

MGoS plenary session: Introduction
Oliver Henman, Moderator

Thank you, Madame President, we are very grateful for this opportunity for dialogue today.

I would also like to thank my Co-Chair Rashima Kwatra

It's my first year as a Co-Chair although I have attended every HLPF since 2015.

As someone who grew up between 2 continents, it's an honour and a privilege to be here in this position with you all at the United Nations.

From a young age in Brazil, I was acutely aware of the challenges of balancing our economic, social and environmental needs and I was shaped by the experience of living in the Amazon and hearing from frontline environmental defenders.

I did not expect that we would still be facing many of the same challenges 30 years later and that I would be sharing stories of resilience and climate justice with my own children.

I must also pay tribute to the incredible solidarity that we have experienced across the stakeholder groups in this room.

Recent years have been characterized by war, pandemic and natural disasters, as well as continued reductions in social protection, education, healthcare and other core services. While the direct support for community action and civil society organisations has been drastically reduced.

But we have seen incredible solidarity, kindness and generosity to look after one another in our shared humanity. We have seen strong and dedicated networks of local volunteers who step up to ensure support for communities when even many governments have been paralysed or slow to react.

In the face of crisis or conflict we have seen simple acts of humanity. In the face of disaster we have seen relentless fierce optimism.

We find a common sense of 'we the peoples' and many of the groups you will hear from today have carried out extraordinary steps to bring forward the voices of those who are so often left behind.

In this session we will consider **Partnerships for transformative and urgent actions**

We will hear from a diverse range of stakeholders who reflect experiences from many backgrounds and regions of the world.

So now let me welcome our panelists

I would like to start with our first two panelists who will set the scene for this session- *I would ask them to consider our first question, which is to suggest ways to strengthen the role of diverse stakeholders in the 2030 Agenda at the United Nations*

1. HE Maritza Chan Valverde, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Costa Rica
2. Frances Zainoeddin, Stakeholder Group on Ageing: Background of MGoS involvement at the HLPF and on the SDGs since 2015

Now let me turn to our next 4 panelists who each come from different stakeholder groups as part of the Major Groups & Other Stakeholders.

I would like you to consider: *How are stakeholders playing a critical role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda? What are some good examples and case studies of stakeholder implementation?*

3. Jordania Urena, Deputy Secretary General ITUC
4. Paul Divakar Namala, Founder, The Inclusivity Project / Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
5. Rey Asis, Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants / APRCEM - Good practice from the regions on stakeholder participation
6. Caroline Rucuh, Director, Western Kenya LBQT Feminist Forum (LGBTI Stakeholder Group) - Experience of national level participation

I would now like to call on our first respondent:

- Ms. Amina Bouayach, Secretary of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)

Many thanks and at this point I would like to pass back to the Chair for the Interactive Discussion

Final section:

We have heard from a very diverse range of views and we strongly welcome the endorsement of the critical role of stakeholder constituencies in the joint delivery of the 2030 Agenda.

This is perhaps our last best chance to course correct and we can see that many groups are ready to play their part.

Now I would like to invite each of our panelists to offer short final recommendations.