Open Letter

ATT:  H.E. Hon. Abdulla Shahid
       President of the United Nations General Assembly

       H.E. António Guterres
       Secretary-General of the United Nations

       Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations

Re: Civil Society and “Our Common Agenda”

Excellencies,

We are writing as national and international civil society organizations and networks regarding the need for open, transparent and inclusive modalities for the follow up processes to the Secretary-General’s Our Common Agenda (OCA) report.

We view the OCA report as a necessary and important catalyst for a revitalized United Nations system. Moreover, we are encouraged by the support governments have demonstrated for the report following its launch September 10, during the High-level statements at the opening of the 76th session of the General Assembly, and at recent plenary meetings.

At the same time, we are concerned over reports that, as UN participation arrangements adapt to hybrid meeting rules, the pandemic is being used to unnecessarily limit opportunities for constructive engagement with civil society representatives at the United Nations.

Experience over many multilateral processes, not least the development of the Sustainable Development Goals, demonstrates the importance of broadly inclusive multistakeholder processes. Indeed, the OCA report also emphasizes the importance of meaningful, broad and inclusive consultations with civil society and other stakeholders.

As upcoming General Assembly meetings prepare the modalities for engaging discussions on the various OCA proposals, particularly the proposed 2023 Summit of
the Future, we take this opportunity to signal our readiness to participate in the follow-up processes for this important and necessary roadmap for a revitalized UN system.

Civil society participation and consultation mechanisms that are open, inclusive and transparent will be essential.

Sincerely,

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**Name of organization**  
**Country**

A world without chemical and biological weapons-www  
iraq

AbibiNsroma Foundation  
Ghana

Action against NCDs in Eswatini  
Eswatini

Action for Sustainable Development  
Belgium

African Child Agape Foundation (ACAF)  
Malawi

Alliance for Women And Children Development (AWACD)  
Liberia

Article 20 Network  
United States

Asia DHARRA  
Philippines

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)  
Thailand

Association d'Aide à l'Education de l'Enfant Handicapé  
Guinea

Association for the Promotion of Community Development  
International

Association of World Citizens  
Burundi

Association pour l'Integration et le Developpement Durable au Burundi, AIDB  
Burundi

AwazCDS-Pakistan  
Pakistan

Baha’I International Community  
Global

Bridging Ventures  
USA

Cameroon Vision (CAMVISION) Trust  
Cameroon

CECADE Centro de Capacitación y promoción de la Democracia  
El Salvador - Centroamérica

Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP)  
Nigeria

Citizens for Global Solutions  
USA

CIVICUS  
Global

Coalition for the UN We Need  
Global

Congregation of Our Lady of Chairty of the Good Shepherd  
United States

Congregation of the Mission  
United States

Creativity Lab for Empowerment and Innovation  
Palestine
Democracia Global
Argentina
Democracy International e.V.
Germany
Democracy Without Borders
International
East Africa Climate Change Network
Kenya
Emonyo Yefwe International
Kenya
FINESTE
Haiti
Fordham University
USA
Freedom Forum
Nepal
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - NY
United States
Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability
Belgium
Gbarpolu Women Advocacy for Gender Equality
Liberia
Gender, Peace & Security
United Kingdom
Global Call to Action Against Poverty
Global
Global Citizenship Union
Hong Kong, China
Global Voice
USA
Global Women Leaders – Voices for Change and Inclusion
International
Grassroot Civil Society Network of Liberia
Liberia
Greenepeace
Global
Group of Women Leaders for Change and Inclusion GWL
Global
HuMENA for Human Rights and Civic Engagement
Regional- MENA Region
IMPACT VOICES - The Social Innovation Intermediary
Sri Lanka
Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development, IPGFforSD (International Indigenous Platform)
Global
Indonesian Club
Indonesia
Inspirator Muda Nusantara
Indonesia
Institute of Cultural Affairs-Benin
Benin
International Alliance of Women
International
International Environment Forum
International
International Youth Society Yemen
YEMEN
ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa
South Africa
Jade Propuestas Sociales y Alternativas al Desarrollo, A.C.
México
JAKI (Jaringan Aktivis Kemanusiaan Internasional ) / IHAN (International Humanitarian Activists Network)
Indonesia
Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs
Japan
Keen and Care Initiative (KCI)
Nigeria
Kijiji Yeetu
Kenya
Kosmos Associates
United States
Kosmos Associates
USA
kurdistan without genocide
iraq
Lagos State Government
Nigeria
Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy
Colombia- USA
LEDA- Liderança, Educação, Democracia, Ambiente e Artes
Liberian United to Explore Hidden Weapon (LUEHW)
Morya Samajik Pratishthan
Mulabi/ Latin American Space for Sexualities and Rights
MY World Mexico
National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
National Old Folks of Liberia (NOFOL)
NGO: ADET
Nigeria Network of NGOs
One More Percent
One World Trust
ONG Maqay
Organization Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan
Organization of the Justice Campaign
Oxfam International
Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)
Pakistan Development Alliance
People's Federation for National Peace and Development (PEFENAP)
Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)
Povod Institute
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Red Dot Foundation
Red Line Art Works
Rising to Greatness CBO
RNDDH
School of Civic Education
Sisters of Charity Federation
SMILE HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE
Society for Civic Participation and Direct Democracy
Soroptimist Enschede Dunya
Soroptimist International
Stimson Center (Global Governance, Justice and Security Program)
Stichting Mission Lanka
Students for Global Democracy Uganda
TFINS
the EPE movement
The Unforgotten

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India
Costa Rica
Mexico
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Kenya
United Kingdom
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Pakistan
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India
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Netherlands
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United States
Netherlands
Uganda
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Turkey
United States of
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UDYAMA
Uganda Peace Foundation
Uganda Peace Foundation
UNA-UK
UNA-USA Council of Organizations
UNANIMA International
United Nations volunteers
Unity Earth
We Are Forces of Nature
World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy
World Inter-Faith Education Association (WIFEA)
Youth Harvest Foundation Ghana
Youth in Technology And Arts Network (YOTAN)

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