



INDIA CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSE

- We welcome: Goal 5 (**gender equality**), Goal 10 (**reducing inequality within and between countries**), Goal 16 (**peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice, effective and capable institutions**), Goal 12 (**sustainable consumption and production**)
- Welcome that the Outcome document incorporates both Goal 17 for overarching instruments as well as individual **Means of implementation** (MOI) for each goal.
- Welcome chapeau text but concerned with reference to ‘active engagement of private sector’ in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) without mention of accountability frame.
- While we agree on need to focus on **economic growth** (Goal 8), it has to factor in the distributional concerns of such growth. The necessary foregrounding of all goals in a human rights perspective remains absent.

Critical Misses

- Clearly-defined, earmarked responsibilities for **developed countries** seems missing from proposed goals / targets. In most goals, actions centred more for developing countries. E.g. proposed SDGs 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
- Articulation of proposed SDGs do not adequately address challenges of **social exclusion** and absence of basic **human rights** of the most disadvantaged.
- **Goal 1** (*End poverty in all its forms everywhere*) make no mention of inequality. [Bringing back '*in all its forms*' to the Outcome Document covers multi-dimensional nature of poverty and attendant manifestations.]
- **Goal 2** (*End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture*) must bring back reference to securing food sovereignty to make any impact and the watered-down language - '*improve nutrition*' - needs to be changed to '*ensure adequate nutrition*'. It also fails to make note of land rights in the context of access to global commons.

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- In **Goal 3** (*Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages*), critical to recognise that universal health care is tax-financed, either within goal or as part of proposed Mol, as without this clarity, we might see an insurance-based model.
- **Goal 4** (*Ensure equitable and inclusive quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all*) does not clarify mode of financing. Scholarships for higher education delivered within developed countries and subsidizing seats in the north are over-emphasised and would have negligible / no effect at improving the educational status worldwide.
- Concerned with some changes in **Goal 5** (*Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*) even as timelines now restored. Two instances: a target on evaluating gender-responsiveness of policy commitments through gender responsive budgeting has been removed. Also, specific reference needs to be made to the most-marginalised among women, e.g. women and girls with disabilities.

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- In **Goal 5**, concerns relate to SRHR (sexual rights still missing), unpaid care work performed by women (the watered-down language - *'recognize and value'* under 5.4 needs to be changed to *'reduce and redistribute'*)
- **Goals 12 , 13 , 14 and 15** do not mainstream gender concerns and this would negatively impact the overall gains that might be made as without addressing women's rights to sustainable development.
- For **Goal 6** (*Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all*), the means of implementation is sketchy and appears to be entirely technology and business-driven in terms of international cooperation. There is no mention of the people or the

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