SIDE EVENTS SUMMARIES

“Conflict disputes and its effect on poverty in conflict affected area
A closer look on Africa region and the role of UN Major groups

30 Jan 2024, 8:15 - 9:30 AM (EST)

Background on the event

Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights is organizing E-Symposium entitled “Conflict disputes and its effect on poverty in conflict affected area: A closer look on Africa region and the role of UN Major group”, which comes in consistent with the 2024 theme of the forum 2024, “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”. The E-Symposium will focus on illuminating the strong relationship between Goals 1 on ending poverty and Goal 16 on peace, and how they affect each other. The event will examine how all of this will negatively affect the progress of SDGs in this area on the long term.

Key Issues discussed

1. Introduction to the United Nations Partnerships Forum, its role in achieving sustainable development.
2. Shed light on UN Major groups and its role in achieving SDGs in Africa.
3. Study the correlation between 2030 Agenda goals: especially Goal 1 on ending poverty, goal 5 and Goal 16, and how both are related to other goals.
4. Examining the Role of AU bodies to strengthens peace partnerships.
5. Discussing the Importance of partnerships in combating poverty and supporting SDGs paths in conflict affected countries.
6. Role of CSOs as a linking point to strengthen international and regional partnerships and accelerating the development in the conflict affected communities.

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

1. The necessity of raising awareness of the importance of UN major groups in accelerating the work of SDGs agenda.
2. The necessity of reaffirming the centrality of the relationship between the sustainable development goals each other, especially that related to goal 16: conflicts and their impact on sustainable development.
3. Calling on all member organizations of the United Nations Economic and Social Council to recognize the importance of partnerships and their role in promoting SDGs path.

4. Drawing the attention of all stakeholders in the United Nations to the sensitivity of the situation on the African continent, especially when studying goal 16 and the goal 1, as Africa is the continent most exposed to conflicts and wars and witnessing a clear threat to the sustainable development goals.

5. Work to revive and revitalize the role of the Africa Major Group in promoting work on the theme of the forum 2024, “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.