



“An Agenda of the people, by the people, and for the people”:

Stakeholder engagement at the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda



2030 Agenda: A call for participation

- “**All countries and all stakeholders**” will act in a collaborative partnership to implement the new agenda.
- The “**intensive engagement**” of civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of the goals and targets is called for on para 39, 45 and 60.
- An agenda “of the people, by the people and for the people”.
- On the principles for follow up and review at all levels:
 - Be “open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people”
 - “will support the **reporting** by all relevant stakeholders”.
 - Be “people-centered, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthers behind”.
- **Global Level:** Support the participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the follow up and review and call for them to report on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



Outcomes of meaningful participation

- **Understanding**, better assessment of the needs and capacities
- **Ownership** and improvements in the implementation and sustainability of programmes and projects
- Creating **spaces for dialogue**, citizen engagement and empowerment of local voices and partnerships.
- Foster greater **state responsiveness** to citizen's needs

Trust – Solidarity – Social Cohesion

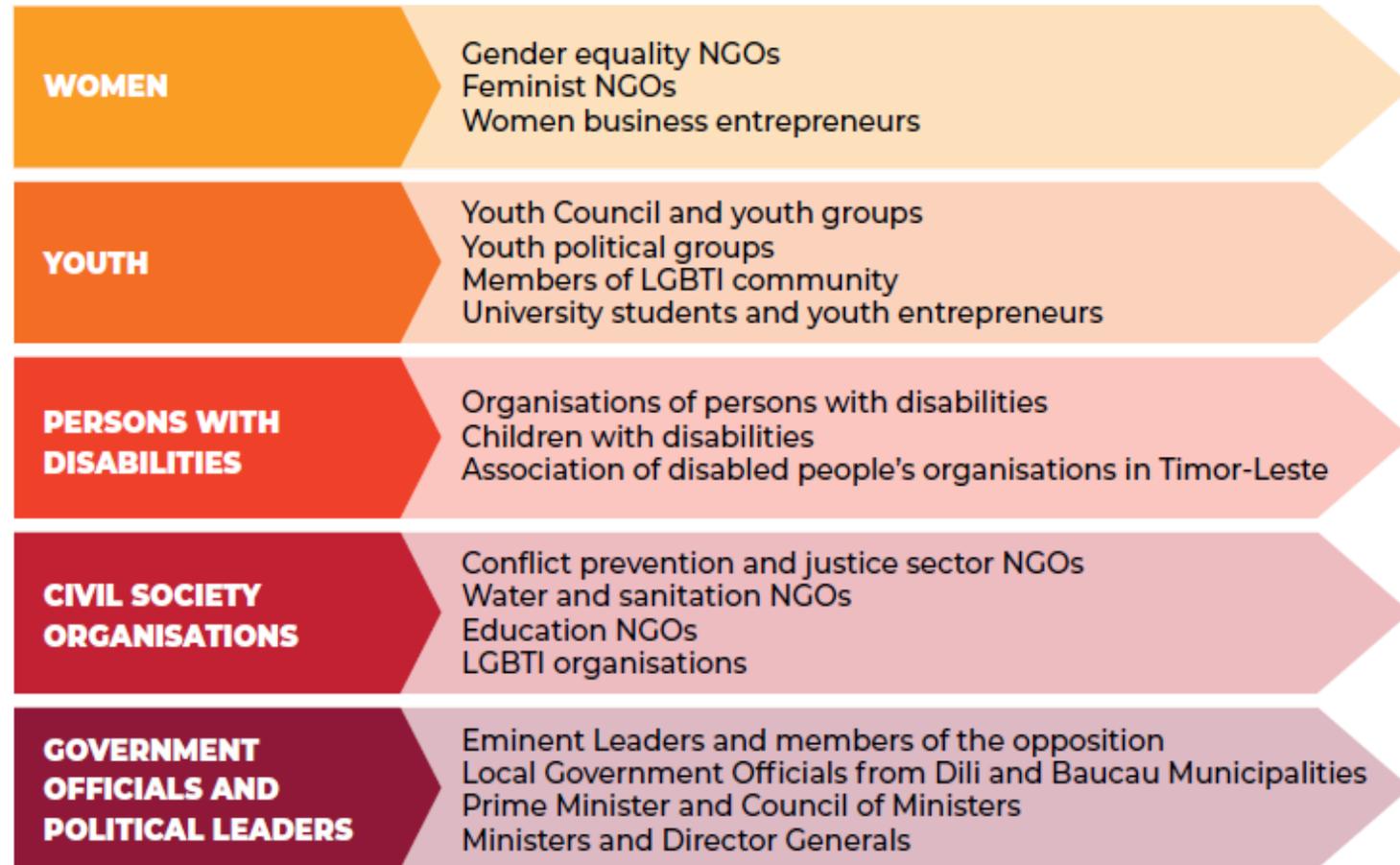
Who are the stakeholders?

- Stakeholder mapping must consider national and sub-national realities.
 - Some of the groups to be engaged:
 - **Non-Governmental Organizations**
 - **Women**
 - **Children and Youth**
 - **Indigenous Peoples**
 - **Business and Industry**
 - **Local Authorities**
 - **Workers and Trade Unions**
 - **Scientific and Technological Community**
 - **LGBTIQ, Persons with disabilities, older persons**
 - **Volunteers, migrants**
- BUT ALSO...**
- **Parliaments**
 - **National human rights institutions**
 - **UN system / other intergovernmental Organizations**
 - **And many others...**



Stakeholders: VNR of Timor-Leste

Figure 7: Key stakeholder groups for consultation



What does participation mean? – Levels of engagement

INFORM

One-way communication, where governments inform stakeholders of their plans for implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda.

CONSULT

Government presents plans and options for implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, and receives feedback from stakeholders.

INVOLVE

Stakeholders are meaningfully engaged with governments in generating plans and options for implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, and carrying out actions based on decisions emerging from this input.

COLLABORATE

Governments and stakeholders decide together on the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda. This is long-term, complex and demanding, requiring resources.

INFORM

In the **Maldives**, the government works with the official state media Public Service Media in disseminating information related to the SDGs. Capacity building workshops organized for journalists from various media in order to enhance and develop their skills to report on the SDGs.

In the **Netherlands**, the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) has launched the Municipalities4GlobalGoals campaign to promote awareness of the SDGs among municipalities and help them contribute to the goals.

CONSULT

In **Sierra Leone**, consultations were held both in the capital and in each of the country's districts. They involved middle to high-level officials from the government, parliament, local governments, the private sector, trade unions, civil society/nongovernmental organizations and universities on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the country.

In **Timor-Leste**, in addition to civil society being represented on the SDG Working Group, a CSO advisory group was established. It was made up of the national NGO Platform, the National Youth Council, the network of women's organisations, and a conflict-prevention NGO. The purpose of the group was to advise the VNR secretariat on how to effectively engage excluded groups in the consultation process, including young women and men, children, persons with disabilities, and excluded rural populations in the process.

Chile, in cooperation with UNDP, designed focus groups that sought to prioritise the voice and participation of populations such as street people, persons with disabilities, immigrants, and indigenous peoples.

INVOLVE/COLLABORATE

The **Estonian** Sustainable Development Commission is an advisory body consisting of civil society umbrella organizations and covers different fields of sustainable development. The Commission meets 4-5 times per year to discuss drafts of strategic action plans before they are adopted by the government and to publish focus reports with policy recommendations.

In **Norway**, the indigenous peoples' assembly, the Sámeddigi (Sami Parliament) engages in 2030 Agenda dialogue with line ministries and formal consultation mechanisms. Consultations to date have strengthened the Sámediggi's role as a representative voice for the Sami people and increased the awareness of Sami issues within the government. Sami culture is taken into consideration in policies particularly for fisheries and ecosystems protection, restoration and sustainable use.

Considerations in promoting stakeholder engagement

- **Purpose of the engagement:** clear objectives and methodologies.
- **Planning and resources:** Set up well defined processes with clear entry points for participation and allocate resources.
- **Communication:** Timely dissemination of plans, entry points and addressing linguistic needs.
- **Comprehensive mapping of stakeholders:** including strategies to bring the voices of the most marginalized.
- **Capacity building and adapting means of participation**

Stakeholder Engagement in VNR processes

INPUTS

Numerous countries have requested inputs from stakeholders and organized consultations to collect them.

REVIEW

Governments have shared draft VNR reports with stakeholders for their feedback and comments.

REPRESENT

Some included Stakeholder representatives in their official delegation sitting on the podium during the VNR presentation at the HLPF, ready to answer potential question.

PRESENT

Several countries have included presentations and comments from different stakeholders in their 15 minute Presentation or in their official report.