

Showcasing Best Practices: Civil Society Driving Progress on SDG16+

Organized by the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network, Saferworld, the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), Namati, and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)

When: Wednesday, 10 July 2019; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: UN Church Center, Tenth Floor

(777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017)

Coffee and Refreshments will be served for event participants

Background

With SDG16 under review for the first time since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015, the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) provides a critical milestone to examine the current state of progress towards SDG16. Additionally, the 2019 HLPF represents an important opportunity but also to take stock of the many positive and encouraging examples of mobilization and action on SDG16 – particularly at the national and local levels, and particularly efforts undertaken by civil society groups.

This side-event, hosted at the 2019 HLPF, will provide a platform for civil society working at the national and local levels to showcase their work to advance SDG16 in their own contexts. Additionally, it will feature an opportunity for participants to share reflections on where some of the gaps in implementation or capacities might be around SDG16, and where additional support may be needed. It will also highlight examples of how civil society has come together around SDG16 collectively, such as the “commitments” being mobilized by civil society towards SDG16 by the TAP Network, as well as national SDG16 workshops hosted by a range of partners.

The side-event will also showcase reflections from the [Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+](#), which was drafted and adopted by the SDG16 civil society community at the [Rome SDG16 Conference](#), hosted from 27-29 May 2019. Civil Society Organizations are invited to “endorse” this Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+ at www.tapnetwork2030.org/romedeclaration.

Participants will engage with a wide range of national-level civil society actors in a World Café format, which will provide opportunities for an engaging and interactive dialogue amongst participants.

This event has the following objectives:

1. **To provide a platform** for sharing of best practices and learning around current SDG civil society efforts to take SDG16 ambition forward at the national level
2. **To showcase opportunities** for collective action, mobilization and advocacy at the global level
3. **To help strengthen coordination** amongst the SDG16 civil society community, both for the 2019 HLPF and SDGs Summit, but for 2020 and beyond

As space is limited, please RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/2XEuCgc>