

Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Consultations on the Preparatory Process of the Summit of the Future

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Your Excellencies,

Speaking on behalf of the Huairou Commission, a global movement of grassroots women's organizations supporting women in 42 countries leading a transformative agenda for inclusive resilience and gender justice, and that represents the Sendai Group at the Major Groups of Stakeholders

We welcome the co-facilitators efforts to include stakeholders in the process leading to the Summit of the Future.

An all of society approach is essential for delivering the SDGs, therefore we need effective mechanisms for collaboration and cooperation, particularly for connecting local action, globally and nationally. Consideration of this mechanism is a topic that could be considered in preparation for the Summit.

Community based organizations, particularly grassroots organizations have extensive experience and tools for movement building and organizing collaborative learning. For instance, grassroots now are organizing around our priority issues that center around building communities resilience and women empowerment through which we address the SDGs.

Considering current shifting patterns of risk and vulnerability we hope that Localizing climate and development finance, risk- informed development, a care economy and social protection are included in the Pact of the Future as key building blocks of a sustainable and socially just economy.

We welcome the preparatory process to be inclusive of all stakeholders. We would like to request for grassroots, which tend to be left behind in global processes, to be formally recognized and represented as a key stakeholder to contribute to this important process and its outcome document.

As we move ahead to achieve the SDGs, we encourage a common, bold vision for success, rooted in empowering locally led solutions for just, transformative outcomes reflective of the resilience building work on the ground that is taking place in many communities and localities and often led by women.

We stand to support and engage in the process.
Thank you.

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