

## UN HLPF Communication Workshop

Hosted by: **Forus**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**14:30 to 16:00 (Paris time, GMT+2)**

**Moderator: Sanaâ Nadir, Forus Communications Officer**

⚠ Make sure you can access to our HLPF 2020 [Dropbox](#)

You can have a look at the presentation on our workshop [here](#)

For our communication actions of this year we would like to highlight the testimonies by inserting quotes from our members in our press release. Therefore, we suggest you **send us by 17/06 a quote of a few lines, expressing your expectations and/or the challenges encountered in your country or the general context in which this presentation of VNR is taking place, whether it is a 1st or 2nd presentation.** Please specify the name of your organisation and the person cited as well as his/her position.

(You can fill this information [here](#) or you can send the information required directly to Sanaa Nadir at [sanaa@forus-international.org](mailto:sanaa@forus-international.org))

### **HLPF's introduction & general info** *Sanaâ NADIR*

Given the situation linked to COVID-19 the UN has decided that decided that the High level political Forum (HLPF) and all Side-events and Exhibitions will be held virtually. Since this decision was agreed, Forus and its members have acted to ensure the participation of civil society in this virtual HLPF format,

### **Communication tools & Dropbox** - *Angel MENDOZA*

Link shared with participants in order to access campaigns, outgoing communications from members.

Workshop presentation.

The documents you can find in the Dropbox as follows:

**-Campaigns** / Social media campaigns for example #InclusiveUN

**-Events** / General agenda & Side events

**-Forus's Workshops** / Docs from Advocacy Workshop on May 25th and a Communication Workshop on June 10th

**-Photos**

**-Press list & contacts** / For countries presenting VNR

**-Press releases** / Forus' Goal 16 & 17 (ongoing)

**-Reports** / Reports from members

## -Videos

-VNRs / 1<sup>st</sup> time and 2<sup>nd</sup> time presenters

## Forus' Goal 16 & 17 reports - Sanaâ NADIR

Goal 16 report in collaboration with ADA. It gathers case studies in regard to civic space and civic space restriction evolution for the past 5 years. It'll also tackle the governments' responses in the context of the covid-19 pandemic. Available in EN.

Goal 17 report about government delivering and CSOs CD in regard to Agenda 2030. Analysis of the 2019 VNRs to analyze activities of governments. Available in EN, FR & ES.

## Side events update & participation - Deirdre de Burca

- All our side events will be virtual. 5 Forus applications for side events.
- Identified panels of speakers already, but all Forus' members are welcome to join and participate in the debate.
- Even if they're not accepted as official side events, they will take place as unofficial ones.

Forus is involved in the following side events and is still awaiting confirmation from the UN over the coming weeks that they have been accepted.

- Joint A4SD side event on "**CSO inclusion in VNRs**" (Concept note on the [DROPBOX](#))
- Forus /ADA side event on **Monitoring Goal 16 (& launching joint Forus/ADA Goal 16 report)** (Concept note on the [DROPBOX](#))
- Forus/ADA Goal 16 side event on **Innovative Partnerships** (Concept note on the [DROPBOX](#))
- SDG Watch Europe-led side event on **the impacts of CSO coalitions on SDG implementation** in which CCIC (Canadian platform) is participating as Forus member
- Joint Globalt Fokus/Forus side event on Goal 16 & Civic Space (Concept note on the [DROPBOX](#))

## Joint letter to the UN + Side Event Goal 16 (Global Focus) – Sara Brandt

- Side event focusing on protecting civic space during the covid-19 pandemic. Governments have utilized the covid-19 pandemic to crack down CS actors, freedoms of expression and assembly. State of emergency is being used to silence marginalized groups.
- Looking at ways in which the SDGs can be used to monitor these restrictions on civic space.
- [Joint letter](#) together with Forus, A4SD, CIVICUS and other NPFs asking the UN to ensure that the CS can participate in the HLPF and be heard. Another topic is the request to upload the reports in the UN official HLPF website. Please share with your governments and relevant actors.

- #InclusiveUN being used in social media 460 from 115 countries have joined us so far. You'll find the social guide in the Dropbox, feel free to use and share it!
- Check this social media campaign [here](#)

### **Presentation of Member's communication actions and needs - Members**

**Josefina Huaman (Mesa + ANC, Peru):** Working with CSOs and NGOs on the monitoring of SDGs Agenda 2030 implementation. Report on the indicators to be shared by the end of the month. Some issues in Peru, in the communication. CS participation isn't assured, as the Institute dedicated to planning and not monitoring. Online report where every citizen can comment, but it isn't really participatory since the CS can only comment, there is no proper acknowledgement of the feedback received. So far it is being seen as a spotlight report.

Agenda 2030 WG in Peru, however some aspects aren't clear.

No Latin American countries in these side events mentioned earlier, would like to know why Latam countries weren't consulted/invited.

**Deirdre de Burca:** Forus is making 5 submissions but sometimes the side-event ideas come from the members, Forus is a co-organizer, we need our members to be proactive as well. Civic space case study from Peru & Brazil, but we didn't have an approach from Latam countries to be part of a side event. Let's work together and if you prepare any event (unofficial side events now, since the deadline has passed) Forus will gladly advertise it and participate.

**BB Thapa (NFN, Nepal):** Preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR in Nepal. Handed over just today the peoples' perspectives and recommendations on VNR 2020 to the National Planning Commission, which is the Nepal Government's focal agency on SDGs. Detailed civil society report on SDGs is to be published by the end of June. The details are available on this link: <http://ngofederation.org/node/564>

**Adriana Aralica (SLOGA, Slovenia):** Slovenia is submitting the 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR as well, rather open process this year. We don't know if the CS' recommendation will be part of the VNR. We're currently developing a spotlight report with the support of Forus and in collaboration with SLOGA members. This work was slowed down with the covid-19 pandemic and the government change. Will prepare Press Releases and will work on their social media strategy.

**Abdelhakim Chefai:** Morocco is presenting its 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR. No sufficient participation from the CS that wasn't encouraged. It is a step back in regard to the 2016 VNR process. Opacity on the process. Workshop is being prepared in order to produce a shadow report on CS information and other key aspects.

### **Media, press releases & Press contacts for countries presenting VNRs - Sanaâ**

- Forus will launch 5 Press releases in total.
- Forus wish to involve all Forus members in these PR, so members from countries presenting VNRs this year will receive emails from Sanaâ to ask for

quotes relating to this VNR process. You are invited to add your quote ASAP in the document in the [Dropbox](#) without forgetting to mention your name, organization and position. Also, we'd like to create a WA group so that we can all share and exchange in a more direct way.

- Forus will reach out to you at the end of the HLPF to have the members' impressions and prepare the final PR.
- Also on the Dropbox you can find personalized lists regarding journalists and PR in the countries presenting VNRs this year and also regional contacts (USA, Latin America, Africa, Asia & Europe)

### **Proposal of a social media strategy - 15 min Sanaâ NADIR**

A social networking kit with sample tweet will be shared during the HLPF to communicate around the side events, press releases, you can also share some ideas of your activities or sur topics could be included on this guide.

Important information: Sanaa will be in maternity leave in July, so Bibbi ABRUZZINI, will be part on the communication team from June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Participants' list:**

Forus' team: Angel Mendoza, Arturo Cortéz, Deirdre de Burca, Diana Ribeiro, Sanaâ Nadir

Members: Abdelhakim Chafiai (EA, Morocco), Adeola Odunsi (NNNGO), Adriana Aralica (SLOGA, Slovenia), BB Thapa (NFN, Nepal), Enrique Barahona (ASONOG), Hum Bhandari (NFN, Nepal), Issam (EA, Morocco), Josefina Huaman (ANC, Peru), José Ramón Avila (ASONOG, Honduras), Natalia Galeano (POJOAJU, Paraguay), Oyindamola Aramide (NNNGO) Raúl Monte Domecq (POJOAJU, Paraguay), Roukiattou (SPONG, Burkina Faso), Sandra Mamani (UNITAS) Yolanda Polo (COORDINADORA ONGD), Timothy Odion (NNNGO, Nigeria).

Others: Sara Brandt (Globalt Fokus, Denmark).

### **Communication - TEAM**

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