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Resilient Societies, Resilient People:
inclusion of civil society in the 2030
Agenda

14-15 July 2018

UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza

Agenda – Day 1

9:15-9:30 Welcome & Introduction

9:30-10:00 Keynote speech, Mary Robinson: ‘Inter-generational approaches to climate justice’

10:00-11:00 Panel 1: Whose agenda is it anyway?
Addressing cross-cutting issues of implementation

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- Moderator- *Beckie Malay, PRRM & GCAP, A4SD Facilitation Group Member*

9:30-10:00 Keynote speech

'Inter-generational approaches to climate justice'

–Mary Robinson, President, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice

10:00-11:00 Panel 1

Whose agenda is it anyway? Addressing cross-cutting issues of implementation

- *Stefano Prato, Civil society FfD Group- financing the 2030 Agenda*
- *Emilia Reyes, Women's Major Group- are governments serious about leaving no one behind?*
- *Mandeep Tiwana, CIVICUS- is civic space challenged in VNR countries?*

Tea/Coffee Break
11:00-11:30

11:30-13:00 Panel 2

National perspectives on the VNR process and improving inclusivity

Moderator- Rilli Lappalainen Kehys/IFP

- Constance Hybsier, Special Advisor to the UN Assistant Secretary General;*
- Filomena Ruggiero, Futuro en comun, Spain*
- Alvaro Andrade, Grupo Faro, Ecuador*
- Thongdam Phongphichith, LCCO, Lao PDR*
- Sophie Neuhaus, Swiss National Youth Council, Switzerland*

Lunch
13:00-13:30

13:30-15:00 Panel 3

How can we work together to improve the implementation and review process at national, regional and global level?

Moderator: Shamina de Gonzaga, A4SD Facilitation Group member

- Frances Zainoeddin, Stakeholder Group on Aging

- Idriss Alzouma Maiga, President of the African Disability Forum

- Alyson Neel, UN Foundation



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9:00-9:30 Welcome & recap of previous day

9:30-10:30 A4SD Summary of activity and joint planning

10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:00-12:30 Joint planning: Policy & Advocacy; Monitoring & Accountability

12:30-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 Joint planning: Public Mobilisation; Innovative Solutions

14:30-15:00 Conclusions & next steps

9:00-9:30 Welcome & Recap

- Moderator- *Salina Sanou, Acord Kenya/GCAP, A4SD Facilitation Group Member*

9:30-10:30 A4SD Summary of activity and joint planning

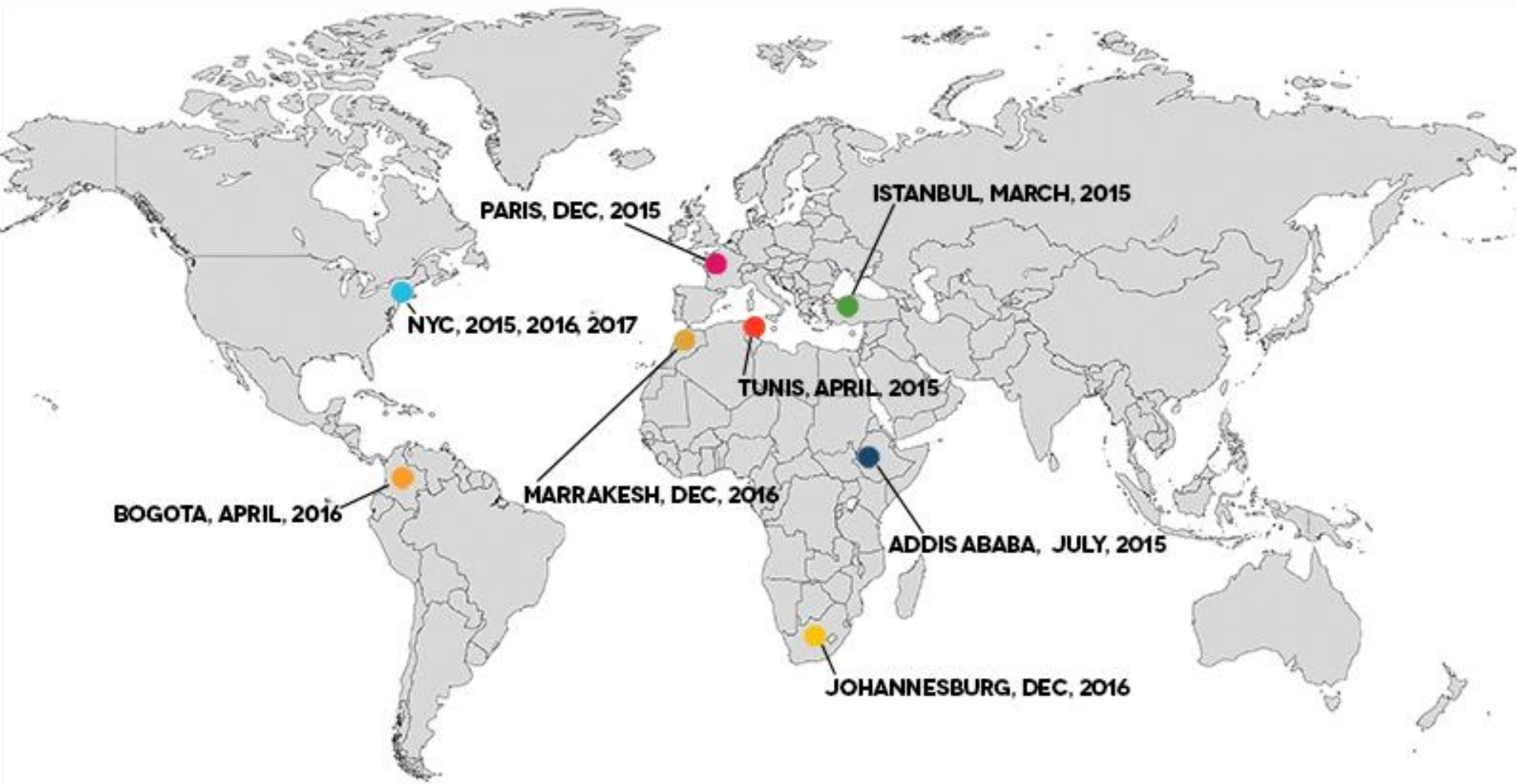
A4SD two years on, reflecting and planning ahead as a community:

- Magda Toma, IFP & Oli Henman, A4SD

What is Action for Sustainable Development?

- Inclusive cross-cutting civil society platform
- Aims to bring citizens and civil society together to inspire and to commit to actions that empower all peoples, especially those who have been marginalised
- Provides horizontal engagement framework for national and regional partners

Key Global Meetings



Mission Statement

Extract from Mission Statement:

We come together to inspire and to commit to actions that empower all peoples, especially those who have been marginalised, and in order to collectively tackle the root causes of inequalities, injustice, human rights violations, poverty, environmental degradation and climate change. We want a world where social, environmental and development justice is assured and all people are able to live in a prosperous, healthy, secure and peaceful environment.

2,300+ members in over 155 countries



Structure



Forum

Made up of all participating organisations. Main decision-making body through in-person Forums or online 'People Panel'.



Facilitation Group

Global level. Work with Regional and National Coordinating Platforms, and Working Groups. Light touch steer and guidance.



Coordination Team

Facilitating connections and flow of information, building and maintaining momentum at regional and global levels.



Working Groups

Develop and deliver specific activities (e.g. issue-, constituency- or geography focused). All are open to all participating groups.

Facilitation Group Elections

The first two year term ran from July 2016-July 2018

There will be a new process after the HLPF to run July-Oct 2018:

- Selection process for regional representatives will be guided by existing regional platforms
- 2 seats- 1male/1 female. 1 seat represents the existing regional network; 1 seat is open to key activists/wider network from the region
- Open election process for 7 'constituency group' representatives
- The Coordination Team will select a Nomination & Election Committee to support the election process in a neutral, open and transparent way.

Highlights of first 2 years

1. Civil society coalitions at the national level: Ongoing advocacy and monitoring work with national governments, including 30 Leave No One Behind national dialogues
2. High Level Political Forum (HLPF): approximately 50 national CSO reports, joint advocacy and recommendations for the UN and member states, plus a series of workshops and high level side events
3. Global moments for engagement and mobilisation: Sep 2016- high level reception on Leave No One Behind; Sep 2017- #ACT4SDGs, 1,000 actions, 116 countries, reached 84m people
4. Policy coherence: high level side events at COP and UN HRC on the linkages between SDGs, climate and human rights

Online Engagement

16,600 twitter followers

3,5000 email subscribers

6,500 responses to consultations

Regular webinars



BRAZIL

As the largest country in Latin America, Brazil's geography is a major factor contributing to how and why people are marginalized in the country. From indigenous communities in the Amazon basin and northern regions to the poor and disenfranchised in urban favelas, services and resources do not tend to reach those most in need in these areas. Key constituencies most marginalized in the country:

- Children and youth
- People living in favelas and urban slums
- Women
- People living with mental disabilities/ diseases
- Refugees, immigrants and migrants
- LGBTQ+

[See full country overview](#) | [See data profile](#)
[See full library of national resources & reports](#)



NATIONAL COORDINATORS

Name of lead government department for the Sustainable Development Goals
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Name of lead government department for the Paris Climate Agreement
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Name of regional civil society coordinator for Action4SD
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DIRECTORY OF CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIONS

INITIATIVE	GOALS	LOCATION	SUMMARY	INFORMATION
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Project Delivery

Leave No One Behind partnership (2016-17)

- 30 national A4SD partners
- Toolkit & video resources
- Approx 300,000 USD, UK Government

Strengthening civil society engagement in the 2030 Agenda (2018-2019)

- 5 regional & 7 national A4SD partners per yr
- Reports, webinars & updated website
- Approx 300,000 USD, Swiss Government

Regional Partners

Regional engagement through:

- Africa Working Group – UN ECA dialogue
- Asia CSO Partnership for Sustainable Development – UN ESCAP dialogue
- Mesa de Articulacion – UN ECLAC
- Arab NGO Network for Development – UN ESCWA
- PIANGO – Pacific 2030
- SDG Watch Europe
- North America FG members

Supporting Regional Workshops and VNRs

Strategic Plan 2018-2020

3 overarching objectives

- a) To provide an accessible online space to share information on engagement and delivery of the 2030 Agenda around the world.
- b) To support advocacy and public participation in the 2030 Agenda at national, regional and global levels
- c) To share innovative approaches, insights and good practice between practitioners, experts and activists.

Strategic Plan 2018-2020

4 measurable aims:

1. **Participation:** Civil society groups from every region of the world are supported to influence policy decisions on sustainable development and carry out advocacy at national, regional and global levels
2. **Accountability:** Civil society organisations are able to contribute to and provide oversight of government reporting on progress on the SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement, as well as deliver their own independent reporting
3. **Mobilisation:** Collective action to include at least 1million active citizens takes place on an annual basis to maintain the public spotlight on this shared agenda
4. **Innovation:** Good practice in innovation on ways that civil society and active citizens can deliver the agenda from the national to the global level will be shared, through regular forums and an online interactive map.

Key activities

4 Working Groups:

- Policy & Advocacy
- Monitoring & Accountability
- Public Mobilisation
- Innovative Solutions

Each working group has core activities for which 125 volunteers have pledged in excess of 3,000 hours per month towards their achievement

Tea/Coffee Break
10:30-11:00

11:00-12:30 Working Groups Session 1

- 1. Policy & Advocacy – Rilli Lapaleinen & Anselmo Lee**
- 2. Monitoring & Accountability – Sylvia Beales**

Policy & Advocacy Working Group

We will analyse and ask tough questions where we see problems, risks and shortcomings; we will work in a coordinated way to push power-holders to deliver better outcomes for people and planet.

Policy & Advocacy Working Group

- Regular webinars since January 2016
- Sharing of template for national country reports to HLPF
- 21 country reports shared for 2016
- 18 prepared for 2017
- 20 prepared for 2018
- Joint report on 'Progressing National Implementation' with IFP, CCIC, BOND and others
- Further national feed-back secured, in relation to 'Leave No One Behind'

Policy & Advocacy Working Group

Questions:

- How to further develop the HLPF reform process? Eg. Questionnaire?
- Are there other themes to be covered?
- How can we ensure cross-cutting themes and policy coherence?

Monitoring & Accountability Working Group

We will actively monitor implementation of the agreed agenda and invest in the capacity and agency of civil society to monitor progress on sustainable development.

Monitoring & Accountability Working Group

- Regular webinars
- Meetings and webinars on citizen monitoring and citizen-generated data, eg. DataShift work on community surveys in Kenya, Tanzania, Argentina, Nepal
- Sharing of plans for national monitoring process
- Exploring ways to connect with other monitoring efforts

Monitoring & Accountability Working Group

- 1. Data gaps- still major gaps in verifiable data
- 2. Awareness Raising- importance of links from local struggles to global frameworks
- 3. Tackling drivers & root causes- longer term reforms to address systematic marginalisation
- 4. Building government-CSO partnerships- importance of inclusion and participation at all levels
- 5. Community level participation- localise the dialogues and provide capacity for engagement
- 6. Support to coalitions- enable emerging coalitions to broaden engagement and continue to build momentum

Monitoring & Accountability Working Group

Questions:

- What are the tools and methods from our networks around citizen generated data?
- Key opportunities for joint citizen reporting, eg. National Scorecards in 2019?
- Do we have access to (17.18) disaggregated data by ‘income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location’?
- How can we link with other monitoring efforts, including data community?
- How do we use the data that’s produced for influencing change?

Lunch
12:30-13:00

11:00-12:30 Working Groups Session 2

- 3. Public Mobilisation – Ingo Ritz**
- 4. Innovative Solutions – Deirdre de Burca**

Public Mobilisation Working Group

Recognising that this should be a People's Agenda, we will work to familiarize the public with sustainable development and the commitments made by governments, with an aim to promote people-powered accountability and support the mobilisation of people. We will organise solidarity actions with people working for sustainable development and cooperate with others to build a people's movement.

Public Mobilisation Working Group

- Regular webinars since January 2016
- HLPF and regional engagement
- ‘Global Day of Action’: link public activity to anniversary of SDG adoption
- Support and amplify voices of national and local partners, eg. Social media, including at HLPF and UNGA

Public Mobilisation Working Group

Questions:

- How can we widen out the ‘Global Day of Action’?
- What other partnerships/movements are relevant?
- Building up to 2020?

Innovative Solutions Working Group

We will showcase examples of how civil society is itself delivering on the sustainable development agenda, not just to highlight best practice and innovation, but also to hold ourselves accountable. We will share inspiring ideas and resources to make sure that alternative solutions are grounded in local needs.

Innovative Solutions Working Group

- Regular webinars since January 2016
- Providing civil society engagement & sponsorship in annual SDG Innovation Lab- 'Unleash'
- Mapping of national cases of innovation in implementation- over 600 projects submitted, the best will be featured in new website directory
- Exploring ways to build the capacity of national and local partners to develop their initiatives

Innovative Solutions Working Group

Questions:

- Do you have good examples of local implementation?
- Thoughts on the potential for capacity development - what are the gaps?
- Potential partnerships?

14:30-15:00 Conclusions & next steps

- *Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO & Oli Henman, A4SD*
 - Feedback on the discussions
 - Joint Calendar
 - Next steps for the platform



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