

# **MGoS Response to Ministerial Declaration 2025 Element Paper**

## **Second Informal Consultation**

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Good morning your Excellencies, thank you for giving the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS) the opportunity to engage with you today and going forward.

The Ministerial Declaration should provide concrete recommendations provided by all stakeholders including MGoS groups. Additionally, the Ministerial Declaration should provide Key Performance Indicators to continually monitor and make necessary improvements to not lose precious time in meeting the 2030 agenda. MGoS are willing and ready to support UN and its member states to leave no one behind.

As we are all aware the ongoing conflicts are not only disturbing but are also distracting and diverting the attention from making progress towards achieving the SDGs and the 2030 agenda. The conflicts are also destroying infrastructure that is essential to quality of life, while impacts due to climate change continues to be unabated. Many of the large economies are also unwilling and not investing in just transition of the energy sector let alone making the transition to minimize impacts due to climate change! In today's geopolitical environment, trust in science and engineering is eroding.

We need support for advancing sustainable, inclusive science, engineering, and evidence-based solutions. Access to knowledge is a human rights issue; therefore, need support to freely exchange scientific and engineering knowledge and innovations. Need to not only raise awareness of the latest tools and technology, need to provide easy access for all, and build the much-needed capacity to prepare the work force of tomorrow. UN and member states while embracing the emerging tools and technologies such as AI, will need to provide the investment in sustainable infrastructure needed to leverage these technologies in addition to policies and guidance so as to serve humanity responsibly. Scientific and engineering communities are willing to help and support member states.

MGoS encourages UN and member states while reviewing SDG 3, 5, 8,14 and 17 to consider the following:

1. Afford universal access to healthcare for all.
2. Encourage gender equality and empower woman and girls.
3. Invest in new and climate friendly employment.

4. Encourage conservation and investments in sustainable and resilient infrastructure.
5. Develop fair and equitable global governance and international financial architecture.

MGoS encourage member states to submit VNRs and we are ready and willing to contribute.