

Cluster 8 : Focus area 19. Peaceful and non-violent societies, rule of law and capable institutions

- Promoting efficient, transparent and inclusive governance and peace are not only objectives in themselves but also are pre-requisites and enablers of a sustainable and integrated approach to development that leaves no one behind. It concerns all of us. It allows and strengthens participatory processes where governments are better informed and responsive to needs and concerns of their populations, including vulnerable and marginalized groups, through increased transparency, freedom of expression and access to information; where policies and strategies are better **owned** and **legitimacy** is enhanced because civil society actors are involved in the process; where civil and democratic oversight allows for **fair distribution of goods and services**, and where **social cohesion** is strengthened when all segments of the society, including women and youth are informed and have the power to have an opinion heard and considered in decisions that concern them.
- That is why there is a need for action concerning the strengthening of institutions, legal systems, political participation, protection from violence and the enforcement of effective framework conditions for sustainable development. The protection of our natural foundations of life is of particular importance in this respect. That aspect was therefore enshrined in Principle 25 of the Rio Declaration 1992: “Peace, development and environmental protection are interdependent and indivisible.”
- We need to ensure and enhance effective, **transparent and accountable institutions**, that are **conflict sensitive** and adopt a **human rights**-based and gender-responsive approach, **promote peaceful states and safe societies**, and further, equality. We also need to ensure and strengthen capacities for responsive accountable and inclusive institutions in the field of justice and security, we need to enhance equal access to quality public services at all levels, and promote dialogue mechanisms and mediation so they are placed to address and solve grievances peacefully can strengthen **confidence of the population in public institutions** through constructive and inclusive dialogue, prevent or solve seeds of violation and conflict.
- We join ourselves to the call for two goals : one on « governance, transparency and accountable, inclusive and effective institutions » and a second on « peaceful and non-violent societies ».
- We strongly support the integration of the following targets under the first goal related to governance :
 - A target aiming at ensuring rule of law is absolutely necessary. This target should guarantee fundamental rights and liberties, universal access to fair, efficient, accountable and independent justice, security and police systems, freedom of expression and access to information and independent media. **Due process and access to human rights defence institutions**, as much as **fighting impunity** are also full part of a rule of law environment, promoting human rights standards that strengthen accountability and respond to violations. **Freedom of expression** and independent media are equally full part of a dynamic society that is informed and can express constructively and peacefully to actual debates at all levels.
 - We also would like to support a target on free and universal legal identity for all, such as birth registrations;
 - Another target is necessary to focus on the provision of effective, transparent and accountable private and public institutions at all levels, including fair and equitable fiscal systems, fighting

bribery and corruption, solving conflicts through dialogue and justice, fair and peaceful means, and guarantying access to public data and to information, especially related to public finance, natural resources management, weather and climate change;

- Fourth, we support a target on inclusive and participatory governance processes that increase citizens participation in political processes at all levels, especially the most vulnerable including poor people, women, girls and people with disabilities, enhancing social cohesion and confidence in institutions, while promoting the role of parliaments, civil society, local democracy with efficient and inclusive local authority;
 - Finally we would like to highlight the importance of corporate social and environmental responsibility, including enhanced reporting.
- Beyond these points, we would also like to recall, as we said on Monday, the need also to integrate targets to enhance global governance to create an enabling environment for sustainable development, and especially to reduce global inequalities : targets related to ensuring a development friendly multilateral trade system, regulating global financial system, curbing illicit financial flows and eliminating tax heavens, reinforcing international governance on sustainable consumption and production; and ensuring safe and regular migration.
- **As a reminder :**
- promoting an open, rules-based and development friendly **multilateral trade system**,
 - ensuring a **regulated, stable and efficient global financial system**,
 - encouraging responsible, stable, long-term private foreign investment and inclusive finance,
 - **curbing illicit financial flows and eliminating tax havens**,
 - reinforcing international governance on sustainable consumption and production;
 - hold the increase in global temperature to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels in line with international agreements.
 - ensuring **safe and regular migration** while facilitating **migrants' contribution** to development by reducing the costs of remittances and mitigating brain drain;and make effective use of all potentials of migration for the countries, from which immigrants originate;
 - **ensuring access to science, technology, innovation and ensure access to sustainable development data.**
- Peaceful societies and states are very relevant dimensions of the quality of life of individuals - and the development progress - in poor as well as in middle-income and high-income countries. We thus strongly support the inclusion of the following targets under the goal of « peaceful and non-violent societies »:
- Freedom from violence, real and perceived, is an integrated part of a sustainable development.
 - Reducing and preventing crime, including organized crime, illicit flows of arms, drugs, natural resources and human trafficking, especially all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse.
 - Another target should aim at reducing the proliferation of small arms and light weapons
 - Special consideration is also due to the protection of internally displaced persons and refugees' rights and their safe and voluntary return or integration;
 - Strengthen disaster risk management in order to reduce the social and economic impacts of natural hazards, disasters, external shocks and violence, and increase the resilience of societies at risk.
 - We also would like to recall targets to be integrated in other goals to tackle the root causes of violence and conflict : ensuring equitable access to qualitative education, providing education on a

culture of non-violence, providing decent work opportunities for all, especially for youth, ensuring social inclusion.

- **Guarantee education on a culture of non-violence** in the education goal.
- eliminate all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse against women and children
- Ensure equitable access to qualitative **education**, with non-biased and inclusive curricula, at all levels and within all contexts, is a precondition for addressing causes and drivers of inequality, conflict and violence.
- Provide **decent work opportunities** for all, addressing the specific needs of youth, that also contribute to preventing the recruitment by armed and/or criminal groups and that foster the economic and social reintegration of conflict affected people are crucial for the economic development, especially, but not only, in conflict-affected and fragile situations.
- Promoting inclusive policies that ensure equal access to safe public spaces and services and protect households and their properties, becomes an ever more important aspect of sustainable development in urban areas
- Measuring progress against those goals, quantitatively and qualitatively, is important not only in themselves, but also as contributing and leveraging success of the realization of all other SDGs.
- Finally, we would like to highlight the critical importance of the governance framework for the future SDGs. To ensure their implementation, we will need a robust monitoring and accountability framework, giving a central role to the HLPPF.

Version Française

La promotion d'une gouvernance efficace, transparente et inclusive et de la paix ne sont pas seulement des objectifs en tant que tels mais également des pré-requis et les leviers pour une approche durable et globale du développement, qui ne laisse personne de côté. Cet enjeu nous concerne tous. Il rend possible et renforce des processus participatifs, une transparence accrue, une liberté d'expression et un accès à l'information qui permettent aux gouvernements d'être mieux informés et sensibles aux besoins de leurs populations, y compris à ceux des groupes vulnérables et marginalisés.

Comme d'autres délégations, nous souhaitons la définition de **deux objectifs : l'un sur « la gouvernance, la transparence et des institutions redevables, inclusives et efficaces » et un second sur « des sociétés pacifiques et non - violentes ».**

Nous souhaitons voir les cibles suivantes intégrées dans le premier objectif, relatif à la gouvernance :

- Une cible sur **l'État de droit** est absolument nécessaire. Cette cible devrait garantir les droits et libertés fondamentales, l'accès à l'information et des médias indépendants, ainsi qu'un accès universel à une justice indépendante, efficace et redevable, et des systèmes de sécurité et de police.
- Nous tenons également à soutenir une cible pour une **identité juridique pour tout un chacun et gratuite**, notamment par l'enregistrement des naissances ;

- Une autre cible est nécessaire sur la fourniture d'**institutions publiques et privées efficaces, transparentes et responsables à tous les niveaux**, impliquant notamment des systèmes fiscaux justes et équitables, une lutte contre la corruption et le soudoiment, une résolution des conflits par le dialogue, la justice, des moyens justes et pacifiques, et l'accès aux données et à l'information publiques, en particulier sur les finances publiques, la gestion des ressources naturelles, les prévisions météorologiques et les changements climatiques ;
- Quatrièmement, nous soutenons une cible sur les **processus de gouvernance inclusifs et participatifs** qui améliorent la participation des citoyens aux processus politiques à tous les niveaux, en particulier des populations les plus vulnérables et pauvres, tout en favorisant le rôle des parlements, de la société civile et de la démocratie locale ;
- Enfin, nous tenons à souligner l'importance de la **responsabilité sociale et environnementale des entreprises et d'un rapportage amélioré**;

Au-delà de ces points, nous tenons également à rappeler, comme nous l'avons dit lundi et ce matin, que des **cibles pour améliorer la gouvernance mondiale sont nécessaires pour créer un environnement favorable au développement durable, et en particulier pour réduire les inégalités globales** : il s'agit des cibles déjà évoquées pour assurer un système commercial multilatéral favorable au développement, réguler le système financier mondial, diminuer les flux financiers illicites et éliminer les paradis fiscaux, renforcer la gouvernance internationale pour une consommation et une production durables ; et assurer une migration sûre et régulière.

Garantir des sociétés et les États pacifiques sont indispensables au développement durable, dans tous les pays, quel que soit leur niveau de développement. Nous soutenons donc fortement l'intégration des cibles suivantes dans l'objectif sur des « sociétés pacifiques et non violentes » :

- Éliminer toute forme de violence, réelle et perçue;
- Réduire et prévenir la criminalité, notamment le crime organisé, le trafic d'armes, de drogues et des ressources naturelles et la traite des personnes, en particulier toutes formes d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels;
- Réduire la prolifération des armes légères et de petit calibre;
- Protéger les personnes déplacées à l'intérieur de leur propre pays et garantir les droits des réfugiés, leur retour volontaire et en toute sécurité ou leur intégration ;
- Renforcer la gestion des risques de catastrophe, des chocs externes et de la violence, et accroître la résilience des sociétés.

Nous tenons également à rappeler que les cibles doivent être intégrées dans d'autres objectifs pour s'attaquer aux causes profondes de la violence et des conflits: assurer un accès équitable à une éducation de qualité, l'éducation à une culture de non-violence, en offrant des possibilités de travail décent pour tous, en particulier pour les jeunes, et promouvoir l'inclusion sociale.

Nous voulons souligner que le suivi et la mesure des progrès accomplis pour ces objectifs, quantitativement et qualitativement, sera essentielle pour l'atteinte de l'ensemble du futur agenda.

Enfin, nous souhaitons simplement souligner à ce stade l'importance fondamentale de la gouvernance des futurs objectifs. Pour veiller à leur mise en œuvre, il nous faudra développer un mécanisme de suivi et de redevabilité robuste, donnant un rôle central au Forum politique de haut niveau.