



### ***Voluntary Pledge for Supporting Stakeholder Participation in HLPF 2020***

Stakeholders play a central role in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), which is one of the largest gatherings of civil society and other major stakeholders in the UN calendar. The resolutions establishing the modalities for the HLPF call for the effective, broad and balanced participation of major groups and stakeholders. We emphasize that this should be guaranteed also in the extraordinary circumstances in which the HLPF in 2020 is organized, with firm action and support by member states.

To ensure that stakeholders can meaningfully participate in the HLPF session in July 2020 we commit to undertake all or some of the following actions:

1. Where possible, **advocate for the effective participation of stakeholders** in the HLPF session, with particular attention paid to the inclusion of civil society, women, youth, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities.
2. Take steps to, where possible, **provide support for stakeholders**, especially civil society, **to virtually participate** in the HLPF in a meaningful way, including by working with the UN Resident Coordinator's offices.
3. Plan and implement **the national preparatory and follow up processes** for the HLPF in a manner that enables meaningful stakeholder participation.

We also express our support for the steps taken by UNDESA to enable stakeholder participation. Such support is particularly essential for civil society from developing countries, who may lack the means required to access the virtual meetings.

The following 61 countries have signed the pledge:

Andorra	Estonia
Argentina	Fiji
Armenia	Finland
Australia	France
Austria	Georgia
Belgium	Germany
Bulgaria	Guatemala
Canada	Iceland
Chile	Ireland
Colombia	Israel
Costa Rica	Italy
Czech Republic	Japan
Denmark	Jordan

Kazakhstan  
Korea (republic of)  
Latvia  
Lesotho  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Micronesia  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nigeria  
Norway  
Palau  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Poland

Portugal  
Romania  
Seychelles  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Thailand  
Turkey  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Zambia