



Statement by GCAP and WNTA

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Thank you Co-Chairs for the latest version of the Working Document and the Chapeau text. Sharing some of our key observations:

Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) and **Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)** welcome the re-inclusion of a goal focusing on **reducing inequality within and among countries** – two things that could strengthen this further: on inequality within countries, examining and reducing wealth inequality (e.g. the relation of the richest 10% to the poorest 40%) would be critical and on inequality among nations, a critical ‘miss’ is elaboration on global trade policies to promote equality.

We welcome the chapeau text that frames the 17 proposed SDGs and call for a greater emphasis on foregrounding this in a “human rights approach” to ensure ‘no one is left behind’ this time round.

We welcome the goal on ‘**Peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective and capable institutions**’, and call on member states to retain it as this will prove to be one of the transformative blocks for the post-2015 agenda.

While we welcome the **climate change** goal although it is missing from the chapeau text, we call for more concrete targets, particularly with a focus on the role of developed countries. To illustrate, seeking developed and emerging economies to reduce use of fossil fuels, emissions and ensure cooperation through technology transfer and financial assistance.

We welcome the **sustainable consumption and production** goal and call for strengthening role of developed and emerging economies.

A related aspect is – as it is, countries will be attending to enhancing **economic growth**. Hence, the post-2015 SDG agenda must focus not on economic growth but “inclusive sustainable development”.

We are concerned that the **gender equality** goal has been diluted down in its present articulation with no timelines mentioned for any of the proposed targets, so we call for time-bound proposals for ending all forms of discrimination and of violence against women and girls.

While the new goal on **Means of implementation** (MOI) is welcome, we believe that MOI needs both a standalone component for overarching instruments as well as individual MOI for each goal. Additionally, we call for more specificity in the present articulation.

Finally, Co-Chairs: The UN Millennium Declaration sought collective responsibility to ensure human dignity, equality and equity and to ensure that the benefits and costs of globalization are evenly shared. From a global south perspective, we are concerned that the post-2015 SDG agenda will not succeed if these are not adhered to now. More specifically, we refer to the development cooperation that must ideally be between governments of developed and developing countries, with the developed countries leading in providing resources and the means of implementation. We also reiterate the concern over the declining role of the state and its implications for partnerships with non-state actors that are being explored to operationalise many of the goals that are in most cases, fundamental rights.

Thank You!