

# Reflection from the diverse views of 9 Major Groups & other stakeholders from Intersessional on SDGs

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How to address cross-cutting issues in SDGs?

1. Human Rights
2. Inequalities and poverty
3. Governance
4. Planetary Boundaries

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# 1. Integrating Human Rights in SDGs

- HR should be the normative framework for the SDGs (accountability multilaterals, government, private sector)
- Human Rights not as one goal, but incorporated into all goals
- All goals must be targeted to decrease inequality
- Specific relevant rights per goal (e.g. SRHR for all in Health or other goals)
- UN Human Rights and Business framework, incl. Guiding Principles, GRI ...
- Business depends on stable societies, rights to property and citizenship are indispensable, to job creation, economic opportunities, needed to lift people out of poverty
- SDGs to strengthen existing and newly developed treaties, policies and institutions supporting a Rights based development, e.g.:
  - Extra Territorial Obligations
  - Bilateral (investment) agreements will not infringe on human rights.
  - Commons governance -- right/responsibility to limit to fair share of resources
  - Acknowledge the Right to a Healthy Environment
  - Adopt Ecocide and environmental crimes
  - High Commissioner Future Generations...Convention on aging /older persons....

## 2. Ending inequalities and poverty

- Trickle Down Growth=obsolete; Redistribution + Ending Inequalities=Key
- SDGs aim to end multiple causes of inequality and discrimination (age, disabilities...)
- A stand alone goal on eliminating (income) inequalities and poverty as part of a transformative development agenda
- Stand alone goal on gender equality / women's rights as well as targets in all goals
- As well as targets to eliminate inequalities + poverty in all goals e.g.
  - Target to improve GINI coefficient for all countries in economic goal
  - Targets to limit ,overconsumption' and extreme wealth; redistribute
  - Targets to end discrimination of Disabled, SOGI, Ethnic/Race, women, ...
  - Targets for Gender equality targets in all goals (health, economics,... )
  - Targets for fiscal system reform to “get true prices” and tax justice
  - Targets for just and sustainable labour market policies and institutions e.g.
    - Minimum/living wage legislations, Social protection floors, mediate market exchanges, correcting trade imbalances / unfair and unsustainable trade regimes
  - Targets to end unjust power structures (land redistribution, quotas,...)

# 3. Governance

- Bottom up, transparent and accountable governance should be at the heart of the SDGs
- Shared responsibilities between local governments with other levels of governance
- SDGs should lead to action by all (government, people...)
- Robust global governance of global commons
- Strong governance of SDGs/post2015, - HLPF: needs financial and political weight and apply best practices of engaging MG&S
- Monitoring and review of progress by government and third parties
- Right to self determination of Indigenous people: SDGs framework based on UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous peoples
- Targets to achieve meaningful public participation of all groups, access to information and affordable access to justice for all

# 4. Planetary boundaries

- Development is not possible without a sustainable use of Earth living resources (e.g. climate stability, biodiversity, etc.);
- We need to recognize that there are boundaries to our use of Earth's Resources.
- Environmental targets in all goal areas, and several stand along nature goals
- Targets for Intergenerational equity, 'beyond GDP', reporting on planetary limits. Targets to apply free prior and informed consent.
- Targets to go beyond eco-efficiency-strategies, to 'sufficiency' e.g. implement quota mechanisms and other strategies of capping absolute amounts of resource use
- Climate change needs to be priority, possibly as a goal and climate smart energy goal = targets for 100% sustainable energy
- Tax reform: increase taxes on resource depletion, eliminate subsidies on fossil fuels, large biomass, large hydro
- Targets to halt Land and resource grabbing, access land, by women, IP's...