

Comments by Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD) to the SDG Summit Political Declaration "Elements Paper" 2023

The Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (SG-CDWD) **welcomes** this first draft as it contains important and ambitious elements to respect human rights and work towards the Agenda 2030.

Acknowledging and recognizing the work of co-facilitators, member states, colleagues from civil society and UN staff to produce this first draft.

Call for recognition from member states of the 270 million individual who belong to Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD). Recognizing that they are dangerously undocumented or under-documented.¹

Call to action to collect and report disaggregated data and include mapping and documentation of those who experience this unique and socially cemented social stratification called discrimination on work and descent.

Call for action within and beyond SDG 17 and solving challenges through international cooperation and enhancing the global partnerships to achieve global recognition and national strategies which address those furthest left behind including Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD).

Question if under the current *conditions and international financial system* "Inclusive and sustainable economic growth" can be achieved for the most marginalized including Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD).

Welcome in the existing text the eradication of poverty and leaving no one behind (universal social protection, multidimensional policies, alignment with human rights) and add;

A Call to action to achieve decent work for all and abolish infrastructure which requires menial labour which can never be deemed as *decent work*. This relates to menial labour related to human and animal death or excrement with bare hands due to the infrastructure characteristics and conditions and forced labour, particularly prevalent for Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD).

Welcome the recognition and efforts by the UN system and regional commissions, regional forums, contributions of major groups and other stakeholders.

¹ The caste-system in Asia is the most commonly known example of descent and work-based discrimination globally. However, in Africa, Latin America and Europe the phenomenon is also common, founded on complex beliefs and behavioural systems and enforced systematically.