24yrs)

- Para 36 - add: We are dedicated to empowering young people by granting them a voice, as we acknowledge the significance of their active, energetic participation and engagement in shaping policies and programs that directly affect their well-being and lives. Furthermore, we firmly commit to supporting the advancement of investments intended to provide comprehensive support to youth, including adolescents, with the goal of enhancing their education, skills development, and employment opportunities. Understanding the essential role of access to health services, including mental health and sexual and reproductive health care, in promoting their well-being and enabling them to actively contribute to sustainable development, we will prioritize ensuring such access without bias.
- Add: para on gender equality& empowerment of women and girls; ref to wellbeing of children and young people p15; participation of young people to deliver SDGs p31

### **Oxfam International [USA]**

Section 13:

We recommend adding "secure tenure rights" to the list of thematic emphasis:

We resolve to .... nutrition, secure tenure rights, safe drinking water .... for all.

Section 36 (d):

Under Transformative actions for the SDGs we propose inclusion of "tenure right of smallholder farmers and others" :

We will take ...forms of malnutrition through secure tenure rights of small holder farmers and others.

Section 36 (h):

Under Securing a sustainable future for Our Planet: we propose the recognition of Indigenous Peoples and local communities:

We will ...biodiversity, while respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and recognizing .... gap.

Section 36 (i):

Under section 36 (i) we propose inclusion of a reference to the ‘Decision 26 on land tenure of the COP 14 of the UNCCD in the section i):

We will continue to support efforts .... SDGs. In this regard we emphasise on the importance of land tenure as recognized in decision 26 of the UNCCD COP 14.

### **Save the Children [USA]**

Paras 13 and 35: add 'child sensitive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection systems, and child protection systems' per 2023 and 2022 FfD outcomes and A/RES/74/133

Para 15: add 'and realization of their rights' after 'human potential'. Replace 'and carry the torch of sustainable development..' with E/HLS/2022/1 verbatim: 'As critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current and future generations, we emphasize the importance of engaging and supporting the full, effective, meaningful and inclusive participation of children, in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and youth, particularly those in vulnerable situations, in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.'

Para 18: add children

Para 24 bis We are deeply concerned by the harmful and disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple and overlapping crises on children, especially girls, children with disabilities, children on the move, and other children experiencing discrimination and inequality, including disruptions to their access to essential health-care services and immunizations, education and learning loss, mental health and well-being, food security and nutrition, increased rates of violence and harmful practices, including exploitation and abuse, sexual and gender-based violence, early and forced child marriage and child labour, and the exacerbation of poverty and hunger. We recognize the need to invest in and prioritize the

promotion, protection, respect and fulfilment of the rights of children to avoid a multigenerational crisis and ensure no child is left behind (based on A/ES/76/147)

Key to recognize impacts on children as they will compound into adulthood to ensure targeted action.

Para 36 p - include concrete actions to address inequity in the current international financial architecture, including addressing issues on debt and tax (e.g., UN Tax Convention, sovereign debt workout mechanism at UN, etc.)

36b - add 'and encourage Member States to implement national commitments made during the Summit Process'

36b bis - We will invest in and expand child-sensitive, shock-responsive, adaptive and gender-responsive universal social protection, strengthen safety nets through social protection systems and measures, and strengthen action to generate jobs for a just transition.

36b Ter - placeholder for UHC language from 2023 declaration

36c - commit to address gender and age digital divide and mitigate harmful effects of digital technologies on children

36i - add 'international and' before 'domestic financing'

36e - add 'achieve just transitions, while rapidly phasing out subsidies for and reliance on fossil fuels'

36o - add 'and to phase out the reporting of in-donor refugee costs excess COVID-19 doses, debt relief, and SDR recycling as ODA, ensuring that ODA is first and foremost used to support developing counties'

### **ChildFund Alliance [USA]**

#### **36 C**

- It is clear that advancements in the protection for children in the digital environment have not kept pace with those that have occurred in the physical space since the adoption of the UNCRC. If we fail to adequately address this, children will continue to be threatened by online violence rather than develop the skills they need to reap the benefits that internet connectivity offers them. For instance, online engagement can

provide increased opportunities for children? □ participation in formal and informal learning experiences, civic engagement, and the creation and sharing of ideas and content with their peers, communities, and decision-makers. Online platforms can also support children in developing their sense of identity and belonging, as well as help build peers, family, intergenerational and community relationships. Yet this can only happen if children feel safe online, which is why their protection in the digital environment must be a paramount concern to achieve SDG16.2.

### **SIPC [North America]**

SDGs are not met because ACCESS TO JUSTICE IS BLOCKED.

- Para3: Goals may be 'indivisible' or 'universal'. Coordinate with OHCHR as targets undermine the UNCharter and achievement of SDGs in too many cases to describe them thus. Ensure SDG action is interpreted according to para6.
- Para6 should continue: "We support policies and practices that dramatically increase the availability and access at all levels to accountability processes based in these instruments to be integrated into all relevant bodies, especially financial and ecological economic institutions" to achieve para7. These accountability processes should address wars of aggression, occupation, annexation, hoarding in times of crisis, illicit flows, self-determination, and Right to Life issues (GHG quotas) in the face of radical climate changes accelerated by threats to UNCharter.

### **Denise Anita Hill, LLC [USA]**

Deeply embedded in the current social contract is the violent subjugation, abstraction into property & trade of Peoples of African Descent (PAD), theft of the embodied technologies & subsequent caste-ing of them as the lowest rung of society via all forms of anti-black violence. This has been the basis for the flourishing development we see in the most developed countries & this injustice must be repaired. Recognition of this needs to be included in Section I & Section 2, while actions steps of "committing to targeted & accelerated action to remove all legal, social, & economic barriers to achieving integrated reparations as noted in the 5-pt legal framework of Dec 15, 2005, for (PAD) for the transatlantic slave trade, enslavement, colonization, & subsequent anti-Black oppression, economic deprivation, & multi-faceted violences need to be included in Sec 3, Paragraph 36. Sustainable development cannot be realized without reparations.

It is the multifaceted unpaid labor of women in that undergirds the thriving of all economies around the world. Without our labor, there would be no developed economy. Both this fact & this exploitation of our labor is rooted in the worldview & continued world-practice of the exploitation of multifaceted unpaid labor of women of African descent. It was & is our labor,



our skills, our knowledge, our embodied technologies, that served as the catalyst & foundation for the economies of the world. We have yet to receive a just return. We have yet to receive any return. Recognition of this must be included in Sections I & II, & action steps of "committing to targeted & accelerated action to follow, expand & implement the model of many Nordic nations & pay women for their unpaid labor, & ensure integrative reparations for women of African Descent. Details of this must be led by everyday people, not just experts & folks of popular acclaim -- nothing about us without us."

### **Gray Panthers [UK]**

Add human rights: universal social protection, attention to migrants, age inclusiveness, fully disaggregated data with additional wording as follows:

- 5. We commit to bold, ambitious, and transformative actions, anchored in human rights and international solidarity
- 13. We resolve to realize our vision of a world with access to inclusive and equitable quality education, universal health coverage and quality health care, universal social protection
- 35: internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, refugees and migrants,
- 36 (b) addressing the gender and age gap in education
- 36 (c). We commit to building capacities for inclusive participation of all ages in the digital economy
- Para 36 (l) l) We pledge to take action to strengthen national efforts to collect high quality, timely, and reliable disaggregated data - disaggregated data collection, analysis and statistical capacities
- Para 39: the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, harnessing disaggregated data

### **Sendai Stakeholders [Sweden]**

Para: 21

Original language & proposed edits:

[In many parts of the world conflicts and instability have endured or intensified, and disasters induced by natural hazards have become more frequent and intense,..]

Para: 28

Original language & proposed edits:

[We acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic produced valuable lessons in governance as well as science, technology, and innovation and digital transformation for sustainable development.]

Para: 36g

Original language & proposed edits:

[We welcome the outcomes of COP-27 held in Sharm El-Sheikh, including the decision on funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including a focus on addressing loss and damage, through a bottom-up approach.]

Para: 36s

Original language & proposed edits:

[...mandates to support developing countries to achieve the SDGs, and that while ensuring that the wellbeing of people and the planet is put before financial growth.]

### **World Federation for Animals [USA]**

Protecting wildlife and other living species and ending poaching and trafficking of protected species are recurring themes in the SDGs and previous years' declarations. With the passage of UNEA resolution 5/1 on the nexus between animal welfare, environment and sustainable development, including recognition of humanity's responsibility to protect wildlife and other living species is especially timely and would be well placed in paragraph 36. h). It is crucial to maintain momentum and support for the One Health approach as a transformative action in the Declaration at the mid-way point of Agenda 2030. We recommend including text from the 2022 Ministerial Declaration which emphasizes "the importance of the One Health and other holistic approaches that deliver multiple benefits to the health and well-being of people, animals, plants and ecosystems" in either a new paragraph 36. c) bis; paragraph 9; or paragraph 28 of the Zero draft.

### **Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors [France]**

Paragraph 36: Include an additional paragraph to make it more concrete how to achieve the SDGs by 2030:

b) We commit to have national plans in place (latest by 2025) to achieve universal social protection in all countries by 2030 and a global financial mechanism in place (latest by 2025) to ensure that all countries especially least developed countries can finance the implementation of the plans.

### **SOS Children's Villages International [USA]**

New para 12b - We reaffirm our commitment to child rights, including investment in child-sensitive universal social protection, child protection and public health-care systems, as well as equitable access to quality education (Based on language in 2021 UNGA Rights of the Child Res (A/RES/76/147) para 31, and 2019 UNGA Rights of the Child Res (A/RES/74/133) para

34)

35c - Add after "We will take action to spread the benefits of digitalization", the following "and prevent its risks, paying special attention to vulnerable groups, such as children who face disproportionate impacts of digitalization." Add after "...innovations to all countries." the following, "Recognizing that digital technologies present new risks and threats, we commit to give special regard to the protection of children from violence, abuse and exploitation online and provide digital literacy and skills for their safe access." (based on A/RES/77/201 and A/RES/76/147 OP26.)

**Education International [Belgium]**

In para 36.b, we would propose replacing "continue increasing" with "commit to increasing" at the start, adding "public" between quality and education in the first line, replacing "the gender gap" with "the teacher shortage" and adding "taking concrete steps to ensure gender-transformative education for all" before "we take note" in the last line. Finally, we would suggest a more specific commitment to the follow-up to the Transforming Education Summit, for example replacing the "we take note of" with "we commit to implementing the outcomes of the Transforming Education Summit".