

The Civil Society Organization Statement

6, September 2018 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

We, participants from civil society organizations in China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Russia, welcome the 2nd North-East Asian Multi-stakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals ('NEA SDGs MSH Forum') organized by UN ESCAP on 5-6 September 2018 in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.

We appreciate the hospitality of the Mongolian government and the active consideration of UN ESCAP on the CSOs position paper from the 1st NEA SDGs MSH Forum.

We recognize this forum is an important space for peer learning and equal partnership in our journey towards the achievement of Agenda 2030 and its SDGs.

Noting that there are common challenges and achievements in Northeast Asia, we urge UN ESCAP, all governments in North East Asia including Mongolian government, and other stakeholders in this forum:

1. Host a Civil Society Forum a day before NEA SDGs MSH Forum, in collaboration with civil society stakeholders, in order to create a space for civil society, including women, children and youth, and persons with disability to better share experiences and to learn from each other;
2. Establish the reference groups within this sub-regions which should be composed of diverse types of stakeholders, taking examples of MGoS (Major Groups and other Stakeholders) and AP-RCEM (Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism);
3. Mandate the NEA SDGs MSH Forum to produce a concrete outcome which identifies the common priorities for NEA, such as severe gender gap and demographic change, based on the evidence-informed data and multi-stakeholder consultation, to create the mid-long term continuity of this forum. The outcome should be shared widely at local, national, sub-regional, regional and global level and guide the effective implementation by governments, UN, and other stakeholders;

4. Strengthen governmental participation in NEA SDGs MSH Forum both with wider delegate presence and with more concrete, data-informed, and forward-looking national reports and commitments;
5. Elaborate the linkages between sub-regional, regional, and global follow up and review processes and concretise the feedback this subregional forum provides into other forum;
6. Conduct sub-regional VNRs (Voluntary National Review) in this Forum by standardizing the reporting of each country for more effective peer sharing and learnings. In this regard, we can use either/both the regional roadmap and/or SG guideline for VNRs.
7. Ensure the inclusive participation of geographically, politically, culturally, and ethnically diverse stakeholders as this forum is to constructively develop the partnerships.

We believe that this forum showcases a good example of collaborative multi-stakeholder implementation of SDGs, and therefore, stress that full committed participation of all Northeast Asian countries is crucial.

In this regard, in deciding the next venue of NEA SDGs MSH Forum, it is essential to ensure that any kind of stakeholders from any member state can participate. We look for the future in which all countries can host the forum and positively support each other for effective implementation of Agenda 2030 and its SDGs.

Endorsement:

[Japan]

Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment and Society (JACSES)¹

Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs²

Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation(JANIC)

Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability³

Japan Workers Co-operative Union

[Mongolia]

Mongolia Civil Society Network for SDGs⁴

※ Organizations in italic are members of Mongolia Civil Society Network for SDGs who made an endorsement.

Diamond Angel Foundation, Mongolia -28 members NGO

International Child Development Protection Platform, Mongolia -34 member NGOs

ECPAT Mongolia

"Publish What You Pay" Coalition - members 34 member organizations

Psychological Responsiveness NGO

Reproductive health and rights NGO's network -25 member organizations

Pupil Guide NGO

Globe International Center

Eco Development Promotion Fund

Social Values Education Academy

Women and Life NGO

Women Leader Foundation

MONFEMNET National Network

Social Partnership Network in 11 aimags and UB districts

Liberal women's brain pool

Women's Labor Development Foundation

Mongolian Family Welfare Association

CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – 16 member organizations

Mongolian Environmental Civil Council of Selenge aimag

Centre for Human Rights and Development⁵

Climate Change-Development Academy⁶

Labor Inspection and Legal Policy Department of the Mongolian Trade Unions Federation⁷

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Dornod aimag's Community Saving Groups Federation⁸

Khentii aimag Community Saving Groups Federation⁹

Good Neighbors¹⁰

Mongolian Gender Equality Centre¹¹

Waterforum NGO¹²

Mongolian Environmental Civil Council¹³

Mongolian Women's Fund¹⁴

[Republic of Korea]

ChildFund Korea¹⁵

Korea SDGs Network¹⁶

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Kyunggi Women's Associations United

Korea Women's Associations United(KWAU)¹⁷ (National Coalition)

Korea Women's Hot Line

Open Network, Korea

Differently Abled Federation(KDAF),

Korea Disabled Forum(KDF)¹⁸ (National Coalition)

Green Environment Youth Korea(GEYK)

Global Citizen Leadership Academy

Korea Fair Trade Organization

Korea Social Economy Network(KSEN)(National Coalition)

CIATE KOREA¹⁹ (National Coalition)

PEACEMOMO²⁰

Korea Center for City and Environment Research(KOCER)

Korea Health Welfare Social Cooperative Federation(KHWSCF)(National Coalition)

Korea Human Rights Foundation

Green Future

Green Energy Strategy Institute

Green Korea United(GKU)

⁸ Forum Participant

⁹ Forum Participant

¹⁰ Forum Participant

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Korean Women's Environmental Network(KWEN)

Ulsan's Network for River and Watershed

Korea Federation for Environmental Movements(KFEM/FoE Korea)

Citizen's Movement for Environmental Justice(CMEJ)

The Korean Center for Sustainable Development(KCSD)

Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC)²¹ (National Coalition)

Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation (KoFID)(National Coalition)

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