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**TITLE: *Towards a Resilient Recovery and Leaving No One Behind in the Voluntary National Reviews***

**DATE: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 0730-0900 EDT**

**VENUE: Conference Room A (IN PERSON)**

Government co-sponsors: Switzerland, Pakistan, Ghana, Montenegro

Co-organisers: Awaz Centre for Development Services, Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD), Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP), Keyoy Community Development Institute (KCDI) Jamaica

The Voluntary National Reviews provide a crucial opportunity to evaluate and assess progress in the delivery of the SDGs and the wider 2030 Agenda. However the COVID-19 pandemic has led to massive disruption, impacting on health, education, gender equality and access to finance, leading to significantly widening gaps of inequality.

This session will include key case studies of ‘whole of society’ engagement in the VNR process from key VNR countries, including insights from governments and also civil society coalitions active on developing civil society spotlight reports to shine a light on diverse views on the critical steps needed for transformative change in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Agenda:**

- Welcome by Oli Henman, A4SD - Moderator : (5 minutes)

**Opening panel**

*Speakers from governments provide an overview of their engagement with civil society and the key role of stakeholder inputs to the VNRs to ensure an inclusive process and an effective approach to leave no one behind-*

- Government of Pakistan (7 minutes): Professor Ahsan Iqbal – Federal Minister, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
- Government of Switzerland: Mr. Jacques Ducrest, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda (7 minutes)
- Government of Ghana (7 minutes): Dr. Kodjo Mensah-Abrampa, Director General of the National Development Planning Commission of Ghana

- Government of Cameroon (7 minutes): Dr. Thomas Njie Kingue, Ministry of Economy Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT)
- Government of Montenegro (7 minutes): Ms. Aneta Kankaraš, Head of the Office for Sustainable Development
- Government of Greece (7 minutes): Mrs Pavlina Spandoni, Senior Social Policy Advisor at Presidency of the Government of Greece

### **Second panel**

- A4SD Presentation of People's Scorecards
- CPDE VNR Report
- National CSO coalitions share experience of VNR engagement to answer the question: What can be done to better engage and implement the SDGs after the VNR in your country? (5 mins each)
  - Pakistan – Mr. Chaudhry Muhammad Shafique, Pakistan Development Alliance
  - Switzerland – Laura Ebnetter, Alliance Sud
  - Ghana – Kofi Kankam, Ghana CSOs Platform on SDGs
  - Cameroon -
  - Greece – Constantinos Machairas, the Hellenic Platform
  - Jamaica – Dr Margaret Chin, Kevoy Community Development Institute (KCDI) Jamaica
- **Closing & thanks by Ms. Zoya Shabbir - AwazCDS-Pakistan (GCAP-Pakistan) (5 mins)**