

# PARALLEL SESSIONS

STHLM CIVIL  
SOCIETY DAYS

Change and Actions to | 19–20 November  
Leave No One Behind | 2019

# TUESDAY

01:30-02:30PM

## OASEN

### Organizers

ARTICLE 19, CIVICUS, ICNL, the World Movement for Democracy and the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL)

01:30-02:30PM

## Enhancing public participation to leave no one behind: practical steps to overcome barriers

Meaningful public participation is fundamental not only to a vibrant civil society but also to effective governance and policymaking. In 2018, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights released new guidelines providing practical recommendations on how States can put in practice the right to participate in public affairs. But public participation often continues to be constrained, whether in electoral processes, in non-electoral contexts

and at the international level. This session seeks to empower civil society colleagues to leverage the Guidelines on Public Participation, SDG commitments and other international participation tools effectively to broaden public participation at the regional and country levels, with a particular emphasis on expanding the participation of marginalized groups, environmental defenders and vulnerable communities.

## HÖRSALEN

### Organizer

ACT Church of Sweden

01:30-02:30PM

## Targeting the poorest with social protection – how to leave the majority of the poor behind

Social protection, including cash transfers, is recognised as a key strategy to reduce poverty. Many people believe that 'targeting the poor' is the best means of 'reaching the poor.' The report Hit and miss: An assessment of targeting effectiveness in social protection examines over 30 social protection programmes in low- and middle-income countries and demonstrates that programs targeted at those living in poverty exclude the majority of the intended recipients while universal schemes are much more effective in reaching the poorest. They are also more popular, which means that they are more likely to allocated adequate resources by

governments. Stephen Kidd, one of the authors of the report, will share findings and discuss the role of civil society in influencing the design of social protection programmes. Comments will be given by Ulrika Lång, at Sida.

### Participants

Dr Stephen Kidd, Senior Social Protection Specialist at Development Pathways

Ulrika Lång, Senior Policy Advisor and focal point at Sida for Social Protection and currently Acting Head of the Unit Justice and Peace at the Africa department of Sida

Kenneth Nelson, Professor of Sociology, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) Stockholm University

Gunnel Axelson Nycander, Act Church of Sweden (facilitator)

## ROOM 17

**Organizer**  
Forum Syd

**01:30-02:30PM**

### Fighting exclusion in fragile states

Extreme poverty is projected to be concentrated in fragile states in 2030, where the promise to deliver on leave no one behind is even more difficult. Civil society has a crucial role on saving lives but also in promoting inclusion and sustainable peace building. The session will focus on challenges in reaching the most vulnerable groups in fragile and conflict affected states and how we ensure that no one is left behind in peace processes. Examples from the Colombian civil society's fight for inclusive peace, and social and economic

reincorporation of former guerrilla fighters will be shared. Participants will discuss what we as civil society can do better to secure the commitment to Leave no one behind and on how we ensure that Swedish aid is fit for purpose in these contexts.

#### Participants

Julián Cortés, ex-insurgent of the FARC-EP (Colombia)

Claudia Arenas, former head of Forum Syd's office in Colombia and has wide experience from working with Colombian civil society in contexts of conflict and in peace building

Åsa Walton, Lead Policy Specialist Peace and Security at Sida

## ROOM 24

**Organizer**  
Emmaus Stockholm

**01:30-02:30PM**

### Dialogue for peace, the right of self-determination in Africa 's last colony

Persons with disabilities comprise an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population and 80 per cent live in developing countries and are overrepresented among those living in absolute poverty. Persons with disabilities often encounter discrimination and exclusion on a daily basis. The 2030 Agenda has however opened doors for participation and recognition as active, contributing members of society. Persons with disabilities should be recognized as equal partners, and be consulted by governments, civil society and other stakeholders. Civil Society has a unique role to ensure that the implementation of

the Agenda is carried out with the inclusion of persons with disabilities at both local and national levels. This session will give facts about the current situation for persons with disabilities and give examples of how the 2030 Agenda can be used as a tool for inclusion.

#### Participants

Chaia Luuli, Program Coordinator for the organisation Non-Violence Action in Western Sahara (NOVA) (Western Sahara)

Mohamed Mayara, media activist, co-founder and coordinator of the collective of independent journalists Equipe Media

Mohamed Cheikh Khoumani, Lawyer and human rights activist, member of the Moroccan Association of Human Rights (MAHR) since 1999 (Morocco)

Juan Obregon, Programme Manager at Emmaus Stockholm

## ROOM 23

**Organizer**  
MyRight

**01:30-02:30PM**

### **Our Solution- Inclusion: A Disability Perspective on How to Reduce Discrimination and Increase Inclusion using the SDGs**

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#### **Participants**

Jesper Hansén, Secretary General MyRight

Tiina Nummi-Södergren, Project manager for Equally Unique Academy

## ROOM 19

**Organizers**  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNDP, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

**01:30-02:30PM**

### **Climate action and human rights – the role of civil society in ensuring no one is left behind**

National climate commitments developed by all countries under the Paris Agreement have called to become one of the key policy frameworks laying out the national policy plans related to sustainable development and to guide the delivery the international climate finance. In this context integrating human rights in these plans is critical to ensure the promotion of socially inclusive and gender just policies contributing to broader developmental objectives. This session will provide an overview of how national climate

commitments under the Paris Agreement are being prepared. We will discuss some of the opportunities to integrate human rights, land tenure, gender equality, indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge, and other related themes in these processes.

#### **Participants**

Amanda Kron, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Sébastien Duyck, Senior Attorney - Climate and Energy Programme, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Ann Pedersen, UNDP

Maria Bang, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)

Hanna Sällström, Sida

**03:00-04:00PM**

## **OASEN**

### **Organizers**

IBON, SSNC

**03:00-04:00PM**

## **Delivering Real Change: Scaling Up People-powered, Climate Change Initiatives through Global Public Climate Finance**

Peoples' movements and grassroots organizations have come up with social innovations and actions geared towards achieving sustainability, inclusivity, and equity in the use and management of resources. With adequate support these local solutions have the potential to contribute to responding, adapting and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Developed countries, are obliged and expected to provide financial resources to assist developing countries to address challenges related to climate change. Much of Public climate finance is however provided to big corporations and banks.

Often the same actors have been identified as driving unsustainable production and consumption. We can no longer afford a business-as-usual approach given the urgency of the climate crisis. Public climate finance must be re-directed towards people-powered, grassroots-driven climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives that makes sure that no one is left behind.

### **Participants**

Ulrika Åkeresson, Lead Specialist on Environment and Climate Change, Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)

Mattias Frumerie, Director, Climate finance/ diplomacy at Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Kurniawan Sabar, Director, Institute for Nationalist and Democracy Studies (Indonesia)

Amy Padilla, Executive Director, IBON International (Philippines)

## **ROOM 17**

### **Organizers**

CPDE, Task Team

**03:00-04:00PM**

## **Inclusive Development Partnerships amid Shrinking Civic Spaces: Can CSOs be both watchdogs and partners of governments?**

This joint session by the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) & Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment (Task Team) will have two separate parts. Part 1 will be putting extremes in different corners through an intellectually stimulating, but fun, "People's Debate" on the dilemma between focusing on peaceful and inclusive societies and accountable institutions (SDG 16) or on revitalizing partnerships (SDG 17) when promoting the role of CSOs in development. The peoples' debate will be followed by a second part in the forms of a 'town hall' discussion on the role that CSOs play in development partnerships, including actual

experience of CSO engagement in multi-stakeholder dialogues and different cases of shrinking and closing civic space. The session will end with a Call to Action that demands reversing the trend of shrinking and closing civic space and calling on stakeholders to respect and promote inclusive development partnerships.

### **Participants**

Hans de Voogd, Manager of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment Secretariat

Vanessa de Oliveira, Senior Policy Officer at the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment

Nicholas Miller Legal Advisor at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)

Beverly Longid, Co-Chair of the CPDE, and the Global Coordinator of the International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL)

Richard Ssewakiryanga Co-chair of the CPDE and Executive Director of the Uganda National NGO Forum, and a former co-chair of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP).

## ROOM 19

### Organizer

International Civil Society Center (ICSC)

03:00-04:00PM

## Citizen-driven data: strengthening voices of marginalised communities in national SDG and development priorities

Local monitoring of data and feedback channels at subnational level are essential to complement national SDG monitoring and public planning. This in order to promote improved analysis of marginalised groups and local drivers contributing to their vulnerability. Likewise, a locally and evidence-driven approach empower people and contribute to development of policies and services that address their specific needs. Civil society organisations can play a key role while many of their core services are based on the analysis of data about people

and environments, they live in. Through their direct reach to beneficiaries at the local level, they are uniquely equipped to gather and analyse data together with local populations. This session addresses the potential for civil society in the generation of relevant monitoring data, showcasing examples from pilot studies in (Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Nepal and Vietnam), involving local civil society and CSOs in the generation of SDG monitoring data.

### Participants

Sesheeni Joud Selvaratnam, International Programme and Policy Lead, ActionAid Denmark

Åsa Månsson, Programme Director, International Civil Society Centre

Peter Kobrowsky, Senior Partnership Manager, International Civil Society Centre

## HÖRSALEN

### Organizers

Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, UNA Sweden, UNA Tanzania

03:00-04:00PM

## Ensuring meaningful engagement of marginalized groups in the Agenda 2030 review process

Stakeholder engagement and inclusion of those furthest behind are key principles of the 2030 Agenda. The involvement of civil society organizations representing marginalized groups is necessary to ensure progress on the SDGs and to guarantee that no one is left behind. However, global trends of shrinking space limit the participation of many stakeholders, both in national and global review processes. In addition,

the inclusion of marginalized groups that take place in official processes tend to become superficial and tokenistic. What could meaningful engagement look like? What methods can be applied and what are the pitfalls to avoid? Initial presentations will be followed by group discussions where participants share experiences and brainstorm on strategies for meaningful engagement. Two speakers will share their experiences of methods for including marginalized voices in the processes that follow-up on the 2030 Agenda, at the national and global levels.

### Participants

Reynald Maeda, the Secretary General of UNA Tanzania and also serves as a co-convenor of the Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform

Micha Grzywnowic, International Advocacy Advisor at RFSL

## ROOM 24

### Organizer

IM

03:00-04:00PM

## Reaching our common goals through smart partner ecosystems

Working together in smart partner ecosystems that connect civil society with governments, communities, private sector, media and academia - could create a win-win situation for all involved actors and in the implementing Agenda 2030. This session will discuss a practical example of implementation goal 17 through IM's initiative "Humanium Metal" which contributes to breaking the vicious circle of poverty, exclusion, insecurity and gun violence through a broad alliance of partners. Example of how different partner ecosystems

work will be shared. In addition, an example of how the civil society in Sweden works against gun violence will be presented. A group discussion will follow that will allow participants to reflect on how smart partner ecosystems can be developed in their contexts.

### Participants

Anders Berg, Head of Global operations at IM Swedish Development Partner

FESPAD (video link) FESPAD is a partner to IM implementing Humanium Metal (El Salvador)

Harald Wachtmeister TRIWA Harald Wachtmeister is CEO and co-founder of TRIWA

Mohamed Ahmad-Mohamed, survivor of gun violence in the suburbs of Stockholm who turned activist to fight the increase of gun violence in his community.

## ROOM 21

### Organizers

SMC, Uniting Church in Sweden and Act Church of Sweden

**03:00-04:00PM**

## Including religious minorities in tackling hate speech and promoting civic space

How does restricted civic space and increasing violations of freedom of religion or belief (FORB) affect faith-based organisations' space to manoeuvre? Early findings from SMC's survey to partners in 28 countries on civic space and FORB challenges for faith-based organisations will also be discussed. Experience and perspectives from Jennifer Jag Jivan, a female Christian leader from Pakistan and Quinn McKew representing Article 19, an international organisation defending freedom of expression, will also be shared. Together

we will discuss insights on policy implications for Leaving No One Behind: related to Hate speech targeting religious minorities in Malaysia, Myanmar and Bangladesh, and Strategies used by religious minorities to manoeuvre restricted civic space in Pakistan and regionally within Asia and examples of faith based and secular actors working together to bring about change.

### Participants

Jennifer Jag Jivan, Executive director of the Christian Study Centre in Rawalpindi (Pakistan)

Quinn McKew, Deputy Executive Director, Article 19,

Sanna Svensson, Development Policy Advisor, SMC

Moderator: Niklas Eklöv, Head of Learning and Advocacy Unit, SMC

## ROOM 23

### Organizer

PMU

**03:00-04:00PM**

## We have invented the wheel! A pedagogical model for a comprehensive conflict sensitive analysis of development work

The development and humanitarian assistance sectors use different tools when applying principles of conflict sensitivity to their work. However, sometimes it becomes tricky to navigate among those different tools and find the ones that is most suitable for a certain context, or intervention.

Therefore, and in order to develop a tool that is more flexible and can serve various contexts and types of interventions, PMU has invented a "Conflict Sensitivity Wheel" - a pedagogical model that brings together different analytical tools, adds to them, and develops them into one integral model that can be applied on various development programs and humanitarian interventions. The Conflict sensitivity wheel has been tested out in a number of countries and will, during November 2019, be published in a toolbox, that will be released at Stockholm Civil Society Days.

### Participants

Bassem Maher, PMU's Peace and Conflict Adviser

Mikael Jägerskog, head of Policy, Advocacy and Learning at PMU

# WEDNESDAY

01:30-03:00PM

## OASEN

**Organizer**  
Union to Union

01:30-03:00PM

### What do you need to know to support a just transition?

The Just transition concept was initially developed by trade unions but is now a mainstream policy tool. The International Labour Organization (ILO) has in a tripartite process put together the Just transition guidelines. The greening of our economies has the potential to create 24 million new jobs while 6 million jobs can be lost. This calls for active policies and work to protect those affected to ensure a just transition. This session aims to allow for information sharing between different actors, exchange of their views or agenda shock in order the reach a common agenda

to promote just transition. The session will contribute to discussion around Goals 8, 10 and 13, and include specific examples on just transition in Global South and role of investors and their contribution on advancing a just transition.

#### Participants

Sofia Östmark, Secretary General, Union to Union

Samantha Smith, Director, Just Transition Center

Maria Håkansson, VD, Swedfund

Karin Lexén, Secretary General at Naturskyddsforening (SNF)

Jenny Ohlsson, Ambassador Agenda 2030 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden (moderator)

## HÖRSALEN

**Organizers**  
Save the Children, Plan International

01:30-03:00PM

### Break the barriers! Support girls, boys and youth to claim their space

To what extent do children and youth have space to engage as civil society actors? What are the specific gender and age barriers for girls and young women? What is civil society's responsibility to facilitate space for their activism? This interactive session will address these questions by listening to the experiences/opinions of children and young people themselves. Leidy, 14 years, from Peru will share her experiences as a child activist, and Fancy 22 years old from Uganda, who is a committed advocate for young people's (especially girls and young women's) rights.

A conscious approach amongst civil society to include girls, boys and young women is required. This requires better understanding among global civil society on the barriers that exists, ways to promote space for young people and children is needed.

#### Participants

Facilitator is Emelie Weski, vice President at LSU – The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU)

Fancy, a 22-year-old Ugandan, is a committed youth advocate, Girl's up Initiative (Uganda)

Leidy, activist from Peru and member of the group "Yo también tengo algo que decir" – I also have something to say (Peru)

## ROOM 23

### Organizers

RFSL, Danish Institute on Human Rights

**01:30-03:00PM**

## To leave no one behind

Due to its in-depth understanding of, and direct contact with the most marginalized groups, civil society has a unique position to ensure no one is left behind in SDG implementation, monitoring, and review. This interactive session will introduce tools and documents designed to assist development practitioners with leveraging advocacy efforts and human rights knowledge and mechanisms to meaningfully include those traditionally left behind. Panelists will present the Human Rights Guide to the SDGs, the SDG - Human Rights Data Explorer and the Guiding Principles on the Inclusion of LGBTI People in Development Policy and Programs. Following a short

presentation, participants will be able to apply these recommendations and principles to understand, in practice, how the integrated approach to human rights and sustainable development can help to leave no one behind.

### Participants

Micah Grzywnowicz International Advocacy Advisor at RFSL, the Swedish Federation for LGBTQ Rights

Saionara König-Reis Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development and Human Rights at the Danish Institute for Human Rights

## ROOM 17

### Organizers

Olof Palme International Center, SILC

**01:30-03:00PM**

## Civil society and politics – how can they interact so that no one is left behind

Civil society organizations cannot change society on their own. The decisions to and ensure that no one is left behind in a society must be made by politicians, who are all members of political parties. How can development organisations and political parties interact? How do we get the politicians to listen? In this panel you will meet two development organisations, that are linked to political parties. This session will include participation by a representative

from the Finnish Social Democratic Party, that has used Agenda 2030 as the basis for its new Party Program.

### Participants

Helena Bjurmalm, Sida (moderator)

Martin Ängeby, Secretary General of SILC

Anna Sundström, Secretary General for the Olof Palme International Center

Mikko Koskinen, State Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland

## ROOM 24

### Organizers

WarChild, Sida

**01:30-03:00PM**

## Mental health – a human right left behind

More than 75% of people with mental health conditions in low- and middle-income countries receive no support at all. Mental health is a form of poverty and a disability, and increased attention to consolidated action for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) is needed. Early action is especially crucial for children and youth and should be a priority, and civil society has an essential role by reaching vulnerable groups, raising awareness and building capacity. It is estimated that between 2010-2030 mental illness will cost the global economy more than cancer, diabetes and respiratory

diseases together. Which are the most vulnerable groups and why? How can we reach them? What is the added value of civil society? How can early action be best structured?

### Participants

Gunilla Backman PhD, Senior Health Advisor  
Sida

Peter Brune, Secretary General War Child

Eva Smallegange PhD, War Child

Rozy Kassab, Asylum seeker from Syria, studying in Södertälje

## ROOM 19

### Organizers

Forum Syd, Solidarity Sweden-Latin America, WaterAid

**01:30-03:00PM**

## Empowering local communities to protect livelihoods and the environment

People living in poverty and marginalisation are often dependent on natural resources for their livelihood. They are therefore hit particularly hard by over-exploitation, environmental degradation and climate change. Civil society play an important role in empowering vulnerable groups in local communities to defend their rights and protect their livelihoods. In this session participants will be engaged in discussions on how civil society can mobilise and achieve progress for local communities dependent on natural resources, especially in contexts with

escalating conflicts between stakeholders and limited political space. How can civil society open channels of communication between vulnerable groups and government agencies? What actions can civil society take to ensure that already vulnerable groups are not left behind when environmental degradation and climate change threatens their livelihoods?

### Participants

Mr. Senglong Youk, Deputy Executive Director at the National Cambodian NGO Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT) (Cambodia)

Anna Barkered, Secretary-general at Solitary Sweden-Latin America (Latinamerikagrupperna)

Jenny Fors, Head of Policy and Advocacy, WaterAid

Daniel Pascual, Coordinator of CUC, a member organisation of Vía Campesina in Guatemala

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