



C4UN SECRETARIAT UPDATE

July 2021

C4UN Activities Report

Last December the C4UN campaign adopted a [Strategic Plan \(2021-2023\)](#) based upon the expectation that the recommendations to be made by the Secretary-General in his Our Common Agenda report will include a call for a dedicated process to strengthen and reform the legal and institutional machinery of the UN system. During 2021, the coalition has been in a transition phase whereby the provisions of the strategic plan have been implemented that has included the rebranding of the campaign; the articulation of its vision, mission, key objectives, and program work streams; and reorganization of its management structure to make it more democratic, inclusive and representative of global civil society.

The UN2020 Coordination Group appointed a three-person Nomination Committee that selected a fixed slate of nine Partner organizations to serve two-year terms on a newly constituted C4UN Steering Committee, with the option of renewing for a second two-year term. To ensure continuity and balance between old and new participants in the transition from UN2020 to C4UN, 4 members of the UN2020 Coordination Group were joined by 5 new global/regional partners to comprise the Steering Committee.

On 22 June, C4UN organized a successful virtual [Global Town Hall Meeting](#) that discussed alternative institutional, policy, and normative measures for taking forward the UN75 Declaration adopted by member states last September, as well as consideration of a possible follow-on intergovernmental process as recommended in the [Eminent Persons Open Letter](#) signed by 50 former world leaders and UN officials. The outcomes of the [“We the People’s” digital consultation](#) (April 23rd – May 21st) led by Igarapé Institute & UN Foundation that C4UN supported as a partner of the Secretary-General’s [“Our Common Agenda”](#) outreach program were discussed as were the findings of the [“Fulfilling the UN75 Declaration’s Promise”](#) expert roundtable series organized by the Stimson Center and C4UN partners. Participants also heard reports from 5 regional consultations that took place during the month of June in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe/North America, Latin America/Caribbean, and MENA regions.

Additional events organized in June included a C4UN roundtable discussion on “Principles and Process: Civil Society Mobilization for Meaningful Post-UN75 Implementation” at the [ACUNS Annual Meeting 2021](#) and the [One World Town Hall](#) organized by the Stimson Center entitled “Taking the UN75 Declaration Forward: Making a 2023 World Summit on Inclusive Global Governance a Reality.” At HLPF 2021, Jeffery Huffines represented C4UN at an official side event on 7 June entitled “A New Multilateralism for Sustainable Development - A dialogue on building our common future and achieving SDGs” organized by Together 2030 (CEPEI, Sightsavers, World Vision) and at a parallel event on 15 July entitled “Post COVID-19: Essential Actions for a Sustainable Future” organized by the Urban Cluster of the NGO Major Group.

At its first meeting on 21 July 2021, the Steering Committee invited Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Group of Women Leaders for Change and Inclusion) and Daniel Perell (Baha'i International Community) to serve as Co-Chairs of the Coalition for a one-year term. A list of the new Steering Committee members may be found [here](#).

In partnership with the Stimson Center and the Baha'i International Community, C4UN will be organizing a [4 August advocacy and planning meeting](#) to prepare for a [10 August informal, multi-stakeholder discussion](#) scheduled to promote consultations and innovative action campaigns related to the UN75 Declaration in response to the Secretary-General's much anticipated Our Common Agenda (OCA) report to be released in September. Additional agenda items include the potential for organizing a new Group of Friends in support of Our Common Agenda and possible modalities for initiating a follow-on, dedicated intergovernmental process to strengthen and reform the institutional machinery of the UN system.

Following UNGA week, we will be hosting our second annual C4UN People's Forum in October. In 2020, we adopted the [UN75 People's Declaration and Plan for Global Action](#). At this year's forum, we will have an opportunity to consider civil society responses to the outcomes of the Secretary-General's report and related follow up to the UN75 commitments. We will develop in greater detail the campaigning modalities that can best take forward the progress we know will be needed for the UN We Need, as well as contribute to the formation of Multilateral Innovation Hubs in support of the implementation of the UN75 People's Declaration.