

Summary of side event

Civil Society views on the final draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda

On July 20, over 50 representatives of member states, UN agencies and civil society gathered at UN Conference Room 5 to discuss the Civil Society reactions to the Final Draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development agenda, which was circulated by the post-2015 negotiations co-facilitators earlier this month. The event was co-hosted by Beyond 2015, International Disability Alliance, International Women's Health Coalition, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages and World Vision International.

Arelys Bellorini (World Vision) opened the event by expressing the optimism which set the tone of the 7th IGN. According to her, the importance of civil society participation in the process set the context of the event. She shared her organization's position to the final draft (read full reaction [here](#)), including the need to recognize children as agents of change, adding to the current language on youth.

Naiara Costa (Beyond 2015), strongly welcomed the post-2015 Final Draft and shared the [campaign's reaction](#). Her message mainly focused on how increased participation is key for successful implementation, follow-up and review. She further underscored the need strengthen language on human rights and accountability. She shared concerns on the weak language on follow-up and review and the role of the UN system.

Vladimir Cuk (IDA) added the [views](#) of persons with disabilities regarding the text. He considers that including persons with disabilities in the "People" preamble paragraph is the top 1 advocacy priority to the constituency. He also shared other ways to mainstream accessibility and the inclusion of persons with disabilities throughout the text.

Nicole Cardinal shared Save the Children's [reaction](#). She expressed appreciation for the 5Ps and underscored that Peace belongs in this document. She further recommended that a stronger sense of urgency must be conveyed by this agenda. She echoed the disappointment for the lack of strong accountability messages in the document. Still, Nicole stated that principles should be fixed to focus on progress of the social and economic groups that are the furthest behind.

Finally, Sarah Gold (IWHC) expressed her views based on the Women's Major Group [reaction](#). She called for the language of gender as a crosscutting issue throughout the outcome document. She further stressed the importance of disaggregating indicators according to gender and commented on the tweaked targets.

The panel was followed by a lively interactive session joined by member states, UN agencies and civil society representatives. Panel was moderated by Arelys Bellorini, from World Vision.



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