**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS’ CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTANABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

**Call for CONTRIBUTIONs**

For her upcoming report to be presented to the General Assembly in October 2024, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Mary Lawlor, will consider the issue of human rights defenders contributing to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The report aims to highlight the contributions by civil society and human rights defenders to the achievement of the SDGs, by providing concrete examples of their work under each of the goals, along with successes achieved and risks faced.

As the 2030 Agenda enters into their most important implementation phase, the Special Rapporteur considers it important to take stock of the critical importance of civil society involvement in their implementation. The report aims to highlight that the SDGs are not only the domain of governments and multilateral institutions, and that the robust involvement of civil society is imperative if we want to ensure their timely and full implementation. At the same time, such involvement is only possible in an enabling environment where human rights defenders are meaningfully involved in policy decisions. Access and partnership by civil society with governments and the United Nations is indispensable for making the SDGs a reality on the ground. It is important to move such collaboration from sporadic and ad hoc to systematic and meaningful engagement and partnerships.

**Questions (feel free to respond to those which are relevant to your work)**

1. **SDG Goal 1: no poverty**

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **SDG goal 2: zero hunger**

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 3: good health and well-being**

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sgd goal 4: quality education**

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 5: gender equality**

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 6: clean water and sanitation**

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 7: affordable and clean energy**

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)

**8. goal 8: decent work and economic growth**

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 9: industry, innovation and infrastucture**

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 10: reduced ineualities**

Reduce inequality within and among countries

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 11: sustainable cities and communities**

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 12: responsible consumption and production**

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 13: climate action**

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 14: life below water**

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 15: life on land**

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **sdg goal 16: PEACE, JUSTICE and strong institutions**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)
4. **SDG goal 17: partnership for the goals**

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

1. Concrete examples of HRDs working to achieve this goal
2. Successes achieved (if any)
3. Risks faced (if any)