

## Sendai Group (Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism)

*Inputs to the elements paper for the political declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit*

We recognise the ambition to build on several ongoing processes. This is important in order to ensure coherence across policy, not just on the international level, but most importantly on the local level.

Please note that each proposed language edit is marked in red, and followed by a justification. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the focal points Rocio Diaz-Agero ([rocio.diaz-agero@huairou.org](mailto:rocio.diaz-agero@huairou.org)) and Alinne Martinez ([alinne.martinez@unmgcy.org](mailto:alinne.martinez@unmgcy.org)), with the request to copy Moa Herrgard ([moa.m.herrgard@gmail.com](mailto:moa.m.herrgard@gmail.com))

**Headline:** [Our Shared Resolve]

**Paragraph:** one

**Original language & proposed edits:** “A clear political message renewing and reaffirming the leaders’ full collective commitment to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a plan for action for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, with a view to leaving no one behind – our roadmap for overcoming **and preventing** crises.”

**Justification:** Crises can be avoided by reducing the risks and vulnerability, and by enhancing the capacity to manage unexpected risks and events. This approach helps to minimise the negative impacts of a crisis, both social, environmental, and financial aspects. Prevention is also a more cost-effective investment compared to the cost of responding to a crisis, as prevention generally costs only a tenth of the expense of crisis response.

**Headline:** [Our Shared Resolve]

**Paragraph:** six

**Original language & proposed edits:** Maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda and reflect the indivisible and interlinked nature of the SDGs, as well as the necessary balance between its economic, social and environmental dimensions, **and always put the wellbeing of people and the planet in the forefront to financial growth.**

**Justification:** Our current models of progress value material gain (GDP) as primary indicators, while the most appropriate starting point for human flourishing is that of resilience - a concept which lies beyond traditional measurement. The social structure of constant growth is unsustainable, both for the environment as well as the wellbeing of people. Survival is a must, but beyond that the concept of growth to all means is an obstacle for reaching sustainable development. While growth can be beneficial in some contexts, it can also be an obstacle to

achieving sustainable development when pursued without regard for its impact on the environment and society.

**Headline:** [Our Shared Resolve]

**Paragraph:** six

**Original language & proposed edits:** Commitment to carry out durable global, regional, and national partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals that **equally** engage all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia, and youth.

**Justification:** All of society engagement, recognise that everyone has something to contribute, based on their unique knowledge and experiences. All of society and meaningful stakeholder engagement thereby applies equality across demographics. It is imperative that the voice, access, and support are equal across stakeholder groups, in order to avoid unbalanced operationalisation of their respective rights.

**Headline:** [Our Changed World]

**Paragraph:** Suggest a new paragraph

**Original language & proposed edits:** **The pandemic also provides a valuable opportunity for Member States to learn from the risk governance failures and successes that have contributed to the ultimate impacts of the pandemic, both direct and indirect. It is also an opportunity to learn from good practices of collaboration and resource mobilisation for a common goal.**

**Justification:** We have an opportunity to Build Back Better and reduce vulnerability to future disasters and build community resilience to address physical, social, environmental, and economic vulnerabilities and shocks.

**Headline:** [Turning Our World toward 2030]

**Paragraph:** 7

**Original language & proposed edits:** Address means of implementation

- financing for development, **that is accessible and decentralised**
- climate finance, capacity building,
- science, technology, and innovation
- digital transformation for sustainable development – bridge the digital divide
- investing in data and statistics
- multi-stakeholder partnerships

**Justification:** By providing local actors with the necessary resources and support, they can be equipped with the tools and flexibility required to adapt to emerging risks, and thus help to build more sustainable and resilient communities. This approach not only strengthens local actors' abilities to address challenges effectively but also promotes the ownership and responsibility of local communities and builds trust between donors and recipients in decision-making processes.

**Headline:** [Turning Our World toward 2030]

**Paragraph:** 10

**Original language & proposed edits:** Inclusive and sustainable economic growth, **that puts the wellbeing of people and the planet ahead of economic growth.**

**Justification:** While growth can be beneficial in some contexts, it can also be an obstacle to

achieving sustainable development when pursued without regard for its impact on the environment and society.

**Headline:** [Turning Our World toward 2030]

**Paragraph:** 12

**Original language & proposed edits:** Addressing disasters and building resilience, and recognising the importance of local resilience, which are the ones left most behind.

**Justification:** The *Main findings and recommendations of the midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030*<sup>1</sup> has revealed that the progress observed at the local level has been limited. To address this concern, it is crucial to significantly invest in local actions and involve the voices of local communities.

**Headline:** [Turning Our World toward 2030]

**Paragraph:** Suggest a new paragraph

**Original language & proposed edits:** Placeholder to reflect the Sendai Framework MTR HLM in May

**Justification:** The Sendai Framework is one of the Agenda2030 frameworks and reflecting on the outcome of the Midterm Review that takes place in May 2023, provides an avenue of building policy coherence.

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<sup>1</sup> Section B, §25, Main findings and recommendations of the midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030