

Monday 20th July, 2015

Group 1 joint statement on: People, Planet and Partnerships

Co-facilitators, Member States, fellow colleagues,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make this statement. Alongside you, we have been working on the sustainable development agenda for the last few years and are now so close to the finish line of what Ambassador Kamau described this morning as “a fantastic race”.

We are required to make our oral contribution today a mere two minute sprint, which is nearly impossible given the marathon that we have been on. We will be circulating longer written documents every day to all member states, including specific language recommendations, and hope that you will take the time to reflect on it.

Many of us question the structure of “The Five P’s”. We need a Preamble that fulfils the vision of an integrated, universal, and interdependent agenda bringing together the three dimensions of sustainable development. The Preamble in its current form risks reinforcing silos.

For example can we really separate the achievement of people from peace? Nature and the services that our planet provides are the foundation for Prosperity and People’s quality of life. Partnerships cannot exist without people, and will not be inclusive, participatory and transparent without real structural reforms. Without decisive action to ensure gender equality, we cannot achieve a prosperous and peaceful planet for posterity.

None of these P’s can stand alone. The opening of the Preamble must illustrate the interconnectivity between these principles and our longer statement includes a text recommendation for this. Otherwise we will continue to work in silos and to be siloed.

We must further break these silos through genuine participation. This is essential to every aspect of the agenda, it must be considered an overarching principle. States must ensure genuine participation through ensuring that there are no physical, legal, or institutional barriers to participation, including access to information and ICTs. Without these concrete steps, many including children and persons with disabilities, will have no voice. If this participation is not guaranteed, this will not be an agenda of the people, by the people and for the people.

We have a moment today, tomorrow, for the next two weeks to actually change the world in which we live and to – once for all – ensure that no one is left behind. Let us not lose sight of this goal.

Language Recommendations below will form our written submission to member states:

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Preamble

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity that also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. All countries acting in collaborative partnership will implement the plan. We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet for present and future generations. We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps needed to shift the world on to a sustainable path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets which we are announcing demonstrate the scale and ambition of the new Agenda. They will stimulate action over the next fifteen years in the following areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet:

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity that also seeks to strengthen universal peace **and protect, promote and fulfill human rights for all** in larger freedom. All countries acting in collaborative partnership, will implement the plan. We are resolved to free ~~the human race~~ **all peoples** from the tyranny of poverty, **inequalities, fear, violence** and want and to heal and secure our planet for present and future generations. **by respecting our planetary boundaries** **We recognize that these objectives are inextricably linked.** We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps needed to shift the world on to a sustainable **and resilient path.** As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind. **It is an agenda of the people, by and with the people – and this, we believe, will ensure its success.”**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets which we are announcing demonstrate the scale and ambition of the new **universal** Agenda. **They are integrated and indivisible and** will stimulate action **by all countries and stakeholders, with the meaningful participation of all people,** over the next fifteen years in the following areas of critical

The proposals focus on better signaling the interconnections in the Agenda. The text relating to the global partnership remains somewhat abstract and lacks concrete detail.

The Preamble must reinforce the interdependent and holistic aspect of the agenda to avoid for the proposed 5 P's to be perceived as silos. The Preamble must include references to the interlinkages, integration and universality (already affirmed elsewhere in the text).

The Preamble must bring the notion of participation from the very beginning.

	importance for humanity and the planet:	
<p>People</p> <p>We want to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential. We want to end poverty in all its forms; end hunger and malnutrition; promote human dignity; combat inequalities in and between countries; achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; ensure quality education, water and sanitation and a healthy life for all; and secure the participation of all people and groups, including children in the realization of the new Goals and targets.</p>	<p>We want to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential. We want to end poverty in all its forms; end hunger and malnutrition; <u>end preventable newborn, child and maternal deaths,</u> promote <u>protect and respect</u> human <u>rights and</u> dignity; combat inequalities in and between countries; achieve gender equality, <u>empower and fully realize the human rights of</u> and empower all women and girls; ensure <u>access to</u> quality education, water and sanitation, and a healthy life <u>and environment, as well as equal access to natural resources</u> for all; and secure <u>and enable</u> the <u>meaningful</u> participation of all people and groups, including children <u>and persons with disabilities</u> in the realization of the new Goals and targets.</p>	<p>The inclusion of “environment” brings the necessary balance between the 3 dimensions of sustainable development to the text.</p> <p>The commitment to the protection of human rights for all should be explicit on the proposed “People’s” P.</p> <p>We welcome the commitment to participation of all people and groups in this paragraph. It is important to qualify participation as “meaningful”. The reference to persons with disabilities brings the attention to the barriers to participation frequently faced by them. Persons with disabilities most of the time require additional mechanism/processes put in place in order to ensure their participation (such as ramps, sign language interpretation etc.) Therefore it is necessary to explicitly reference them in the preamble para. In addition</p>

		<p>persons with disabilities are not a group, but compose a significant part of the society, all together there are 1 billion persons with disabilities.</p> <p>There is currently little reference to “barriers” to participation in the text. To be meaningful, participation must be “enabled” or the most marginalized will not be reached.</p> <p>We welcome the mention of “achieve gender equality” and propose some changes that highlights the centrality of a rights based approach to this Agenda.</p>
<p>Planet</p> <p>We must respect and safeguard our common home. We want to protect the planet so that it can support the needs of present and future generations. We will conserve and sustainably use our oceans and seas; fight climate change; protect and restore ecosystems; combat desertification, land degradation and biodiversity loss; promote safe and inclusive cities and human settlements; and promote disaster risk reduction.</p>	<p>We must respect and safeguard our common home. We want to protect the planet <u>and sustainably and equitably manage its resources</u> so that it can support the needs of present and future generations. <u>We recognize that nature and the services our planet provides underpin the economy, human development and quality of life.</u> We will conserve and sustainably use our oceans and seas; fight climate change; protect and restore ecosystems; combat desertification, land degradation and biodiversity loss; promote safe and inclusive cities and human settlements; and promote disaster risk reduction.</p>	

<p>Prosperity</p> <p>We want all human beings to enjoy the fruits of economic, social and technological progress and live productive and fulfilling lives. We want to ensure sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth; promote decent work and employment for all; foster shared prosperity and sustainable lifestyles worldwide; promote sustainable industrialization, agriculture and infrastructure; and ensure access to affordable modern energy services.</p>	<p>We want all human beings to enjoy the fruits of economic, social and technological progress and live productive and fulfilling lives <u>while safeguarding our common home</u>. We want to ensure sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth development; promote decent work and employment for all; foster shared prosperity and sustainable lifestyles worldwide; promote sustainable industrialization, agriculture and infrastructure; and ensure access to affordable, <u>reliable, sustainable, clean and renewable and modern</u> energy services.</p>	<p>The qualifier “modern” on its own can include environmentally unsustainable energy technologies. It is important to balance it with the addition of “sustainable” in all references to energy. It is also important to include “reliable” to address the quality of energy services.</p>
<p>Peace</p> <p>All people yearn to live in peaceful and harmonious societies, free from fear and violence. We want to foster peaceful, safe and inclusive societies; to strengthen governance and institutions at all levels; to ensure equal access to justice; and to protect the human rights of all men, women, boys and girls.</p>	<p>All people yearn to live in peaceful and harmonious societies We want all people to be free from fear, coercion, violence and all forms of marginalisation. As such, we want to foster more peaceful, safe and inclusive societies; to strengthen accountable, transparent and participatory governance and institutions at all levels; to ensure equal access to justice; and to protect the human rights of all men, women, boys and girls.</p>	<p>The proposal brings focus to accountable, transparent and participatory governance as well as to the links between marginalization, peacefulness and inclusion.</p>
<p>Partnership</p> <p>We want to create an effective</p>	<p>We want to create an effective Global Partnership for</p>	<p>The text should reinforce the role</p>

<p>Global Partnership for Sustainable Development which will embrace all countries and stakeholders. The Global Partnership will mobilize the means required for implementation of the Agenda, acting in a spirit of strengthened global solidarity and supporting, in particular, the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable.</p> <p>If we realize our ambitions in these areas and across the full extent of the new Agenda, the lives of millions of human beings will be profoundly altered and our world will be transformed for the better.</p>	<p>Sustainable Development which will embrace all countries and stakeholders, <u>including civil society, based on shared mutual commitments to transparency and accountability.</u> The Global Partnership will mobilize the means <u>and expertise</u> required for implementation of the Agenda, acting in a spirit of strengthened global solidarity and supporting, in particular, the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable <u>by focusing on people-centered approaches to development.</u></p>	<p>of the State as primary duty bearer and spell out the roles of civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders.</p>
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Endorsements:

VSO International

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International Disability and Development Consortium

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