

Open Letter

ATT: H.E. Hon. Abdulla Shahid
President of the United Nations General Assembly

H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations

Re: Civil Society and “Our Common Agenda”

Excellencies,

We are writing as national and international civil society organizations and networks regarding the need for open, transparent and inclusive modalities for the follow up processes to the Secretary-General’s Our Common Agenda (OCA) report.

We view the OCA report as a necessary and important catalyst for a revitalized United Nations system. Moreover, we are encouraged by the support governments have demonstrated for the report following its launch September 10, during the High-level statements at the opening of the 76th session of the General Assembly, and at recent plenary meetings.

At the same time, we are concerned over reports that, as UN participation arrangements adapt to hybrid meeting rules, the pandemic is being used to unnecessarily limit opportunities for constructive engagement with civil society representatives at the United Nations.

Experience over many multilateral processes, not least the development of the Sustainable Development Goals, demonstrates the importance of broadly inclusive multistakeholder processes. Indeed, the OCA report also emphasizes the importance of meaningful, broad and inclusive consultations with civil society and other stakeholders.

As upcoming General Assembly meetings prepare the modalities for engaging discussions on the various OCA proposals, particularly the proposed 2023 Summit of

the Future, we take this opportunity to signal our readiness to participate in the follow-up processes for this important and necessary roadmap for a revitalized UN system.

Civil society participation and consultation mechanisms that are open, inclusive and transparent will be essential.

Sincerely,

Name of organization

Country

A world without chemical and biological weapons-www	iraq
AbibiNsroma Foundation	Ghana
Action against NCDs in Eswatini	Eswatini
Action for Sustainable Development	Belgium
African Child Agape Foundation (ACAF)	Malawi
Alliance for Women And Children Development (AWACD)	Liberia
Article 20 Network	United States
Asia DHRRA	Philippines
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)	Thailand
Association d'Aide à l'Education de l'Enfant Handicapé	
Association for the Promotion of Community Development	Guinea
Association of World Citizens	International
Association pour l'Integration et le Developpement Durable au Burundi, AIDB	Burundi
AwazCDS-Pakistan	Pakistan
Baha'I International Community	Global
Bridging Ventures	USA
Cameroon Vision (CAMVISION) Trust	Cameroon
CECADE Centro de Capacitación y promoción de la Democracia	El Salvador - Centroamérica
Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP)	Nigeria
Citizens for Global Solutions	USA
CIVICUS	Global
Coalition for the UN We Need	Global
Congregation of Our Lady of Chairty of the Good Shepherd	United States
Congregation of the Mission	United States
Creativity Lab for Empowerment and Innovation	Palestine

Democracia Global	Argentina
Democracy International e.V.	Germany
Democracy Without Borders	International
East Africa Climate Change Network	Kenya
Emonyoye Yefwe International	Kenya
FINESTE	Haïti
Fordham University	USA
Freedom Forum	Nepal
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - NY	United States
Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability	Belgium
Gbarpolu Women Advocacy for Gender Equality	Liberia
Gender, Peace & Security	United Kingdom
Global Call to Action Against Poverty	Global
Global Citizenship Union	Hong Kong, China
Global Voice	USA
Global Women Leaders – Voices for Change and Inclusion	International
Grassroot Civil Society Network of Liberia	Liberia
Greenpeace	Global
Group of Women Leaders for Change and Inclusion GWL	Global
HuMENA for Human Rights and Civic Engagement	Regional- MENA Region
IMPACT VOICES - The Social Innovation Intermediary	Sri Lanka
Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development, IPGFforSD (International Indigenous Platform)	Global
Indonesian Club	Indonesia
Inspirator Muda Nusantara	Indonesia
Institute of Cultural Affairs-Benin	Benin
International Alliance of Women	International
International Environment Forum	
International Youth Society Yemen	YEMEN
ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa	South Africa
Jade Propuestas Sociales y Alternativas al Desarrollo, A.C.	México
JAKI (Jaringan Aktivistis Kemanusiaan Internasional) / IHAN (International Humanitarian Activists Network)	Indonesia
Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs	Japan
Keen and Care Initiative (KCI)	Nigeria
Kijiji Yeetu	Kenya
Kosmos Associates	United States
Kosmos Associates	USA
kurdistan without genocide	iraq
Lagos State Government	Nigeria
Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy	Colombia- USA

LEDA- Liderança, Educação, Democracia, Ambiente e Artes	Moçambique
Liberian United to Explore Hidden Weapon (LUEHW)	Liberia
Morya Samajik Pratishtan	India
Mulabi/ Latin American Space for Sexualities and Rights	Costa Rica
MY World Mexico	Mexico
National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal	Nepal
National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal	Nepal
National Old Folks of Liberia (NOFOL)	Liberia
NGO: ADET	Togo
Nigeria Network of NGOs	Nigeria
One More Percent	Kenya
One World Trust	United Kingdom
ONG Maqay	Perú
Organization Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan	iraq
Organization of the Justice Campaign	iraq
Oxfam International	International
Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)	Fiji
Pakistan Development Alliance	Pakistan
People's Federation for National Peace and Development (PEFENAP)	Malawi
Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)	India
Povod Institute	Slovenia
Reaccion Climatica	Bolivia
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Red Dot Foundation	India
Red Line Art Works	UK
Rising to Greatness CBO	Kenya
RNDDH	Niger
School of Civic Education	Russia
Sisters of Charity Federation	United States
SMILE HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE	Nigeria
Society for Civic Participation and Direct Democracy	Bulgaria
Soroptimist Enschede Dunya	Netherlands
Soroptimist International	Global
Stimson Center (Global Governance, Justice and Security Program)	United States
Stichting Mission Lanka	Netherlands
Students for Global Democracy Uganda	Uganda
TFINS	India
the EPE movement	Turkey
The Unforgotten	United States of

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Uganda Peace Foundation
UNA-UK
UNA-USA Council of Organizations
UNANIMA International
United Nations volunteers
Unity Earth
We Are Forces of Nature
World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy
World Inter-Faith Education Association (WIFEA)
Youth Harvest Foundation Ghana
Youth in Technology And Arts Network (YOTAN)

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