



MAJOR GROUPS & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Statement ECOSOC and HLPF Review Informals March 6, 2026

Excellencies, Co-Facilitators,

I am Roberto Borrero of the Indigenous People's Major Group. I am grateful for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Major Groups & other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism, a group of 23 diverse rights and stakeholder constituencies that are an integral part of the 2030 Agenda. We strongly emphasize the critical importance of stakeholder engagement and participation in ECOSOC related activities, which contribute to better informed decision-making and improved development outcomes.

We are deeply committed to delivering a just and sustainable world for all peoples and communities.

In terms of the Elements Paper, we have a number of specific comments.

- On the General and Cross-cutting elements:

We welcome the clear commitment to the three pillars of the UN and re-affirm that they are interlinked, connected and mutually reinforcing. We appreciate the strong role of the Economic & Social Council as a key body for meaningful partnerships which sets a useful model for other bodies of the UN.

We agree with the aspiration for the HLPF to become more action and outcome-oriented, with a clear process for connecting global commitments to national level implementation, in particular we call for enabling greater *community-led development*.

We call for further integration of rights and stakeholders across the ECOSOC cycle and the need to strengthen engagement across ECOSOC subsidiary bodies leveraging universal and equitable models.

We call for the inclusion of the phrase: "Ensure meaningful participation of *major groups and other stakeholders*,..."

- On ECOSOC

We recognise the role of the President and Bureau in setting the strategic direction of the Council's calendar. We welcome the importance of an effective calendar with clear milestones that link together throughout the year.

We appreciate the strong commitment from successive Presidents to fully engage in partnership working with MGoS.

We call for the opportunity to further strengthen the Partnership Forum as a space for SDG engagement, we suggest the potential for 'Action' sessions which would showcase specific examples of partnership working and delivery of SDGs across diverse stakeholder groups.

- On the HLPF

For the Thematic segment we suggest a non-siloed approach where all SDGs are reviewed each year through four different pillars. This would allow the forum to treat all goals under review with equal priority, focus and time allocation in the HLPF programme (reinforcing the SDG 17 review point). Potential to consider 'thematic reviews' that include all 17 Goals with a specific question to be addressed, highlighting cross-sectoral interlinkages.

In terms of the next generation VNRs, these should focus on clear learning from previous rounds, and they should highlight specific progress according to identified needs of the country. Ensure monitoring is based on disaggregated data and we call for inclusion of specific commitments for coming years.

In terms of the inputs from Regional Commissions, we would propose that this feedback should be linked according to key themes in the global processes (e.g. the ESCAP macroeconomic and FfD committee to the FfD Forum, etc.)

Finally, we recommend that the role of HLPF should be enhanced as an essential moment to promote community-led implementation and to share practical approaches to enable more meaningful partnership working that is centred in human rights so that no one is left behind.