

Joint IFP/Dochas Pilot Survey on Capacity Development needs of CSOs linked to Agenda 2030

*Action for Sustainable Development CSO gathering during HLPF, New
York July 2017*

Organisations initiating Pilot Survey

- **Dochas- the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations.**

“A meeting place and a leading voice for organisations that want Ireland to be a world leader in efforts to bring about global justice”.

- **The International Forum for National NGO Platforms**

“ A member-led global network of 64 national NGO platforms and 6 regional coalitions from all continents, representing over 22,000 NGOs active locally and internationally on development, human rights and environmental issues”.

Context for carrying out the pilot survey

- The early experience of IFP members in monitoring and implementing the agenda suggests that there is an urgent need for the international community to plan for, and fully resource a structured and coordinated approach to the capacity development of civil society globally
- The IFP believes that this capacity development will be essential to fully equip the sector to become a key player in the ongoing monitoring and successful implementation of this ambitious universal agenda.
- The capacity development needs of civil society organisations should be objectively defined by the sector itself, with the focus on the monitoring and implementation requirements of the Agenda 2030.

Aims of pilot survey

- (i) To reach out to development and other CSOs starting to engage in monitoring and implementing Agenda 2030**
- (ii) To encourage CSOs to start reflecting on and identifying their capacity development needs linked to Agenda 2030**
- (iii) To feed the pilot survey findings into broader civil society discussions about capacity development linked to Agenda 2030 (eg A4SD civil society gathering at HLPF 2017)**
- (iv) To begin to formulate recommendations aimed at governments, international institutions and other stakeholders, linked to the Agenda 2030 capacity development needs of civil society**

Focus areas of survey

- (i) Organisational capacity to understand the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development**
- (ii) Organisational capacity for Agenda 2030-related advocacy**
- (iii) Organisational capacity for external engagement with state actors & other stakeholders on Agenda 2030**
- (iv) Organisational capacity for public awareness-raising of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development**
- (v) Organisational capacity for monitoring and reviewing Agenda 2030 implementation**
- (vi) Organisational capacity to “Walk the talk” on Agenda 2030**
- (vii) Organisational capacity to partner effectively for Agenda 2030 implementation**

Survey questions

Question One – What size is your organisation?

37 Responses

- 1-5 staff 12
- 6-10 staff 13
- 11-30 staff 4
- 31-50 staff 0
- 51-100 staff 3
- 101-200 staff 5
- 201-500 staff 0
- 500+ staff 0

Survey Questions

Question Two - What sector does your organisation belong to?

34 Responses

International development	17
Social Justice	6
Human Rights	6
Environment	3
Other	3

Survey Questions

Question Three- How would you rate your own and your colleagues overall understanding of the new Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) agenda, and how it differs from the Millennium Development Goals agenda?

36 Responses

Very Good 9

Good 21

Fair 4

Poor 2

Survey Questions

Question Four- Is your organisation interested in engaging in capacity development aimed at increasing its staff member's knowledge and awareness of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development?

35 responses

Yes 31

No 2

Not sure 2

Survey Questions

Question Five : Has your organisation identified its advocacy priorities for Agenda 2030 and developed a related strategy?

35 responses

Yes 23

No 4

Other 6

Don't Know 2

Survey Questions

Question Six- Is your organisation interested in capacity development to plan its own Agenda 2030 implementation Strategy?

34 responses

Yes 26

No 24

Don't Know 3

Other 1

Survey Questions

Question Seven: Is your organisation interested in capacity development to strengthen its ability to politically engage with state actors (government, parliaments, local authorities) and other stakeholders (private sector, academia) on Agenda 2030 implementation?

35 Responses

Yes 29

No 3

Don't know 3

Survey Questions

Question Eight- Does your organisation require capacity development linked to public awareness-raising, campaigning & social media skills to be able to effectively communicate the Agenda 2030 to the general public in local and national contexts?

35 Responses

Yes 27

No 7

Other 1

Survey Questions

Question Nine- Does your organisation have the capacity to monitor and measure its own progress in implementing certain aspects of Agenda 2030?

34 Responses

Yes	21
Don't know	6
No	5
Other	2

Survey Questions

Question Ten- Does your organisation have the skills and competences to gather, analyse and interpret data collected for local and national Agenda 2030 monitoring purposes?

33 Responses

Yes	22
Don't Know	5
No	3
Other	3

Survey Questions

Question Eleven - Would your organisation welcome capacity development in data gathering, analysis, interpretation and presentation linked to Agenda 2030 monitoring and reviewing activities?

34 Responses

Yes 27

Don't Know 5

No 2

Survey Questions

Question Twelve- Is your organisation prepared to make some changes in its behaviour and practices to align them more closely with the values and priorities of the Agenda 2030?

34 Responses

Yes 25

Don't Know 7

No 2

Survey Questions

Question Thirteen- Is your organisation interested in capacity development to bring about changes in its own organisational behaviour and practices, in order to become a better role model of sustainable development?

35 Responses

Yes 29

Don't Know 5

No 1

Survey Questions

Question Fourteen -Has your organisation previously been involved in national level multi-stakeholder partnerships with organisations from different sectors?

35 Responses

Yes 32

No 3

Don't Know 0

Survey Questions

Question fifteen-Is your organisation interested in capacity development aimed at developing its ability to identify, develop and maintain partnerships as part of future Agenda 2030related multi-stakeholder partnerships?

35 Responses

Yes 28

No 5

Don't know 2

Global support for CSO capacity development as a means of addressing the shrinking space for civil society

- **Many worrying political trends internationally, including the return of nationalist discourse and growing restrictions to fundamental freedoms, that create environments which are increasingly hostile to civil society both domestically and globally.**
- **The IFP believes that advantage must be taken of the opportunities presented by the implementation of Agenda 2030 to strengthen civil society globally, to enable it to respond collectively to the diverse challenges it faces.**
- **Properly resourced capacity development for CSOs globally has the potential to be an important element of a badly-needed, overall strengthening of the sector. It is crucial for civil society to make a strong advocacy case for this approach to the UN system, to progressive governments and other influential international actors.**