

A wide-angle photograph of the United Nations General Assembly hall. The room is large with a high ceiling and a curved wall. The floor is green, and the walls are made of vertical wooden slats. A large circular emblem of the United Nations is mounted on the left wall. In the center, there is a raised platform with a podium and a large screen displaying a video feed. The seating area is filled with people sitting at long wooden desks arranged in a semi-circle. The lighting is warm and focused on the stage area.

# UNITED NATIONS NON-GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON SERVICE (NGLS)

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# OUR MISSION

NGLS facilitates participation of civil society in High-level UN meetings & events. This includes enhancing stakeholder participation opportunities, managing special-accreditation and registration processes, and coordinating speaking opportunities.

NGLS operates as a part of the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC) and works in concert with OPGA, EOSG, DESA/NGO Branch and other partners across the UN System.

# OUR WORK



Call to CSOs to Apply for Special Accreditation



Review and Evaluate CSO Applications



Inform & Review Registration Requirements



Coordinate Speaking Opportunities for Civil Society



Ongoing Communication



On-site Facilitation of Participation in UN events



Related Advocacy & Outreach



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-2023



## **STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN UN CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

NGLS facilitated stakeholder participation in 16 UN events at UNHQ and abroad with 10,000+ civil society organization representatives attending events, including at the two largest conferences, the Fifth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries and the UN Water Conference

## **CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Special Coordinator for the Independent Assessment on Afghanistan, as mandated by UN Security Council resolution 2679, organized a virtual consultation with Afghan women, girls, and civil society representatives. NGLS facilitated stakeholder participation by reviewing applications, identifying potential speakers, overseeing the management of the virtual platform, promoting the event, and collecting participant inputs for presentation to the Security Council contributing to the comprehensive assessment of the ongoing situation in Afghanistan.

## **THE 77TH PRESIDENT OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOWNHALL MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY**

The 77th President of the General Assembly, H.E. Csaba Kőrösi, convened, with DGC support, three town hall meetings to enhance civil society engagement in addressing important matters on the General Assembly's agenda. NGLS facilitated registration and statement submissions from civil society, ensuring meaningful stakeholder participation and engagement.



# CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN UN EVENTS

- ✓ FACILITATED CSO PARTICIPATION IN **16** UN EVENTS
- ✓ REVIEWED **3,000+** CSO APPLICATIONS
- ✓ APPROVED **10,000+** INDIVIDUAL STAKEHOLDER APPLICATIONS
- ✓ ACCREDITED NEARLY **2,200** ORGANIZATIONS TO HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS
- ✓ REVIEWED **1,100+** CIVIL SOCIETY WRITTEN INPUTS
- ✓ FACILITATED PARTICIPATION OF **410** CIVIL SOCIETY SPEAKERS IN HIGH-LEVEL PROCESSES



## NGLS SUPPORT:

- Spearheaded Special Accreditation Processes to Allow Organizations' Representatives to Attend High-level Meetings & Conferences
- Led Registration for Such High-level Processes
- Managed Calls for & Created Modes of Civil Society Participation & Inputs in These Processes
- Conducted Outreach & Promotional Activities

*(See pages 5-25 for descriptions of & reporting on these events)*





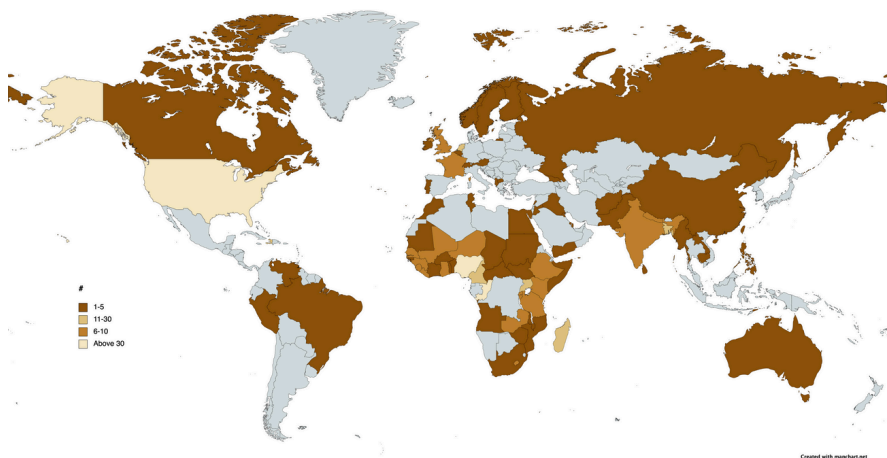
# FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC5)

5-9 March 2023

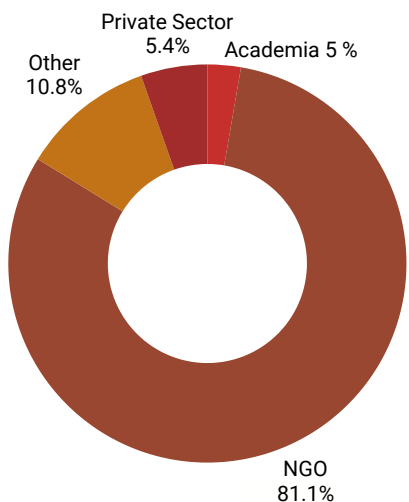
The LDC5 Conference held in Doha, Qatar, saw Member States commit to deliver on the Doha Programme of Action, a ten-year plan to put the 46 most vulnerable countries back on track to achieve the SDGs. Under the theme ‘From Potential to Prosperity’ the conference drove change to positively affect the 1.2 billion people living in the LDCs.

NGLS facilitated three rounds of special accreditation, reviewed nearly 670 applications from various categories of stakeholders and approved 435 applications from 88 Member States.

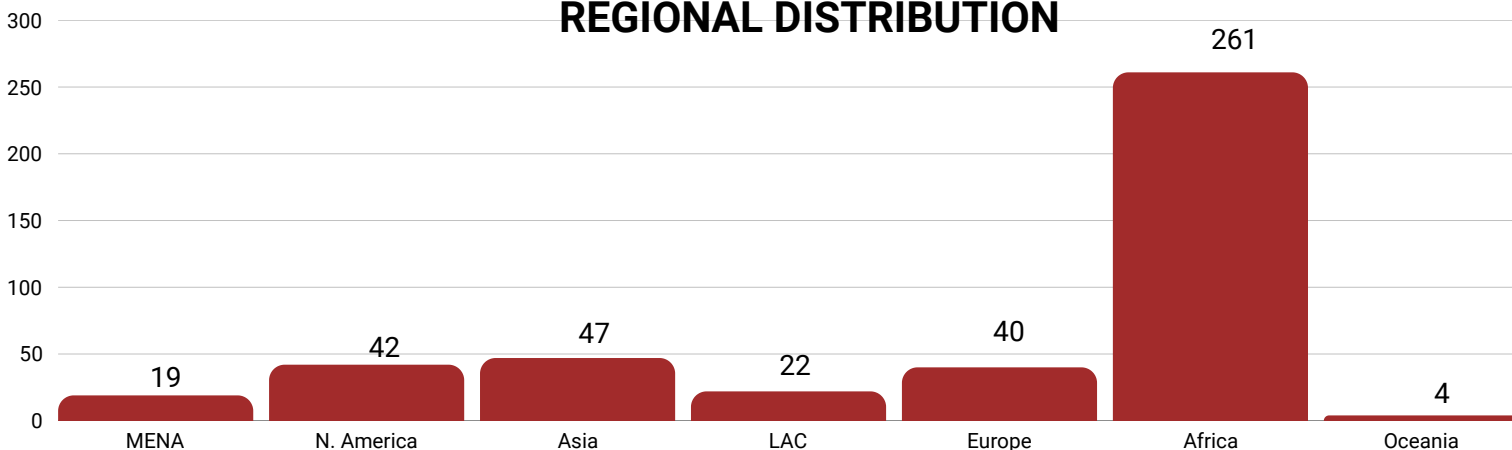
## 435 APPLICATIONS APPROVED FROM 88 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER

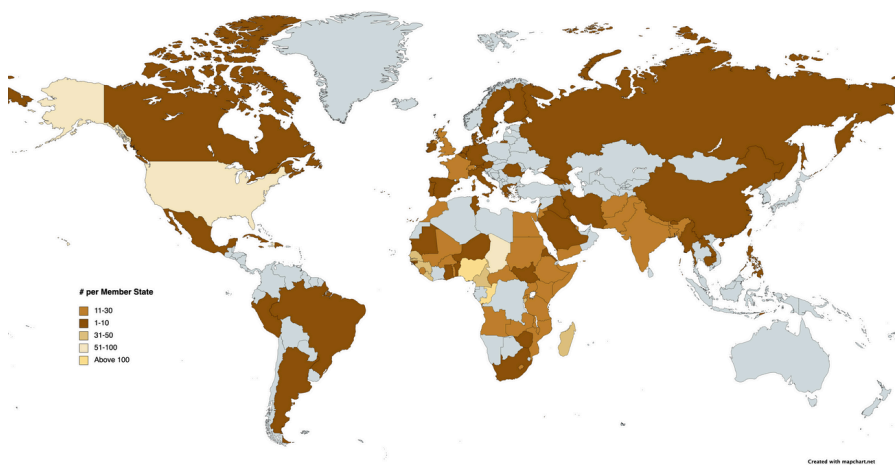


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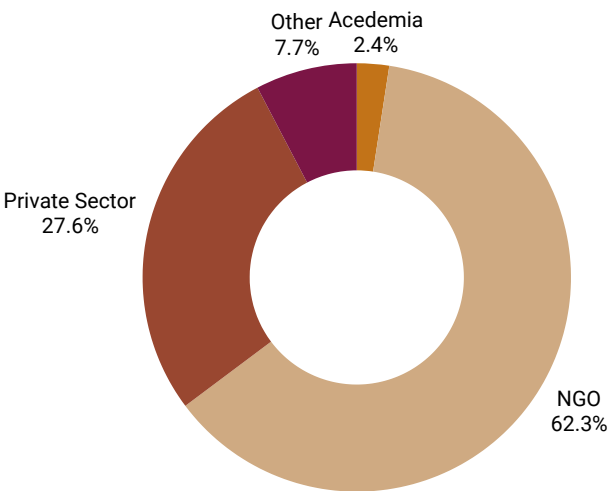


NGLS also managed the registration of 1564 representatives from the accredited organizations and reviewed 422 written inputs submitted by the participants. NGLS provided on-site support for stakeholders, including trouble-shooting of registration and coordinated the delivery of statements for 36 selected speakers.


1564 RESPONSES FROM 97 MEMBER STATES




TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



**GENDER**

 **35.5% Female**

 **64.4% Male**

**0.1% Other**

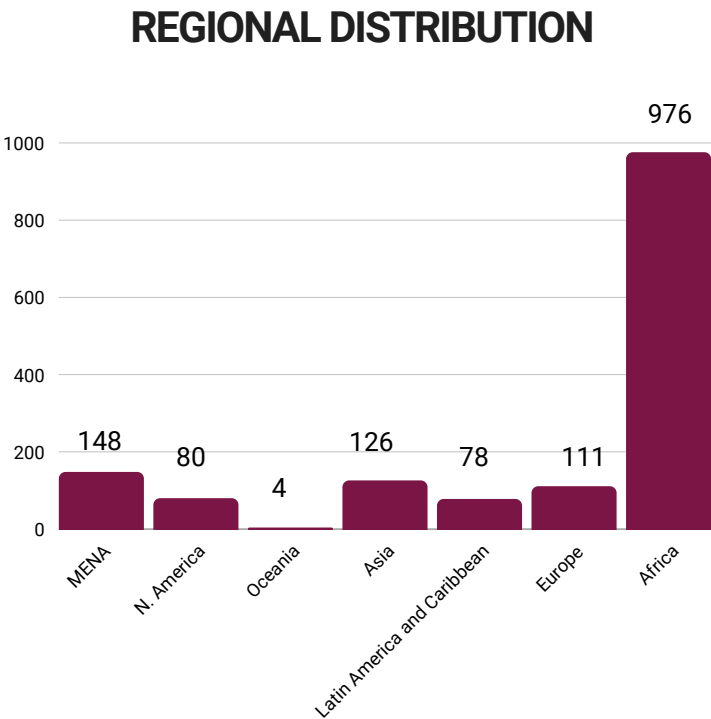
**AGE GROUPS**

**Under 18: 0.1%**

**18-34: 38.9%**

**35-64: 57.7%**

**65+: 3.3%**





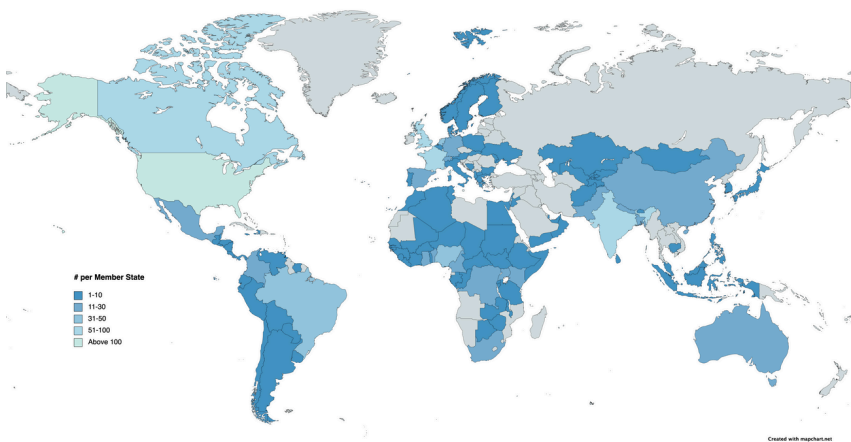
# UNITED NATIONS 2023 Water CONFERENCE

22-24 March 2023

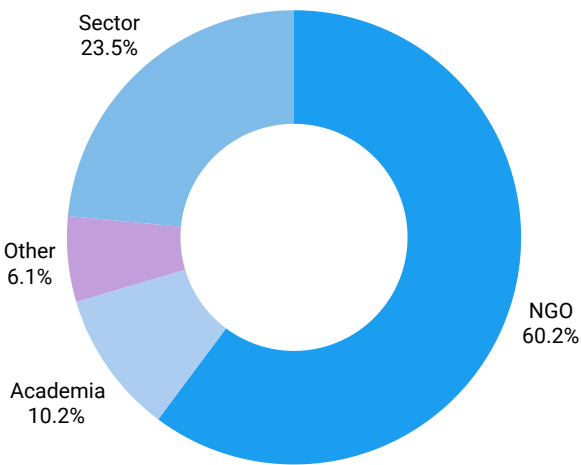
Co-hosted by Tajikistan and the Netherlands, the conference assessed progress implementing the International Decade objectives while reaffirming internationally agreed water-related targets, including those in the 2030 Agenda.

NGLS facilitated two rounds of special accreditation, considering nearly 1600 applications. The GA granted accreditation to 1100+ organizations from 119 different Member States.

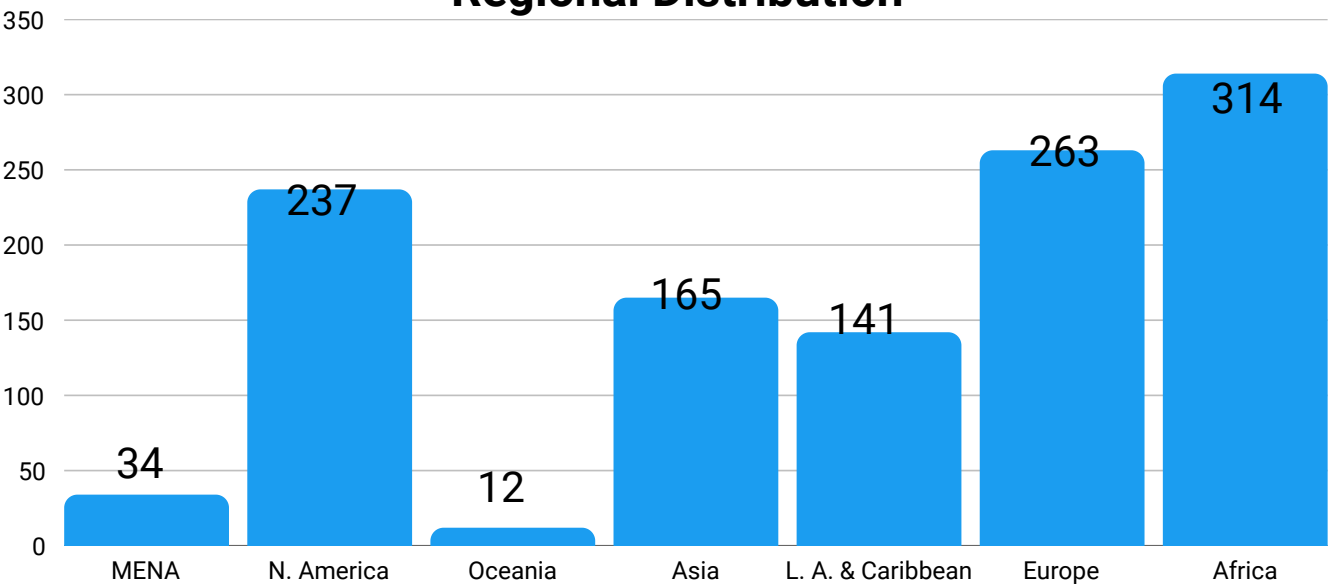
1166 Registrants Approved from 119 Member States



Type of Stakeholder

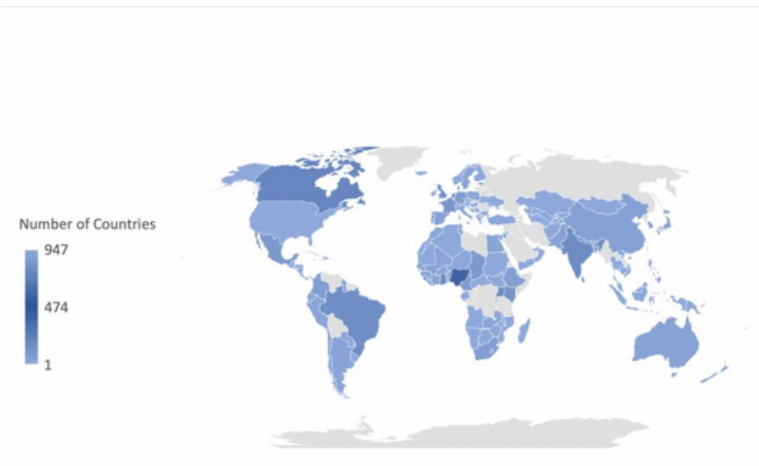


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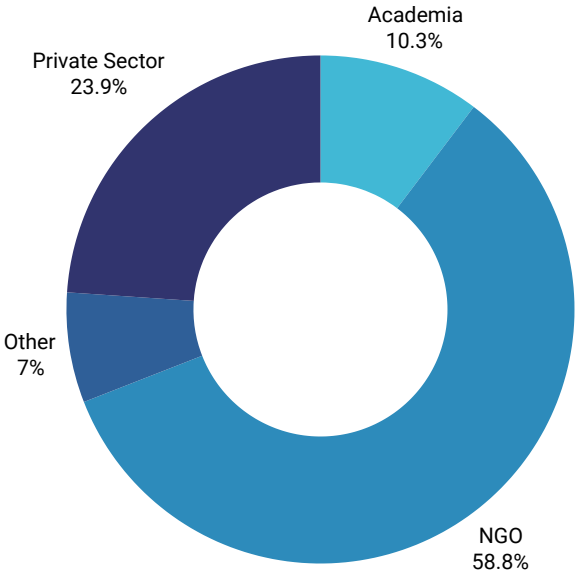


NGLS also oversaw registration of 4900 representatives from organizations accredited to the Conference and it provided on-site assistance to stakeholders. The level of stakeholder participation, both in terms of organizational engagement and individual attendance at UNHQ, reached its highest point since 2019.

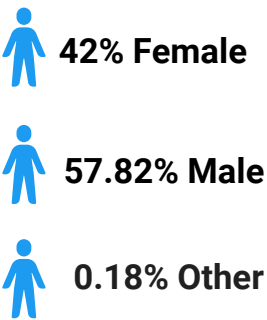
4900 PARTICIPANTS FROM 140 COUNTRIES



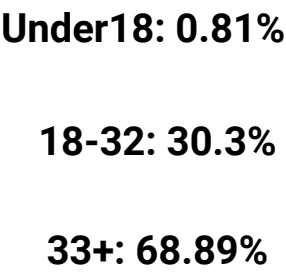
TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



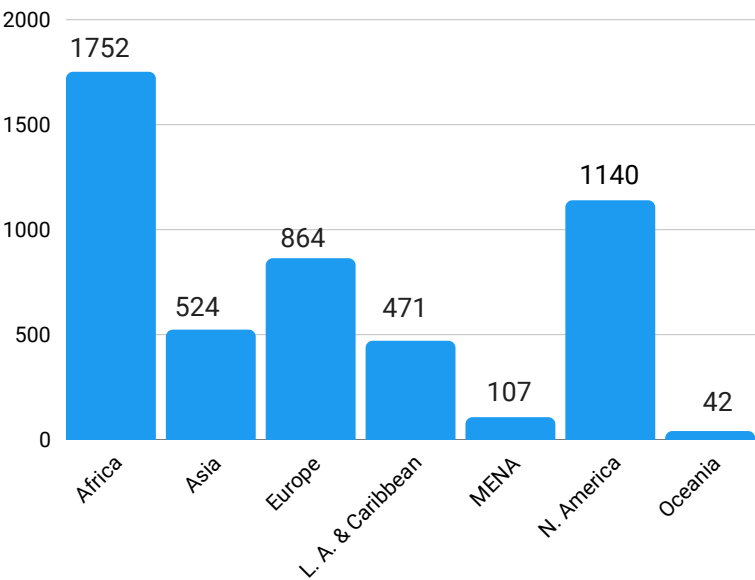
GENDER



AGE GROUPS



REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION





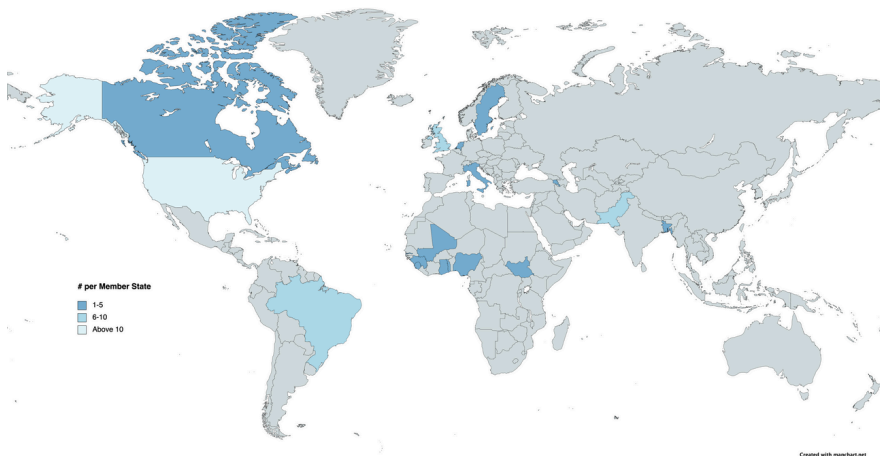
# Interactive Dialogues with Candidates for President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly

12 May 2023

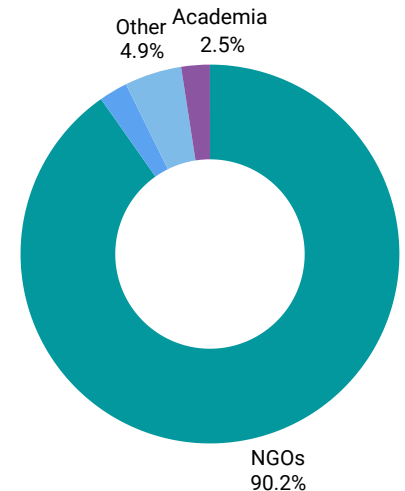
The 77th President of the General Assembly convened the informal interactive dialogues with candidates for President of the 78th GA session and called upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.

NGLS facilitated the call for questions from civil society representatives and recommended seventeen questions from civil society. Five questions were included.

## 41 RESPONSES FROM 18 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



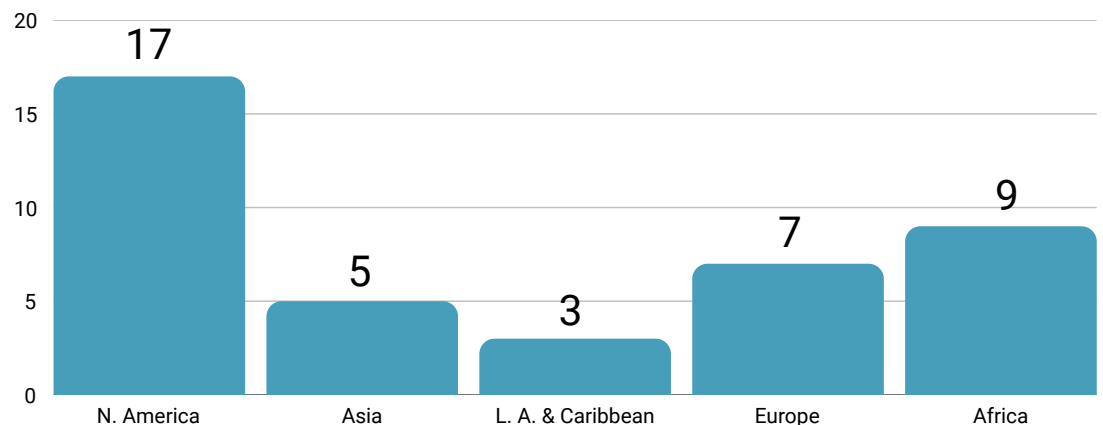
## AGE GROUPS

18-32: 17.1%

33-65: 75.6%

65+: 7.3%

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

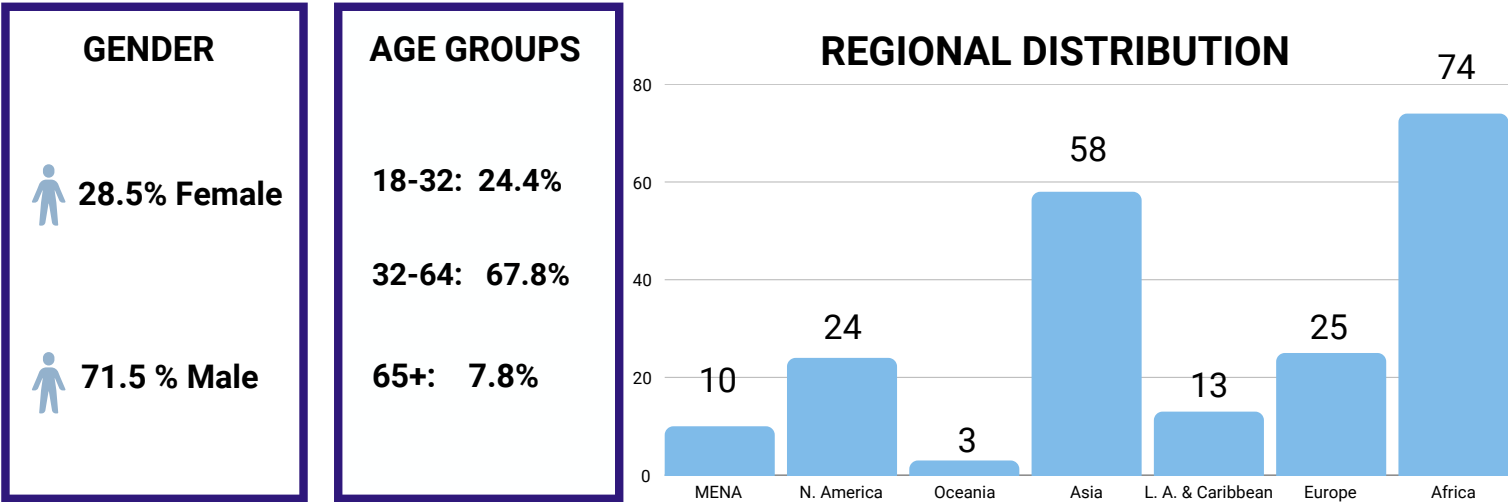
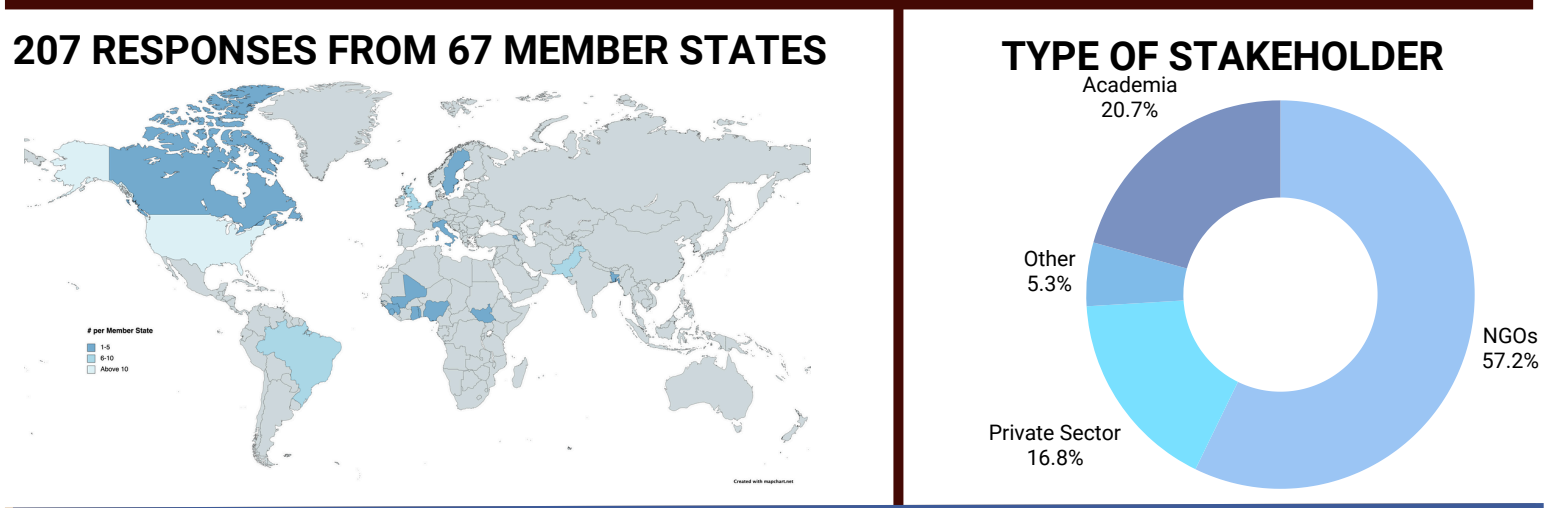


# HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK

18-19 May 2023

Organized by the President of the General Assembly, this meeting reflected on the findings & recommendations of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework and to formulate a forward-looking and risk-informed approach. The meeting adopted a political declaration to renew commitment & accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework up to 2030.

NGLS managed the registration of nearly 280 representatives, approving 200+ to participate at UNHQ and provided outreach support via social media & newsletters.



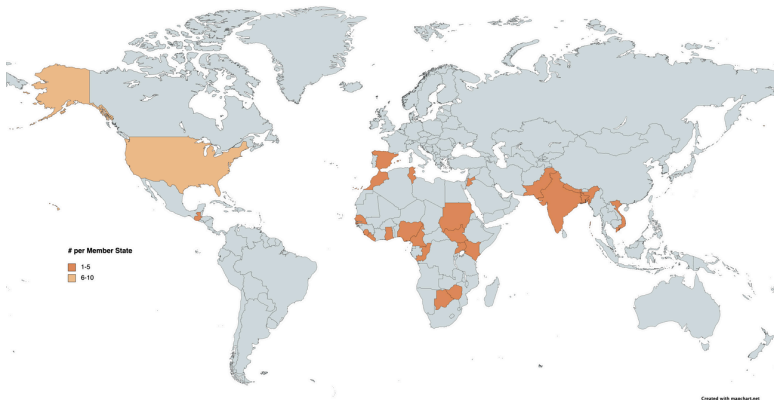
# INTERACTIVE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

21 July 2023

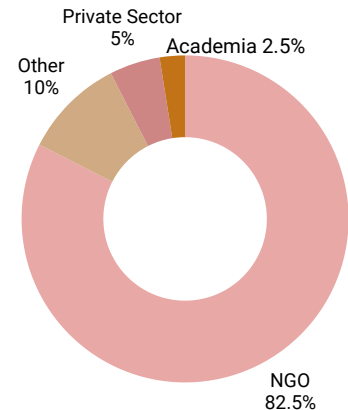
The President of General Assembly convened the Interactive Multi-stakeholder Dialogue to discuss the main findings & recommendations contained in the report of the SG on the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development.

NGLS managed the registration for stakeholders with on-site civil society participation approved for 40 representatives. NGLS also created communication assets and promoted the event through social media channels and newsletter announcements.


## 40 RESPONSES FROM 24 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



## GENDER

 **22.5% Female**

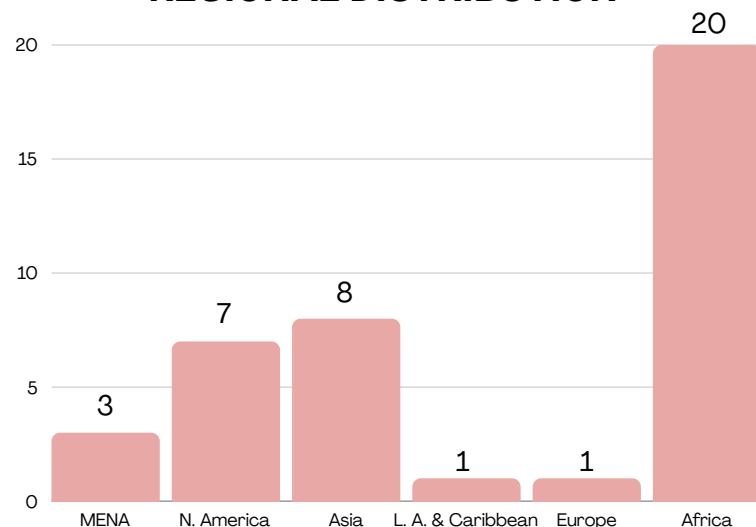
 **77.5% Male**

## AGE GROUPS

**18-34: 42%**

**35-64: 58%**

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION





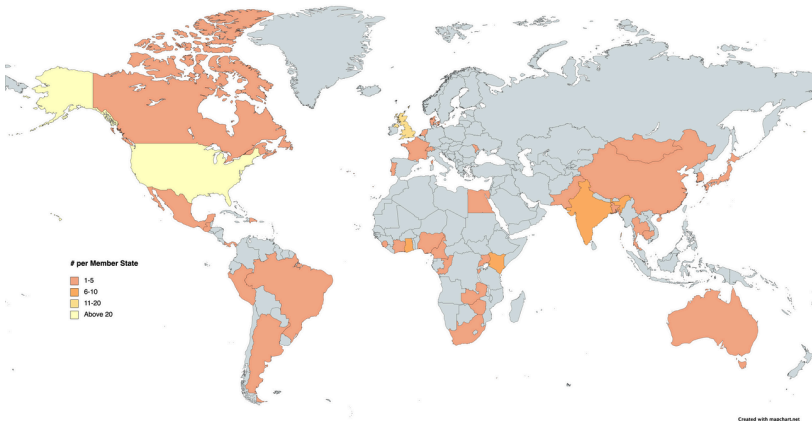
# UNGA 78: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON PANDEMIC PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (PPPR)

20 September 2023

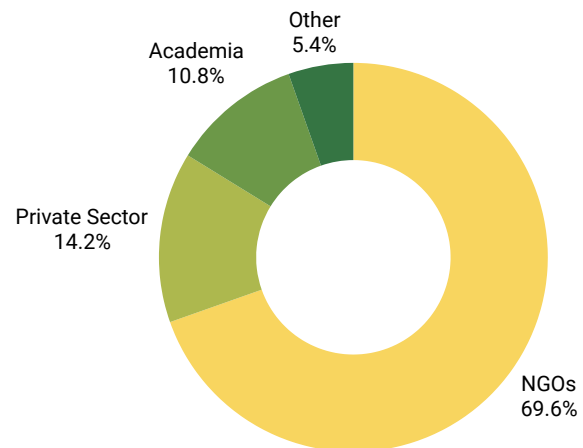
The President of the General Assembly presided over a one-day high-level meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR) with the theme “Making the world safer: Creating and maintaining political momentum and solidarity for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response”.

NGLS managed the special accreditation process in which 148 organizations from 68 Member States were approved for participation.

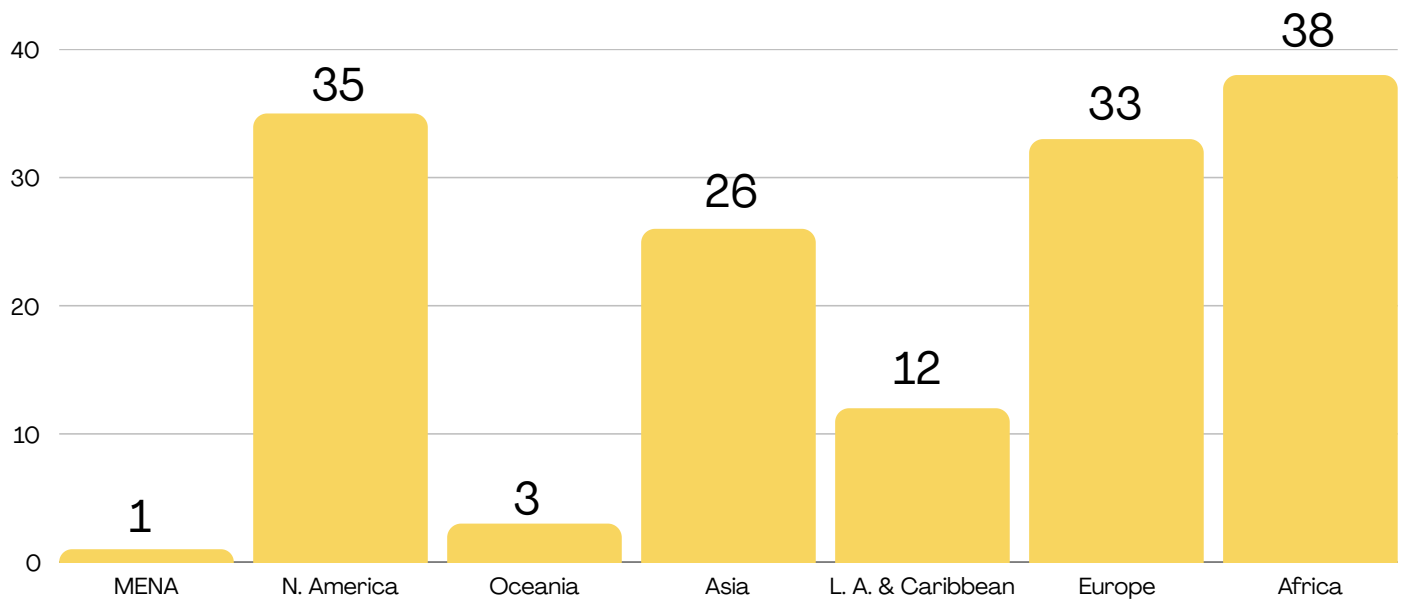
## 148 APPLICATIONS APPROVED FROM 68 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



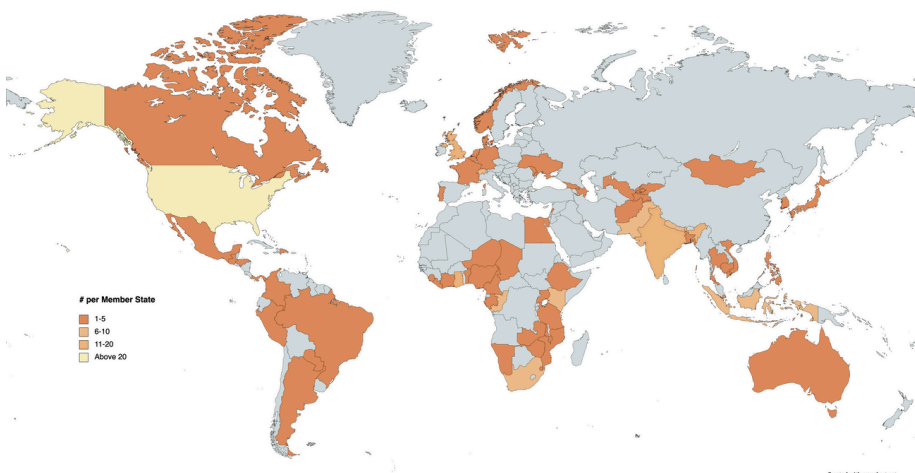
## Regional Distribution



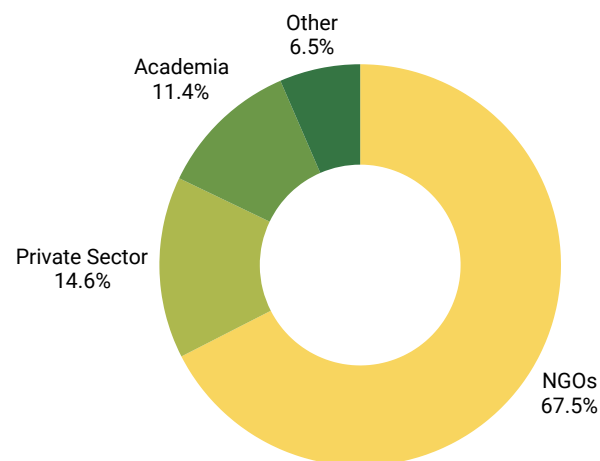
NGLS also managed the registration of 123 approved participants, reviewed 105 written inputs from stakeholders, and recommended 10 civil society representatives to contribute their insights during two multi-stakeholder panels.

NGLS also offered on-site logistical support for the event.

## 123 RESPONSES FROM 38 MEMBER STATES




## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



## GENDER

 **43% Female**

 **57% Male**

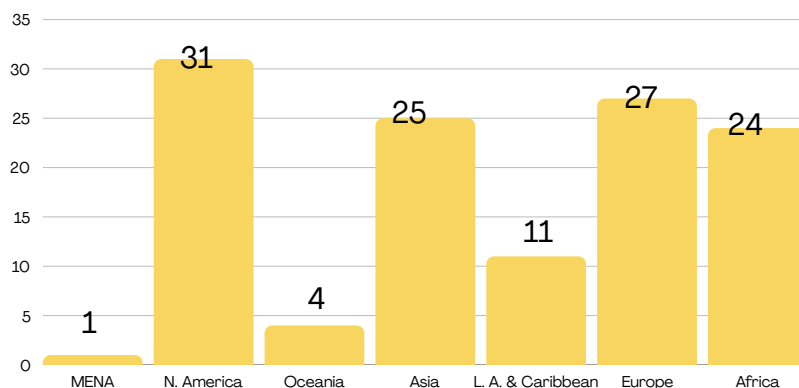
## AGE GROUPS

**18-32: 17.1%**

**32-64: 76.4%**

**65+ : 6.5%**

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION



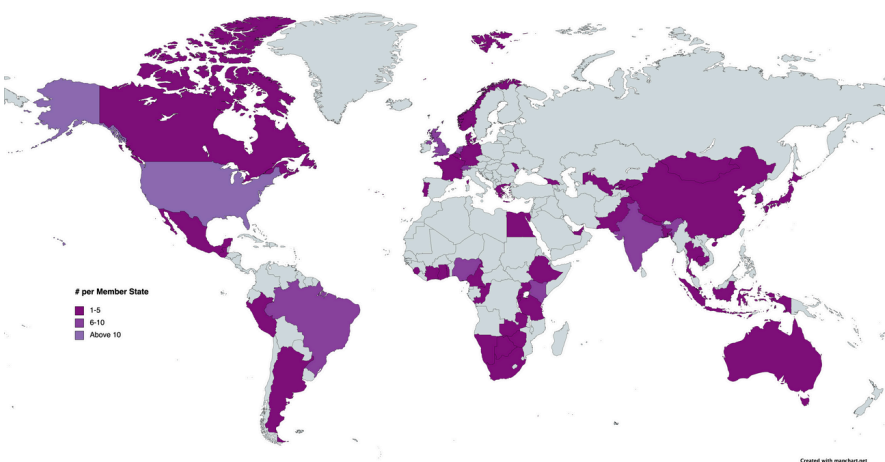
# UNGA 78: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

21 September 2023

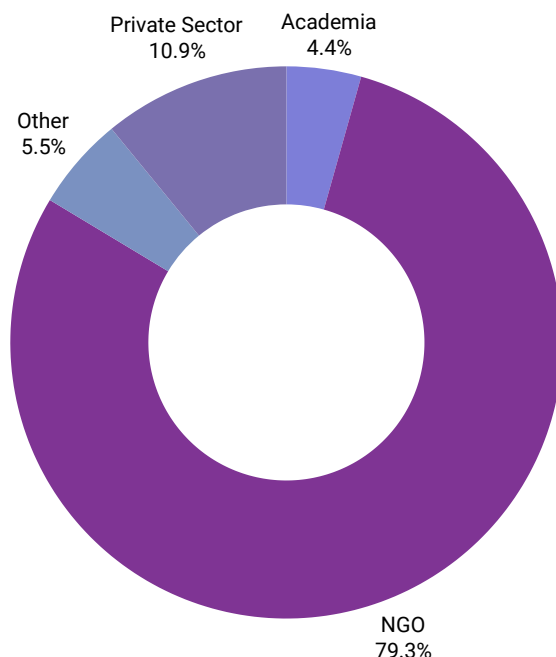
The President of the General Assembly convened a one-day high-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with the theme “Universal health coverage: expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world”.

NGLS managed the special accreditation process in which 180+ organizations from 56 Member States were accredited and it was responsible for managing the registration of nearly 150 participants.

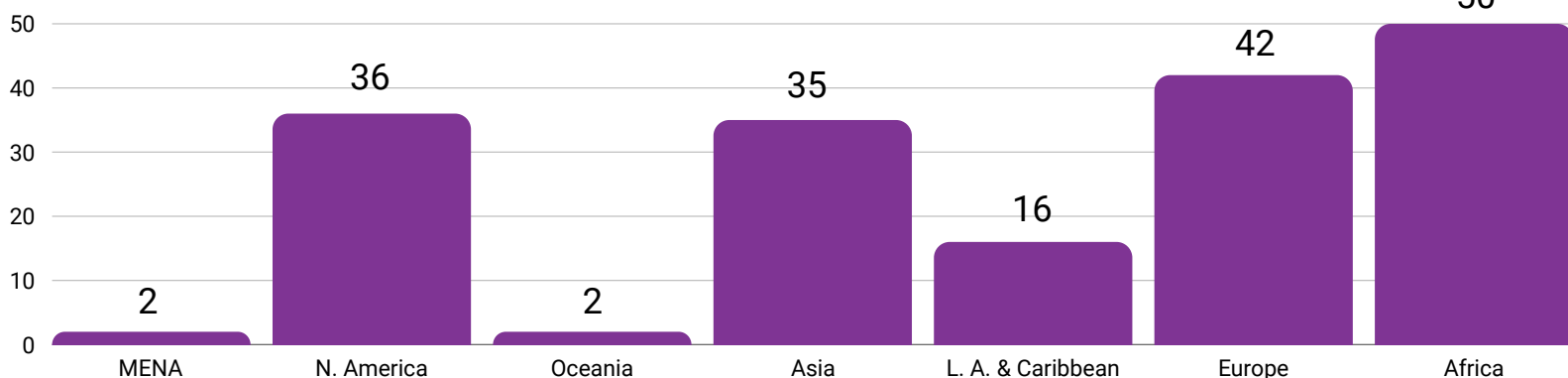
## 183 APPLICATIONS APPROVED FROM 56 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

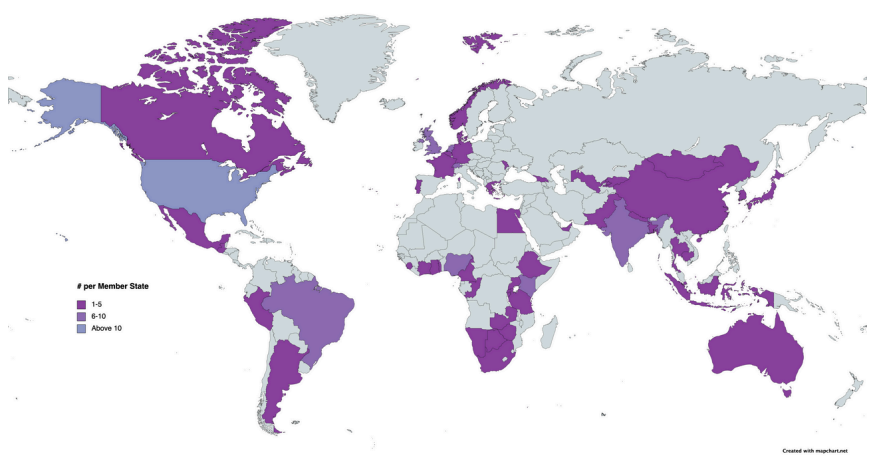




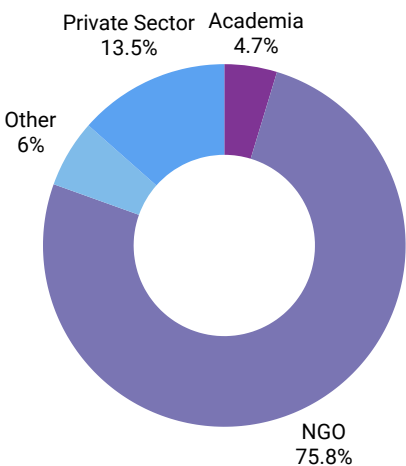
To support meaningful participation and ensure a wide range of diverse perspectives, NGLS also reviewed 147 written inputs and recommended 14 civil society representatives to share insights during two multi-stakeholder panels.

NGLS also provided on-site assistance to stakeholders.

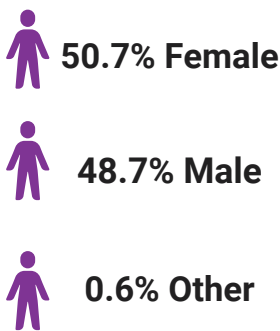
149 RESPONSES FROM 52 MEMBER STATES



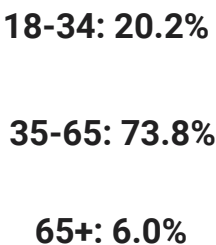
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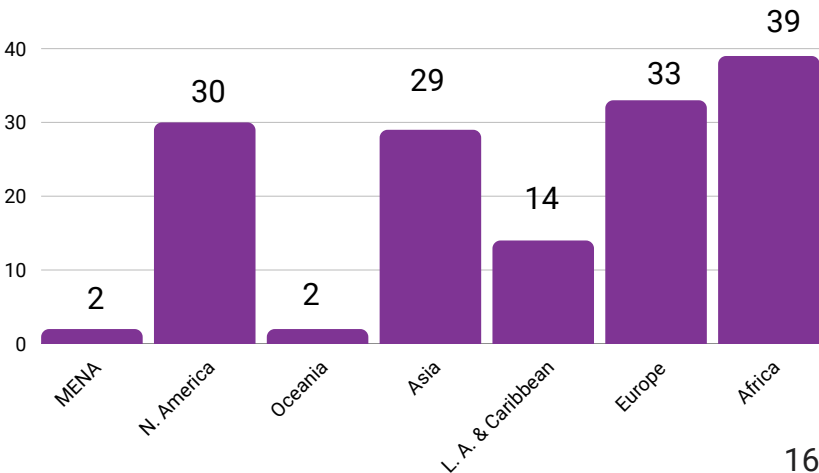
GENDER



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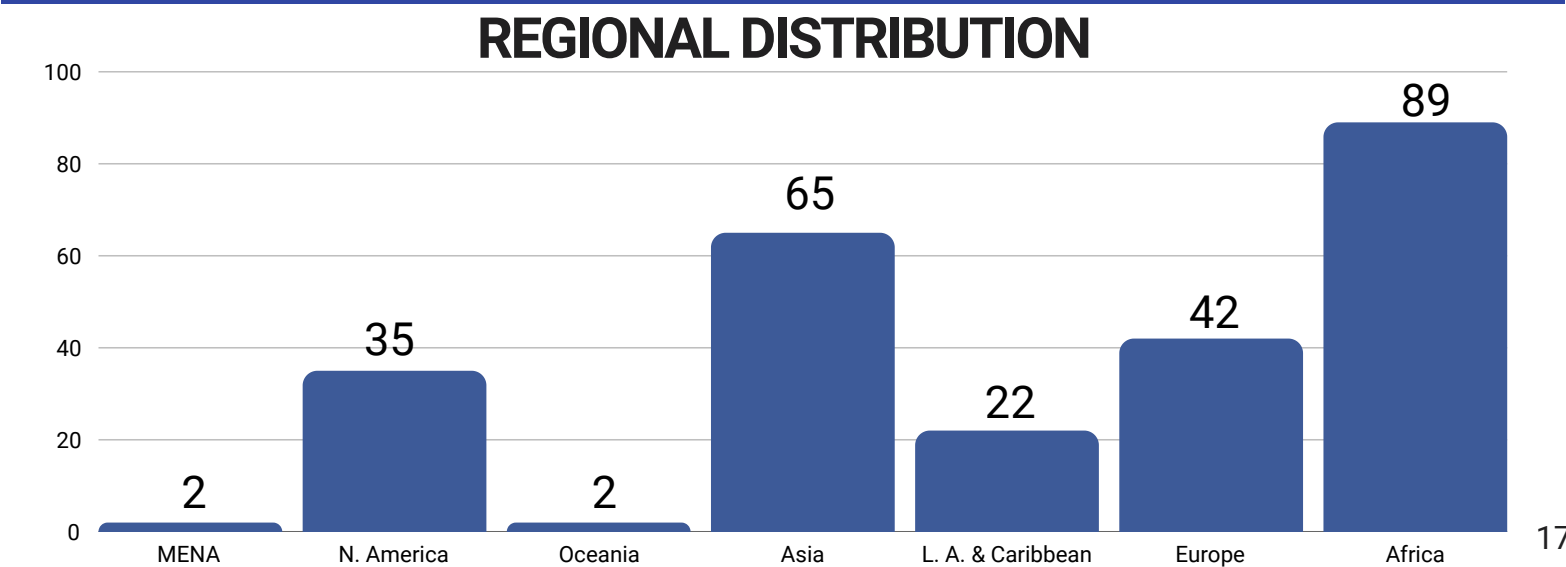
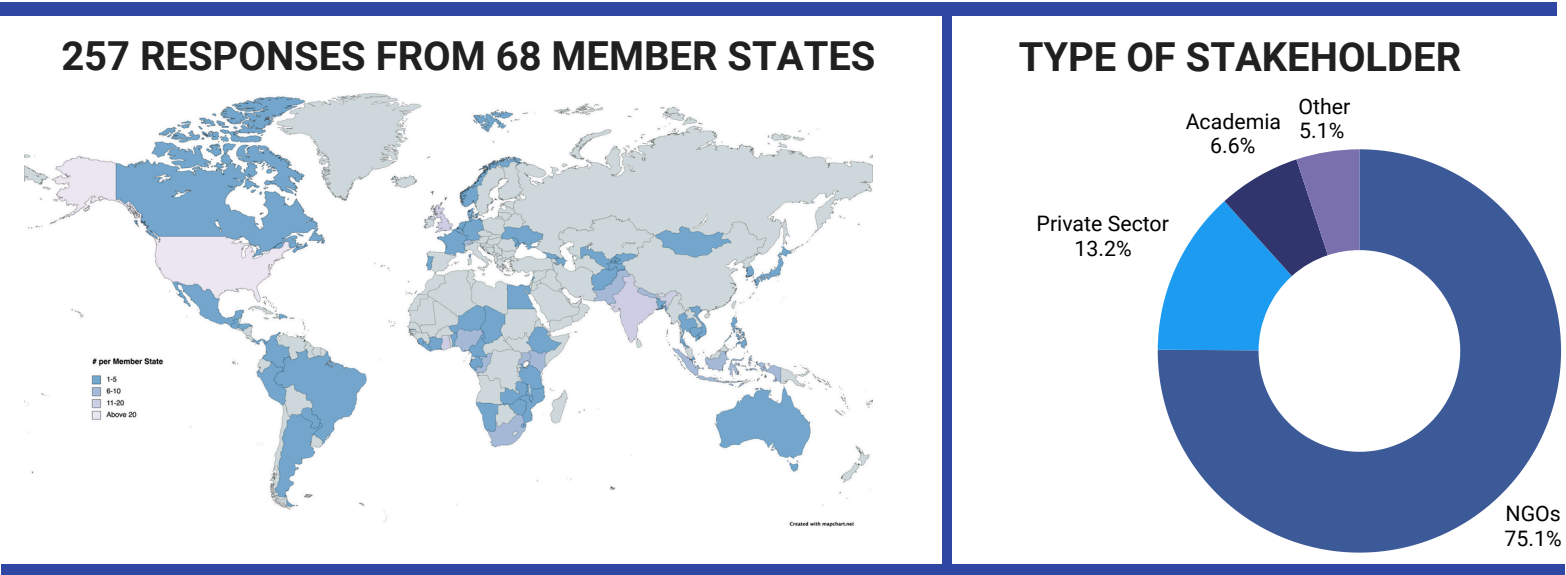


# UNGA 78: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

22 September 2023

The President of the General Assembly convened a high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis (TB) under the theme of “Advancing science, finance and innovation, and their benefits, to urgently end the global tuberculosis epidemic, in particular, by ensuring equitable access to prevention, testing, treatment, and care.”

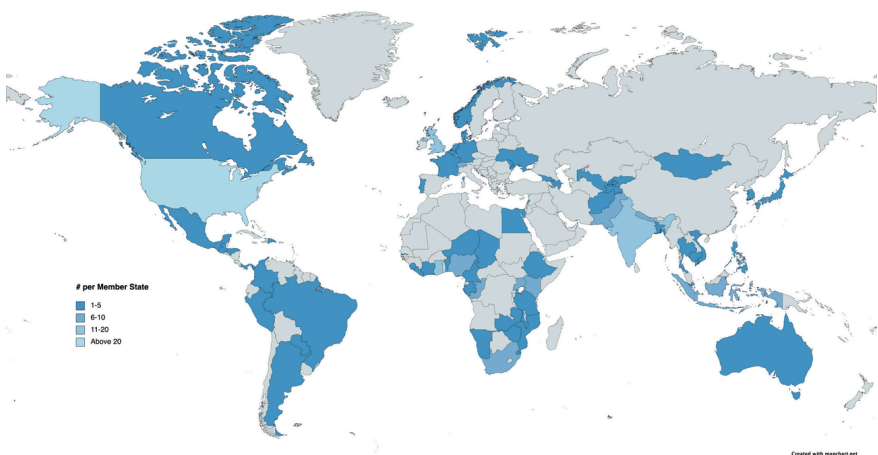
NGLS managed the special accreditation process, in which the General Assembly extended accreditation to 257 organizations representing 68 Member States.



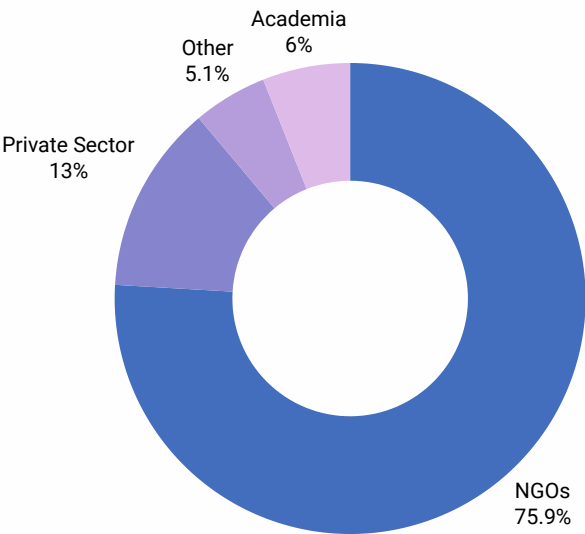
NGLS managed the registration process for 215+ approved participants, reviewing 90+ written submissions & recommending nearly 20 civil society representatives to contribute input during two multistakeholder panels. This selection process considered diverse perspectives and expertise enriching the overall dialogue.

NGLS also provided on-site assistance to stakeholders.

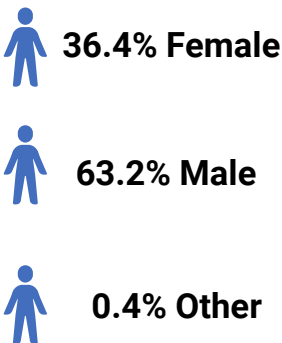
216 RESPONSES FROM 63 MEMBER STATES



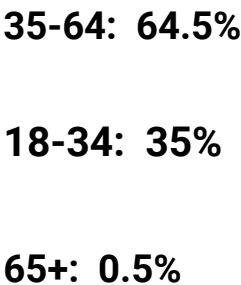
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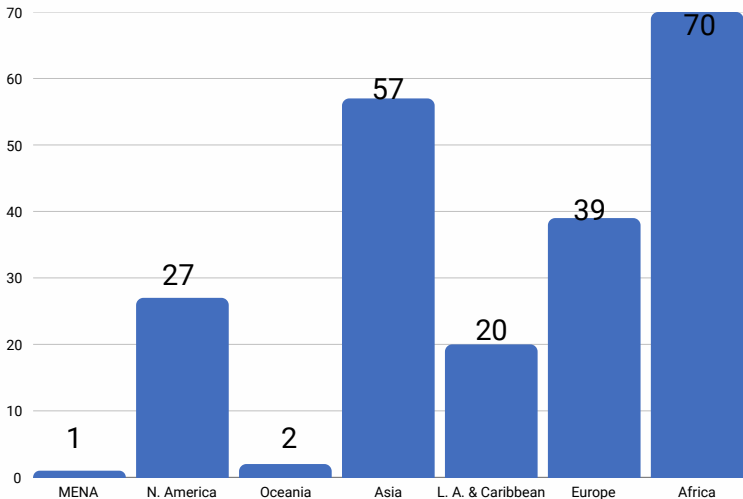
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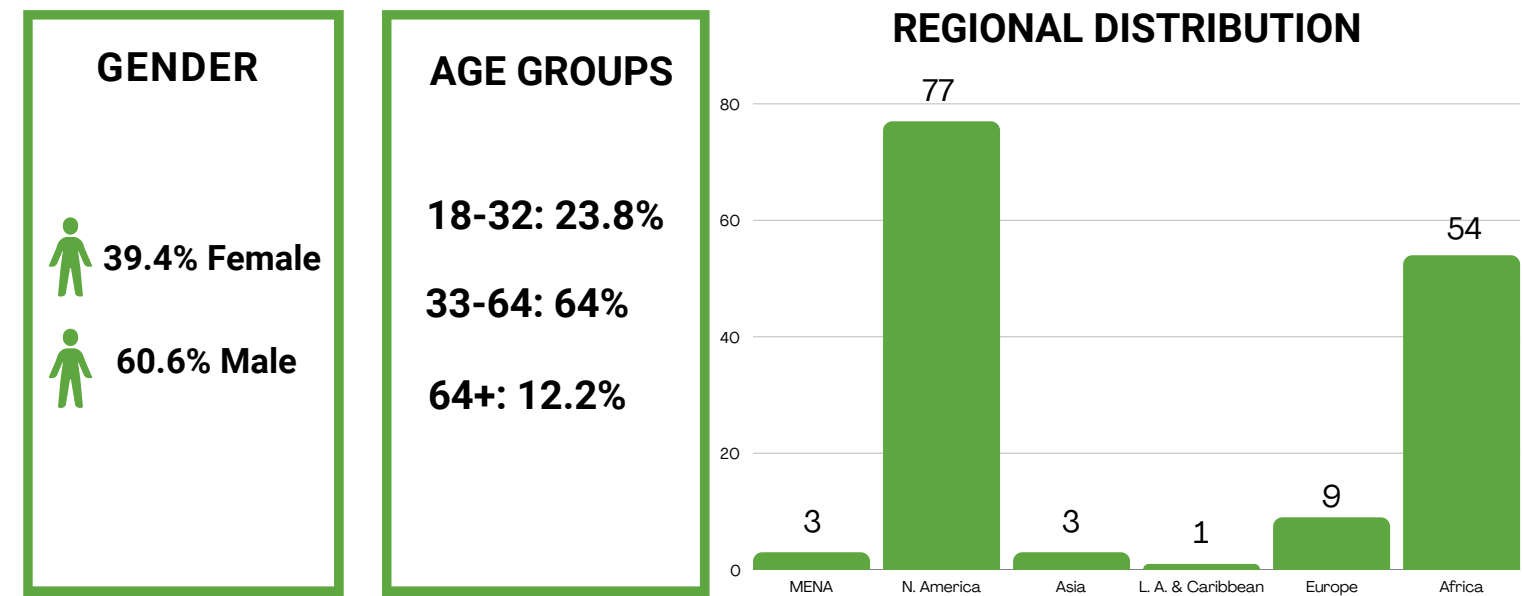
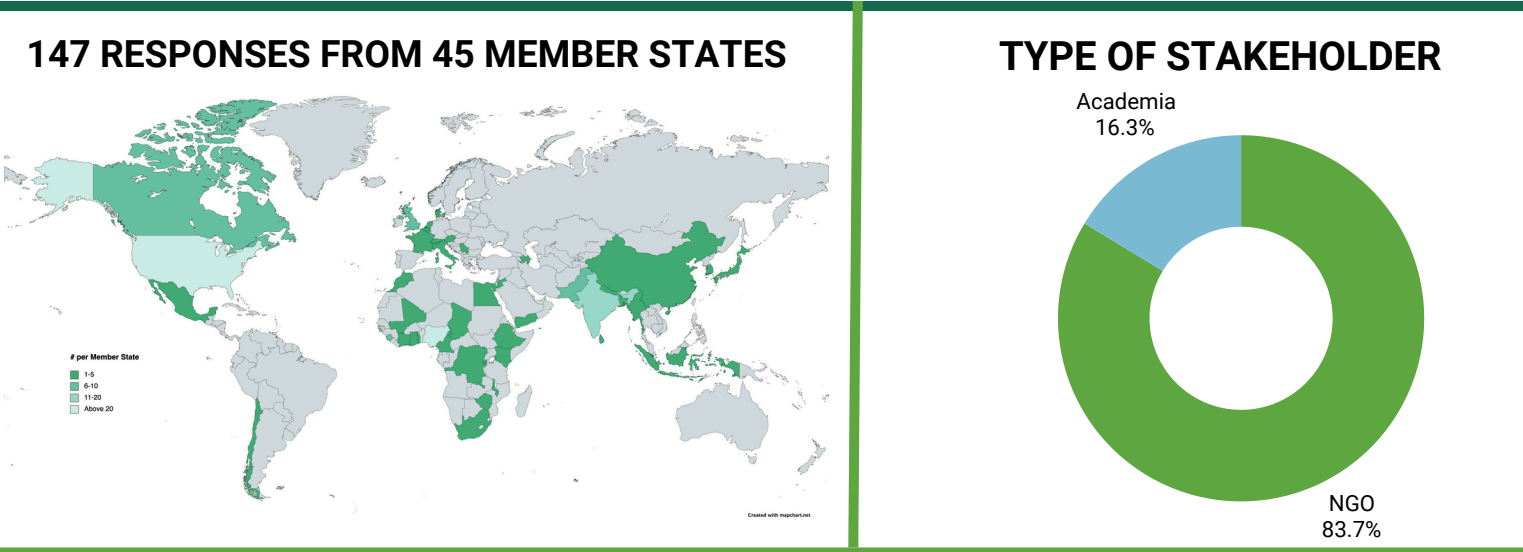


# UNGA 78: High-level plenary meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

26 September 2023

NGLS managed the call for registration & interventions for the high-level meeting, convened annually.

NGLS reviewed 270+ responses, approving nearly 150 relevant civil society stakeholders and facilitating a civil society speaker statement. It also actively promoted the event across social media platforms..





## **VIRTUAL CONSULTATION CONVENED BY THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT MANDATED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL 2679 (2023)**

*1 September 2023*

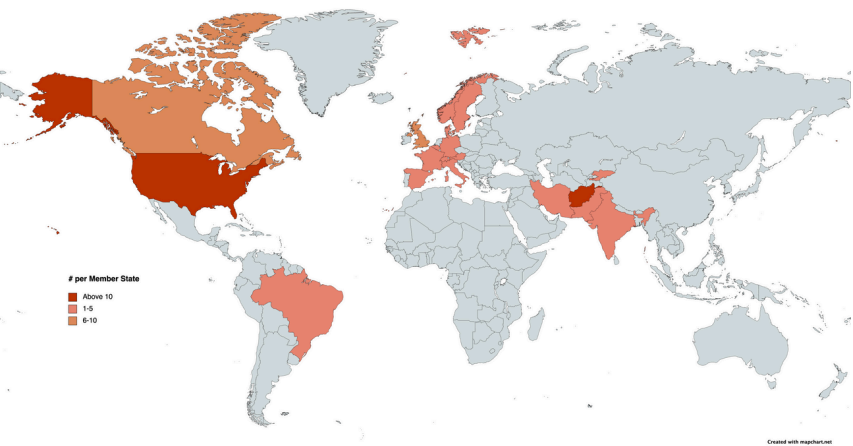
UN Security Council resolution 2679 (2023) requested the Secretary-General conduct and provide an integrated, independent assessment of the situation in Afghanistan, inclusive of consultations with relevant Afghan political actors and stakeholders, relevant authorities, Afghan women, and civil society, as well as the region and the wider international community.

In line with this resolution and supported by NGLS the Special Coordinator for the Independent Assessment on Afghanistan conducted a virtual consultation with Afghan women, girls & civil society to gather their experiences & suggestions. The Special Coordinator's presented his assessment on Afghanistan before the Security Council in November 2023.

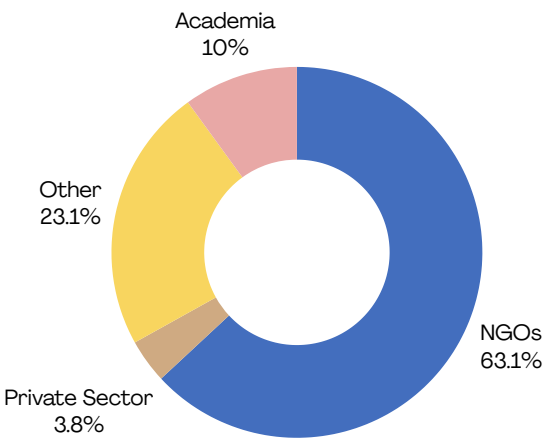
NGLS coordinated with relevant UN Departments, UNAMA, and the Office of the Special Coordinator to engage stakeholders and provide a virtual platform for meaningful discussions. NGLS also put out a call for inputs, applications and supported the selection of 29 speakers & provided 312 stakeholder inputs to the assessment report.

# Data on the Stakeholder Consultations re: Afghanistan

## 130 RESPONSES FROM 20 MEMBER STATES



## TYPE OF STAKEHOLDER



### GENDER



40% Female



60% Male

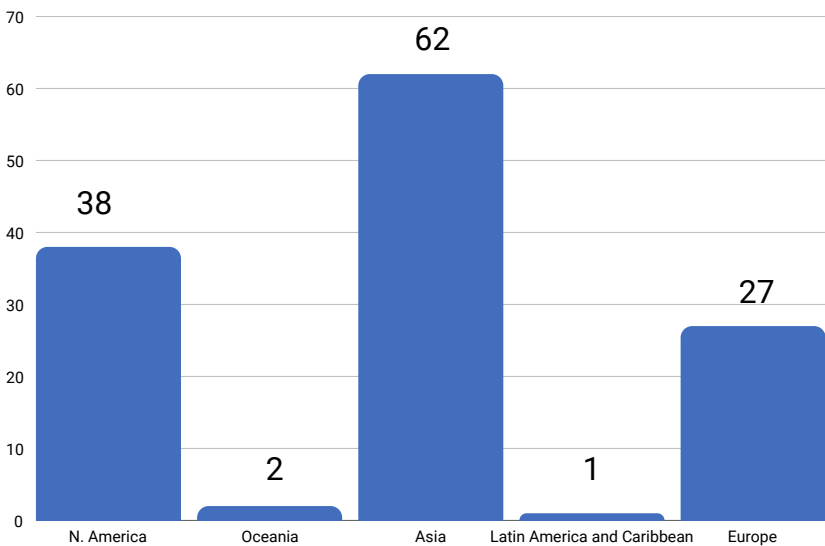
### AGE GROUPS

18-34: 35%

35-65: 54%

65+: 11%

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION





# DIGITAL ADVOCACY



NGLS amplified UN system-wide communication campaigns around UNGA 78 by engaging with **John Green** (author & YouTuber), who represented Partners in Health, a specially accredited organization, at the High-Level Meeting on the Fight Against Tuberculosis.

John Green engaged with the #ACTNOW activation campaign during UNGA78 and shared his support for the SDGs on his Instagram story. This content was also pushed out on UN social media posts & stories: @UN @undgc\_cso. The post on @undgc\_cso Instagram received over 25K views and over 100 likes.

NGLS's Twitter/X post about Mr. Green's participation resulted over 23.9K views and over 200 likes.

Further, NGLS facilitated Mr. Green's advocacy on the important work to #EndTB, including his stakeholder intervention in the high-level meeting and with other UN offices. NGLS coordinated an interview with UN News and Media Division and a UN Story is forthcoming.



Mr. Green shared his UN engagement on his social media accounts with his 9.5 million followers.