



LGBTI Stakeholder Group markups to the 2023 Political Declaration

General Comments

- The current text streamlines a lot of important issues at the mark of halfway through Agenda 2030. There is a need to center civil society and those who are implementing the SDGs on the ground as important actors in achieving the Agenda 2030.
- We appreciated the inclusion of gender mainstreaming and the importance to include all women, but there is a need to include those who suffer multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and who are furthest left behind.
- There is agreed language on listings on including gender-disaggregated data from the SDGs indicators; and the inclusion of those who suffer violence and discrimination due to their sexual orientation and gender identity is agreed language from A/RES/76/176: Strengthening the role of the United Nations in the promotion of democratization and enhancing periodic and genuine elections

I. [Our shared resolve]

3. We reaffirm that the 2030 Agenda is universal in nature and that **its Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible**, balancing the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
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, **centering those who are furthest left behind**.
8. We commit to targeted efforts to realize the promise to leave no one behind. **We will reach the furthest behind and create the necessary conditions to achieve all the SDGs for the benefit of everyone**.
11. We remain resolved **committed**, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; **to respect, protect and fulfil human rights** and achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls; **fight against racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigmatization, hate speech, through cooperation, partnership and inclusion and respect for diversity**, and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. We also remain resolved to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic

growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.

The added language is the same as Para 133 from HLPF Ministerial Declaration of 2022

12. We reaffirm that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls **in all their diversity** will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets. The achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied full human rights and opportunities.
16. We reconfirm our commitment to the UN75 Declaration, the Political Declaration of the 2019 SDG Summit, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the Paris Agreement. **We will fully implement these agreements and build upon their strong commitments.**

II. [Our changed world - Progress and remaining gaps and challenges]

20. We are concerned about the persistent impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple interlinked crises that are pushing our world to the brink, particularly developing countries. The triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution threaten planet and people. The crises of migration and forced displacement, the cost-of-living crisis, the water, food, financial and energy crises, and the growing impact of disasters are derailing progress on the Sustainable Development Goals **and leaving people behind, especially those who are marginalized.**
22. We are deeply concerned that once again people **who suffer multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination** ~~in vulnerable situations~~ are hit hardest by these multiple and interlinked crises, across all countries, particularly developing countries, and countries in special situations, such as least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, with a deepening of the existing challenges for middle-income countries.
26. In the face of the multiple and interlinked global crises, we must meet the moment and embrace change by taking immediate measures to scale up efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, including through development cooperation, SDG investments, reforming the international financial architecture, enhancing macroeconomic policy cooperation and implementing actions to accelerate sustainable development, in particular in support of developing countries. We welcome the Secretary-General's efforts towards an SDG stimulus to tackle the high cost of debt and rising risks of debt distress, massively scale up affordable long-term financing for development and expand contingency financing to countries in need.
28. We note that there has been positive progress in a limited number of areas. We recognize the efforts of countries and stakeholders at all levels since 2015 to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. We acknowledge that **despite the setbacks and losses brought by the pandemic,** the COVID-19 pandemic produced valuable lessons in science, technology, and innovation and digital transformation for sustainable development.
29. We acknowledge efforts and commitments from several ongoing processes and recent events and conferences, such as the UN Water Conference, Food Systems Summit, Oceans Conference, Transforming Education Summit, Sendai Mid-term Review, LDC5 Conference, UNFCCC COP27, UNCDP COP15, HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC, Financing for Development Forum, **the Commission on the Status of Women,** Fifth Session of the United Nations Environmental

Assembly and Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

III. [Call to action – turning our world towards 2030]

34. Fundamental, transformative, and urgent change at all levels and by all stakeholders is needed to overcome the crises and obstacles facing our world. We commit to taking the actions necessary to reverse declines and accelerate progress to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve the SDGs.
35. **We will leave no one behind** by focusing our policies and actions on the poorest and most vulnerable. **We will endeavour to identify those who are being left behind and reach those who are the furthest behind first.** People who are vulnerable must be empowered. Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, **LGBTI people,** and migrants. We intend to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. We will take action to combat inequalities within and between countries and pursue policies that stem the tide of rising inequality, including through social protection systems and universal health coverage.

Transformative actions for the SDGs:

- a) **We commit to targeted and accelerated action to remove all legal, social, and economic barriers to achieving gender equality, including combatting sexual and gender-based violence and crating survivor-based protection laws and policies, the empowerment of all women and girls, and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights.**
- c) We will take action to spread the benefits of digitalization. We will expand participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in the digital economy. We will leverage digital technology to expand the foundations on which to build more comprehensive, dynamic and adaptive social protection systems. **We recognize the barriers to social inclusion and access to health and social services for older persons, especially those from marginalized groups, who lack the resources for digital technology, knowledge, and skills to access digitalized information and services.** We commit to building capacities for inclusive participation in the digital economy and to bridge the digital divide, including through strong partnerships to bring technological innovations to all countries. We look forward to the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact.
- f) We recommit to reducing disaster risk and building resilience by mainstreaming disaster risk reduction, management and resilience across all sectors and at all levels, integrating disaster risk reduction with climate, **responses to health crises,** sustainable development and humanitarian action. We will accelerate the pursuit of policy, investment and innovation to reduce disaster risk and build the resilience of countries, economies, communities and individuals, **especially those who suffer multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.** **We** recognize the need for a broader and more people-centered preventive approach to disaster risk reduction.

Levers for SDG acceleration:

- l) We pledge to take action to strengthen national efforts to collect high quality, timely, and reliable data on SDG progress and to intensify efforts to strengthen data and statistical capacities in developing countries. We will continue to strengthen our efforts to collect, analyse

and disseminate relevant and reliable data, disaggregated by **income, gender, sexual orientation, old age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts** by sex, age, disability and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, for better monitoring and policymaking to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. We commit to increasing the availability of SDG data and closing SDG data gaps at all levels, increasing domestic financing for data and statistics, and embracing new data sources and innovative approaches.

This language suggested is verbatim target 17.18 of the SDGs