



# Education and Academia Stakeholder Group

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# MGoS Coordination Mechanism

- Introduced: at the **UN Conference on Environment and Development** („Earth Summit“ in Rio de Janeiro 1992)
- Paragraphs 42 to 55 of the **Rio+20 outcome document “The Future We Want,”** explicitly involving (MGoS) in all matters relating to the UN and Sustainable Development
- Confirmed: UNGA Resolution 67/290: Format and Organizational Aspects of the HLPF:

*„MGoS were integral to the development and adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, actively working towards its implementation, projects, initiatives, advocacy, knowledge-sharing, and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.“*

## **(Resolution 67/290)- MGoS are allowed to:**

- (a) To attend all official meetings of the forum;
- (b) To have access to all official information and documents;
- (c) To intervene in official meetings;
- (d) To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
- (e) To make recommendations;
- (f) To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat;

# Major groups and Other Stakeholders

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1. Africa Regional Mechanism
  2. Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
  3. Business & Industry Major Group
  4. Financing for Development Group
  5. ECE Regional CS Engagement Mechanism
  6. Education & Academia Stakeholder Group
  7. Farmers' Major Group
  8. Indigenous Peoples' Major Group
  9. LGBTI Stakeholder Group
  10. Local Authorities' Major Group
  11. Major Group for Children & Youth
  12. NGO Major Group
  13. Persons with Disabilities Stakeholder Group
  14. Science & Technology Major Group
  15. Sendai Engagement Mechanism
  16. SG for Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
  17. Stakeholder Group on Ageing
  18. Together 2030
  19. Volunteers Stakeholder Group
  20. Women's Major Group
  21. Workers & Trade Union Major Group

# What is MGoS Coordination Mechanism doing?

The CM works to ensure broad, open, transparent and inclusive participation in the HLPF; ensure that the rights of access and inclusive participation of MGoS in the HLPF are protected and upheld as mandated by 67/290 and potentially expanded; and facilitate the coordination among, and promote the participation of, all stakeholders that are involved in the HLPF process and want to contribute to it, including organizations and groups that are not part of the CM, to ensure the broadest participation possible.



# The United Nations System

## UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### SECURITY COUNCIL

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### SECRETARIAT

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

### TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL<sup>6</sup>

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Main Committees
- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup>

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
- **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP**<sup>2</sup> United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT**<sup>3</sup> United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

#### Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

#### Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**<sup>1,8</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**<sup>1</sup> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

#### Related Organizations

- CTBTO PREPARATORY COMMISSION** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**<sup>1,3</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- ICM**<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW**<sup>3</sup> Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**<sup>1,4</sup> World Trade Organization

#### Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee

- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Military Staff Committee

- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Peacebuilding Commission

- **HLPF** High-level political forum on sustainable development

#### Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

#### Regional Commissions<sup>8</sup>

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission or Western Asia

#### Other Bodies

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNGEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

#### Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

#### Departments and Offices<sup>9</sup>

- EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACH** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

#### Specialized Agencies<sup>1,5</sup>

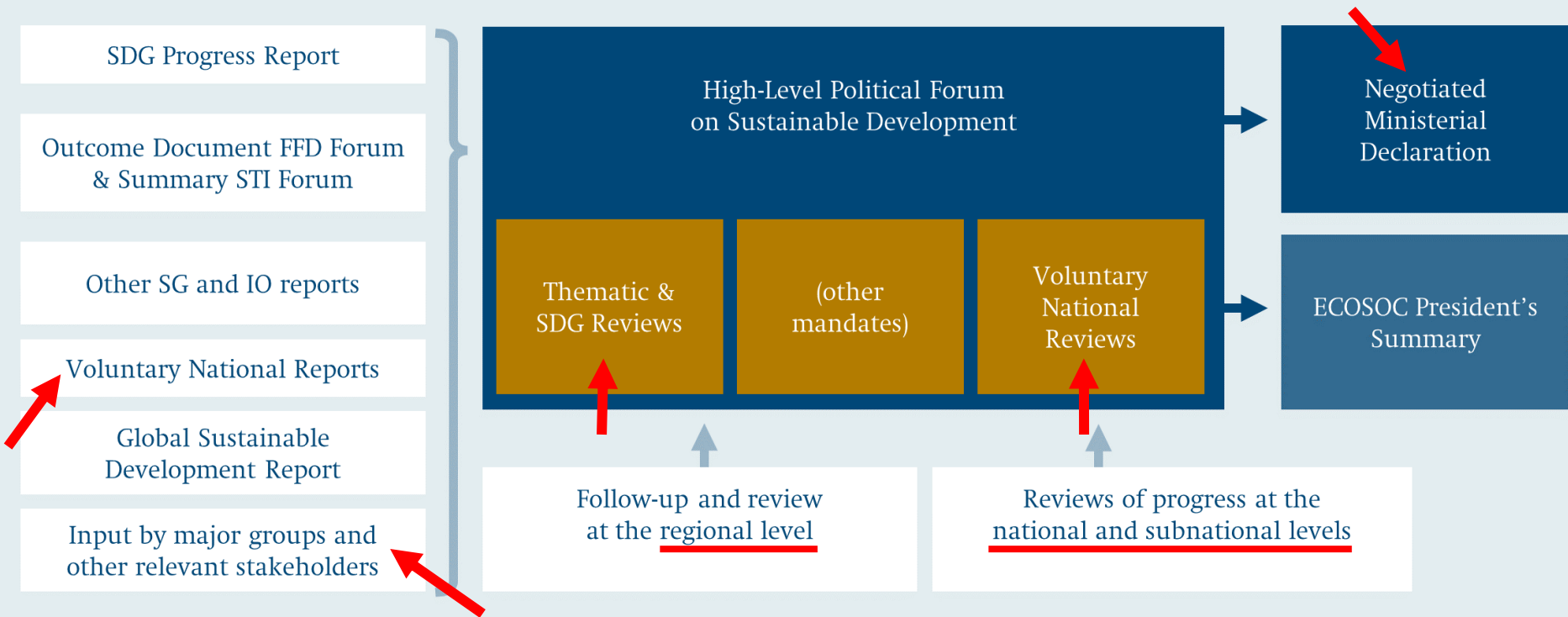
- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WHO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP**<sup>7</sup>
  - **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
  - **IDA** International Development Association
  - **IFC** International Finance Corporation

#### Notes:

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.





# Key challenges for civil society participation in HLPF

- Financial, administrative and formal problems (information, communication, time lines, deadlines...)
- Crisis of multilateralism
- Shirking spaces for civil society
  - Decreased role of civil society in many Member States
  - Decreased role of civil society in UN vs - Increased private and corporate influences on UN, the dominance of neoliberal discourse
- Private, corporate and philanthropic influences on UN
- Liquidity crisis
- Avoiding focus on systemic, underlying issues and structural problems
- Tokenism!!



## Education and lifelong learning

- Education as a human right – declining concept
- Influence of private sector
- The role of ed-tech companies
- Neoliberal discourses (OECD – testing empire; World Bank – outcome based approach)
- Changed role of universities
- Focus on skills
- Dominance of VET

## Possibilities for engagement





**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and  
eradicating poverty in times of multiple  
crises: the effective delivery of  
sustainable, resilient and innovative  
solutions**

**HLPF 2024: thematic reviews, voluntary national reviews, VNR labs  
three-day ministerial segment, ECOSOC high-level segment**

**SDGs under review:**

**1. NO POVERTY**

**2. ZERO HUNGER**

**13. CLIMATE ACTION**

**16. PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS**

**17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE  
GOALS**

# **EASG relevant events I**

- **Morning meetings of CM MGOS – 8.30, Room F**
- **Voluntary National Reviews (both weeks) + VNR labs**
- **SDGs Learning, Training & Practice (SDGs in Practice) – Mon-Th.**  
**esp:**

**Esp: 11. July, 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber,  
Special Event on Transforming Education**

- **EASG side-event: Building peace, justice and strong institutions through education, 10 July, 13:15 - 14:30 CR F**
- **„Perspectives from MGOS: Partnerships for transformative and urgent actions“, 12. July 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, CR 4,**

# **EASG relevant events II**

- **Side event GPE and ASPBAE: Advancing Climate Action Through Education, 15 July, 13:15 - 14:30, Baha'i International Community UN Office, 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120**
- **Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Global Forum 2024: The Future of Higher Education for Sustainable Development, 15 July, 3:00, PM - 06:00 PM, CR 1**
- **Side event: SDG 18-Ethnic-Racial Equality in the 2030 Agenda: the Brazilian experience for the construction of a new SDG, 16 July, 13:15 - 14:30 CR 7**
- **MGOS Caucus, 16 July, 09:00- 17:00 CR F**
- **Side event: SDG4 & SDG16: Addressing hate-speech through education for more inclusive and peaceful societies, 9:30, virtual Catesco...**
- **Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Conclusion of the HLPF, 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM, 17 July, CR 4**
- **Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Conclusion of the High- Level Segment, 18 July, 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber**