

The role of civil society in accelerating global actions for a world free of poverty through partnerships

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CS engagement for accelerating global actions for a world free of poverty through partnerships

- The 2030 Agenda calls for a “revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”
- SDG 17 requires governments and other stakeholders to revitalize global partnership through development cooperation, mobilizing finances, technology cooperation, capacity building, open trade and policy coherence
- UN’s decades for the eradication of poverty

CS engagement (contd...)

- In the above scenario, civil society partnership can be instrumental in sharing knowledge and expertise, capacity development, transfer of technology, trade facilitation and financial resource generation, among others
- Most of the 9 major groups (women, IP, NGOs, trade unions, farmers, children & youth) engaged in SD processes represent CS
- Thus, CSs are partnering with and complementing to development actors for effectively addressing development agenda of SDGs, particularly in the countries and societies of the global south

CS engagement (contd...)

- CSs act as catalysts for critical national and global agenda, and assist in bringing citizens' voices to national and international debates and the development of national and global strategies
- CS groups and their networks are engaged in the SDG agenda at both the national and international levels
- CSs are instrumental in innovation, exploring alternatives, awareness raising and localization process of SDGs and creating and expanding partnership base at grassroots

CS engagement (contd...)

- CSs run citizen-based monitoring of SDGs and provide feedback to the responsible government and other agencies on SDGs implementation
- CSs are engaged in advocating, lobbying and networking for SDGs, especially on people friendly policies, laws and programmes at international, regional and national levels (working as a pressure group)

CS engagement (contd...)

- CSs partner with state and non-state actors for emergency humanitarian response around the world, so that disaster shocks and impending impacts are minimized and SDGs implementation is put back on track
- CSs always urge the world leaders and respective governments to 'Walk the talks', and “do not do the business as usual”

CS urges for accelerating meaningful global partnership of CS in the context of Third UN Decade for Poverty Eradication

- Create & promote enabling environment (e.g., political, policy, legal) at all levels for encouraging and engaging civil society in addressing the structural causes of poverty. But the trend seems not so encouraging– the space for civil society is being shrunked in different countries.
- Strengthen and align civil society programmes at national level with the SDGs.
- Establish all inclusive monitoring system in order to facilitate CS for effective results of SDGs implementation.

CS urges (contd...)

- Strengthen meaningful and sincere participation of civil society and their networks at national and international levels
- Reinforce rights-based partnerships at all levels
- Empower rights-holders, especially women and the most marginalized, by fully respecting their rights to organize and mobilise.
- Create institutionalised mechanisms for participation of rights holders at all levels of governance.
- Implement the ODA commitment of 0.7% (overall) and 0.20% of GNI to LDCs development.

CS urges (contd...)

- In development cooperation, respect the country system and processes to allow and encourage local actors to take the lead in defining priorities and strategies for their development agenda
- Build capacity of duty-bearers to respect, protect and fulfill human rights obligations
- Enhance transparency of development partnership
- Improve the accountability of duty-bearers by strengthening a range of effective mechanisms

CS urges (contd...)

- End land grabbing and displacement of farmers and indigenous peoples under any pretexts, mainly by transnational corporations.
- Stop deforestation and environmental destruction by extractive industries (harmful partnership in some cases around the world).
- Stop violation of workers and peasants' rights.
- Stop corruption, impunity, criminalization of politics and politicization of criminal activities.
- Promote climate justice, reduce GHG emissions and provide adequate support for CC adaptation.

Context & Issues - Major development challenges

- Climate change and destruction of natural resources and environment
- Large scale conflicts and wars
- Inequality (income, discrimination)
- **Poverty**
- Religious conflicts
- Government accountability and transparency, and corruption
- Food and water insecurity
- Lack of education
- Lack of safety, security and well being
- Lack of employment and economic opportunities

Poverty is a single large issue of global concern

- More than 3 billion people live on less than \$2.50 a day.
- More than 1.3 billion people are forced to live in extreme poverty — less than \$1.25 a day
- Most of the ‘poor’ are poorly educated and mostly employed in the agricultural sector in rural areas
- Nearly half of the extremely poor people live in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia

Poverty Concerns (contd...)

- SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 17: Strengthen means of implementation and revitalizing global partnership for sustainable development
- Hence SDGs are the shared agenda for all of us, including the civil societies, hence there is utmost need for meaningful cooperation and inclusion of all partners to implement the SDGs and any other poverty eradication initiatives

Major constituencies of poverty

- LDCs, SIDS, countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America
- Population wise- women, children, old age people and other marginalized indigenous and minority groups
- Thus, poverty is rampant in areas and societies that are deprived of their fundamental rights



Thank you

- Additional Inputs, Comments, Queries and Questions are WELCOME