

Strengthening the Capacity of Select Developing Countries to Mainstream Sustainable Development into National Development Strategies: National SDG Workshop

Civil Society Meeting

The civil society meeting convened by the UNCT, immediately after the SDG workshop, was instrumental in providing a space to share views and expectations regarding the 2030 Agenda. Participants agreed to meet again in the coming weeks, including with the UNDESA consultant currently reviewing modalities of stakeholder engagement for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Some of the CSO participants had been at the SDG meeting for both days, while several others joined the meeting at that time. This is a first facilitation by UNCT which will hopefully lead to other CSO work on SDGs. There were 21 participants in all, including 5 from the UNCT and one from OHCHR in addition to UNDESA.



Most participants to this meeting were aware of the 2030 Agenda objectives and main processes. Participants would benefit from a self-organised forum (or facilitated by the UNCT) to collaborate on a political strategy to use the SDG momentum to promote the interconnected work they have long been doing.

Recommendation: MIDEPLAN should coordinate with the UNCT to ensure that DESA consultant Carla Morales can participate, during the term of her contract, in a second meeting of civil society organisations, receiving their views and inputs on possible modes of interaction for SDG implementation and monitoring in Costa Rica. Such inputs should be reflected in the consultant's report.

Conclusions and Follow-up Actions

The workshop made clear that many Costa Rican stakeholders have a good understanding of the need for a systemic approach to SDGs and their interrelations, beyond the mere (silo) achievement of objectives within any given one, thus recognising the value of the whole beyond the sum of each SDG. The SDG workshop was instrumental in consolidating this view, and provided space to consider the institutional arrangements and political processes necessary to implement such integration. This will hopefully inform the work of the SDG national implementation Committee, recently created by the government, and of which MIDEPLAN host the secretariat.