

Draft Main Messages for ECOSOC Vice-President Ambassador Schulz Monday 17 July

Multistakeholder perspectives

- Governments are encouraged to find ways to further incorporate the voices of major groups and other stakeholders into the review process.
- Major groups and other stakeholders are key partners in the success of the Agenda in terms of raising public awareness and are doing their part to implement the SDGs.
- The private sector has a crucial role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In this regard, transparency and accountability frameworks are important.
- Farmers are actively joining partnerships with other stakeholders and cooperatives, and are ready for closer cooperation with Governments, which is key for sustainable agriculture as well as the success of the Agenda.
- Women's groups are helping to address gender-based violence and promoting the empowerment of women through awareness raising, capacity building, and working to improve women's access to financing.
- Young people can help raise awareness of the SDGs and their relation to national policies.
- Global youth-led initiatives are establishing data-driven accountability mechanisms at the national level.
- Youth-led and youth-serving organisations are actively engaged in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and are spearheading initiatives around advocacy, knowledge creation, and grassroots projects geared toward the fulfilment of their commitment to the Agenda.
- It is important to provide youth with an enabling environment and formal platforms to carry out this work.
- NGOs are doing their part to implement the Agenda and are active partners with governments in the execution of projects that ensure the success of sustainable development.
- Still, further engagement of NGOs and academic institutions, as well as the importance of ensuring participatory budgeting as an approach to engage stakeholders, is needed to support the achievement of the SDGs.

Review of SDG 14

- The Ocean Conference created universal momentum to forge new partnerships to achieve SDG 14.
- The establishment of marine protected areas is increasing.
- Oceans can provide promising sources for renewable energy, such as tidal, wave and wind energy.
- Utilization and respect of indigenous, local knowledge is one of the best ways to ensure the integrity of implementation actions, full engagement of local communities and the notion of stewardship and responsibility for future generations.
- Empowerment of indigenous people should also include institutionalizing their participation in decision-making at all levels.
- The concerns and needs of local communities should be considered when designing conservation actions and management measures.

- **Community-driven monitoring initiatives, including for data collection and sharing of knowledge, are needed.**
- **It will be important to advance the discussions on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction.**
- **The terms of reference for UN-Oceans should be strengthened in the follow-up work.**