

Economic and Social Council
Civil society hearing on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system

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Thank you Madam Vice President, Excellencies, NGO and UN Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is an Honor for me to be addressing you today on behalf of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, the International Council of Women and Global Family.

As we all know, for the past 15 years the United Nations has been working with Key Stakeholders to meet the MDGs and today's challenges for the Post-2015 era.

We suggest that by developing new guidelines for more inclusive partnerships with the Secretariat, Civil Society, Member States and the Private Sector that perhaps the UN could have a more direct impact on communities globally.

With these new guidelines, the resources from both the Private Sector and Civil Society could be a foundation with lasting benefits for all people.

For 70 years, UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes have been established to support relevant global issues including Peace, Human Rights, Education, Child Safety, Women and Youth Empowerment, Disarmament, Solutions to Climate Change, Economic Stability, Gender Equality and other areas related to Sustainable Development.

We suggest developing plans of action that would help foster positive outcomes with teams of experts that have proven track records of success including from the technology and communication fields by inviting them to consider investing in solutions that would produce meaningful results.

Civil Society often works in communities and areas in need of assistance which could be the access point for collaboration on many UN projects to build partnerships between member states and the private sector for a broader scale of cooperation.

Perhaps by forming a new Commission, Bureau or Council of Expert Advisers with these new guidelines in mind, for inclusive collaboration and partnership, these Advisers could develop more effective, efficient and equitable ways to achieve the SDGs.

It could be seen as an invitation for the Private Sector and Civil Society to invest their resources in the solutions that could support communities with opportunities which otherwise, might not be available.

The United Nations – stands for Cooperation between nations for all people.