

**Intervention from the floor at 2021 HLPF on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of
Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
Investing in the SDGs
July 12 at 9am - 11:30am EDT - 6.45pm Nepal Time
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Your Excellency,

My name is Bhakta Biswakarma from Asia Dalit Rights Forum, Nepal, speaking on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent.

It is critical that we review the scale and pace of our Investments in the SDGs. These have a direct impact on the most marginalized communities, like, Indigenous people, Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD), Dalits, Roma, Quilombola, Haratine and others.

While investing we must consider Environmental Social Governance (ESG) impacts. DWD communities have been excluded, faced displacement and exploitation of their traditional habitations. These have resulted in grave human rights violations which should be avoided at all costs.

In line with the call in the 2019 General Assembly resolution on “Promoting investments for sustainable development” (A/RES/74/199), for “concrete recommendations for the advancement of investment for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”, I would recommend the following:

First, including the concerns of the Indigenous, DWD and other marginalized communities while assessing the ESG impacts; resulting in deepening ESG integration in financial markets by establishing a global monitoring mechanism with a harmonized approach to disclosure.

Secondly, Nation states and Intergovernmental bodies must foster new forms of partnerships for SDGs investment to promote investment in health, food security and digitalization.

Your Excellency,

I must also highlight target 17.18 which discusses the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable disaggregated data that is also the area of investments. Data needs to be gathered in order to assess adverse impacts and affirmative action in the resource allocation as well as visibilize DWD communities.

Thank you.