

SDGs in focus: How do we get on track for building more peaceful, equal and inclusive societies (SDGs 3, 10,16, 17 and interlinkages among those goals and with other SDGs)

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My name is **Valentina Bodrug-Lungu** and today I am speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group and the Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for Europe and Central Asia region.

We know the SDG 3, 10, 16, 17 were drastically off track before the pandemic and we have an opportunity to make real change in the light of what has happened.

Our recommendations are:

1. Promote policies and actions based on the obligations within the human rights framework
2. Combat discrimination in all its forms with gender, age and disability inclusive responses are.
3. Ensure through finance and equitable distribution vaccines for all and universal social protection for all in all countries without discrimination
4. Support transparent, strategic alliances for SDG achievement between civil society and government and grassroots organizations.
5. Adopt policies and support grassroots and judicial institutions that end violence against women and girls and address power imbalance and discrimination.
6. Amplify the voices and role in decision making of those most impacted by local and global inequalities.
7. Ensure UHC and put in place effective funding mechanisms for universal critical services for women including SRH&Rs and safe abortion.
8. Ensure holistic approach to SDGs, inter linkages and integration across SDGs.
9. Link SDG monitoring with Human Rights reporting mechanisms, such as UPR, CRPD and CEDAW, and include shadow reports of civil society as official submissions to the HLPF.
10. Place economic, racial, climate, and gender justice at the center of pandemic recovery and SDGs implementation.
11. Transform the HLPF a space for real accountability between governments and civil society.

Operationalizing 'Leave No One Behind' means support to bring diverse groups together to enable voices and important participation of those who are most often left

behind to be involved into the official process. We represent those groups; count us in - include us please!

We would like to remind - the progress is too slow on SDGs implementation. People are suffering and the eyes of the world are on you. Enough of fine words and unkept promises.

Take actions NOW!

Thank you!