

Session 15: From Inspiration to action: Multi-stakeholder engagement for implementation

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Mabel Bianco's statement on "Multi-stakeholder approaches at the National level – the opportunity to enhance follow up and review by engaging major groups and other stakeholders".



Thanks Madame Moderator.

The Women Major Group –WMG- celebrates this HLPF in which 22 countries voluntarily presents their reports on the implementation of Agenda 2030.

The Women Major Group reviewed the reports disseminated by countries and did a survey among their members in those countries and received 29 responses representing approximately 100 NGOs.

Unfortunately we only had access to the full report of only one country, the other 20 only agreed to abstracts. For one country did not have access or the summary. The study's findings are in the web of WMG (<http://www.womenmajorgroup.org/survey-results-of-the-22-national-hlpf-review-governments-and-civil-society-association-for-national-reviews/>).

Regarding the participation of women's organizations should be meaningful and not merely symbolic. The latter is only to justify participation but does not allow a significant contribution.

However, very few countries, less than 10%, incorporated the Civil Society especially women in the process. Others invited some NGOs generally large associations in which women's organizations are few and not representative of the full diversity.

Most countries convened when the report was completed or close to, and only to hear and when they asked for opinion was to do it in one or two days. Others never consulted.

As for the **ODS5 and Gender Equality** there were few countries that included recognizing progress and outstanding debts. Others, about 25% spoke very unclear and without linkage to other ODS. Several they prioritized only improving access to economic resources for women. Two countries focused on recent problems (Colombia in the peace treaty and Sierra Leone in the severe Ebola epidemic in 2015).

Faced with these observations the WMG made some **recommendations**, we have a report that will be distributed and is on the website of WMG. (<http://www.womenmajorgroup.org/survey-results-of-the-22-national-hlpf-review-governments-and-civil-society-association-for-national-reviews/>)

1) The groups of the diversity of women can support governments due to the experience in preparing alternative reports and also to disseminate and facilitate linkages between different sectors: parliamentary, judicial, others.

Should **institutionalize the participation of the diversity of women's** organizations and feminist especially indigenous people, migrants, youth, LGBT and other traditionally marginalized, and this should be transparent and clear.

2) **Ensuring access to information** not only quantitative and qualitative data also disaggregated by gender.

3) **Governments and donors must commit to financing and support the participation** of civil society and especially women and feminists to ensure meaningful partnership from the beginning of the process. (Where should begin it not started already).

4) should be adopted as a model for the National Reports to allow comparisons along time and between countries achievements ODS5 and gender equality and incorporate existing mechanisms such as the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of women (CSW) and treaty committees such as CEDAW, the Economic, Social and Cultural Development and others. For this, countries must incorporate in the implementation and development of reports confirming the commitment to guarantee the human rights of the diversity of women and girls who suffer multiple forms of discrimination.

5) Ensure the access of women and feminist organizations to the means of implementation including subsidios to improve their skills, empowering them politically and remove structural barriers that women face.

We have other recommendations that you can see in our distributed and published on the website of WMG briefing. (http://feim.org.ar/uploads/2016/07/4_Policy_Brief_Voluntary_Country_Reviews.pdf)

Finally I want to remember that our participation is not to "talk" as experts but to bring the voice of the millions of women who are not here but suffer the consequences of policies agreed here. So we denounce the persistent attack suffered deaths and imprisonment women defenders of human rights in countries like Honduras, the Philippines, Ireland, Burundi, Pakistan, Egypt ... and we can continue mentioning countries.

My colleagues show them these conditions on their computers. Against this we say must end this persecution of women human rights defenders NOW!.

Thank you.