



**TOGETHER 2030 STATEMENT for Official Session, HLPF 2017**  
**Leveraging interlinkages for effective implementation of SDGs**

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Your excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Dear colleagues,

My name is Jo Howard and I am speaking on behalf of Together 2030, an initiative of over 500 organizations that represents a global mosaic of civil society working across 90 countries on every sustainable development goal.

As civil society, we see in our communities how the challenges we are trying to address through the SDGs develop side-by-side. We know that we cannot discuss climate change without discussing access to livelihoods, that we cannot talk about access to livelihoods without talking about women's rights, and without considering inequality and how it affects the most marginalized. The universal, and interlinked nature of the SDGs demand a holistic approach that **connects** the goals rather than separates them into silos. Specifically, this requires coordination with civil society stakeholders at local and regional as well as national and global levels and strengthened mechanisms for accountability.

In order to preserve the integrated nature of the SDGs, VNR countries should commit to review **all** the SDGs **and** their interlinkages every year.

It is also critical that a bold Ministerial Declaration reinforces the commitment to all the SDGs and for their integrated implementation, including the **means** for their implementation.

Further, we urge you to remember the interlinkages between the 2030 Agenda and other key global frameworks: The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the New Urban Agenda, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and, particularly to recognize "the synergies between the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda." Only with policy coherence across the frameworks will we, as partners in sustainable development, achieve a stable, inclusive, healthy and thriving world.



Thank you

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