

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title:

Partnerships for solidarity in times of crisis

Background and Rationale

Civil society organisations are at the heart of strong partnerships to address the multi-faceted impacts of the current crises including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and war in Ukraine. This Side Event will explore innovative partnerships and case studies of effective engagement to deliver the promise of the 2030 Agenda.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

The side event will explore emerging partnerships to identify new ways to collaborate between different communities. It will aim to a) shine a light on major challenges that communities across the region are facing; b) share practical approaches and new tools that can help to define solutions and enable stronger partnership to tackle the challenges that have been highlighted. One key tool that is being showcased is called 'Zovu', it aims to establish a clear way to provide support to community groups on sustainability.

Organizers

Lead organizers: Action for Sustainable Development, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) UK, LAPAS

Contributors: Organization Earth, Focus 2030 TBC, Commonwealth 8.7 Network

Agenda and Structure

1300 CET-1430 CET

1300-1305: Opening & Welcome

1305-1345: Panel discussion, key questions to be posed to each panellist to encourage them to share their story in an interactive way

1345-1415: Q&A

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1415-1430: Conclusions & thanks

List of Panellists

- Responding to the pandemic through national coalitions: Inese Vaivare (LAPAS)
- Sharing experiences of support for victims and survivors of modern slavery during the COVID 19 pandemic: **Carly Webster** – (Commonwealth 8.7 Network).
- Building sustainable partnerships for community support, Zovu: Adrian Watson
- Support to national SDG networks in Central & Eastern Europe: Nelya Rakhimova
- Government speaker on the importance of CSO partnerships to achieve the SDGs (TBC)

Sign-up / Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XVKk4fzYSvubu3R07yBmw