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**Re: Budget 2023 must accelerate commitment to Agenda 2030 and reach the furthest behind first.**

Dear Minister,

Budget Day marks almost seven years to the day since Ireland committed to Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup>. This ambitious blueprint for sustainable policymaking addresses people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, and recognises that development is not sustainable when some are left behind<sup>2</sup>. Current crises affirm that accelerated action is urgently needed. Budget 2023 must align with sustainable development goals, targets and principles to ensure we can offset the further deterioration of Irish society, economy and environment and put us on track for a better future for all.

Halfway to 2030, and Agenda 2030 and the achievement of the 17 SDGs are at risk. The Human Development Index value has declined for two years, a first in its 32-year history<sup>3</sup>. This brings us back to 2016 regarding progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. Families, communities and businesses across the country feel the impact. Sustainable development and associated budgeting ensure we meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations<sup>4</sup>.

Ireland has consistently shown laudable leadership and solidarity on the global stage. Our leadership in negotiating support for SDGs across 193 countries is an achievement of national pride, as is our seat on the UN Security Council. Our commitment to multilateralism is commendable, including a strong record in per capita aid contributions, recent commitments to address the crises in the Horn of Africa<sup>5</sup> and advocacy to protect the people of Ukraine.

International crises, covid, climate, and conflict, impact nationally and have generated unparalleled uncertainty and instability. Budget 2023 should testify to Ireland's commitment to the SDGs at home and abroad as a solution to the most pressing problems in our society and our world. The Agenda 2030 blueprint should be at the centre of budgetary planning as we seek to address matters at the very core of its purpose. SDG budgeting<sup>6</sup> processes and mechanisms support coherence across policy areas to ensure no one is left behind.

Minister, as we all seek more sustainable futures, we call on you through Budget 2023 to fully embrace and show leadership on the SDGs.

Yours sincerely,

Coalition 2030



<sup>1</sup> [2030 Agenda](#)

<sup>2</sup> [The 5 Ps of the SDGs](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Human Development Report 2021-22: Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World](#)

<sup>4</sup> [The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development \(1992\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Minister announces additional €3.2m funding for Horn of Africa as millions face famine](#)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.unsdqlearn.org/courses/sdg-aligned-budgeting/>

International	Domestic anti-poverty	Environmental	Trade Union	Academic
Action Aid	80:20 Educating and Acting for a Better World	Airfield	ASTI	UNESCO Chair - Munster Technological University
Aidlink	Akidwa	An Taisce	Fórsa	Trinity International Development Initiative, Trinity College Dublin
Christian Blind Mission	Alcohol Forum	Carrig Conservation	ICTU Irish Congress of Trade Unions	National University of Ireland Galway
ChildFund Ireland	AONTAS the National Adult Learning Organisation	Cork Environmental Forum	SIPTU Services Industrial Professional and Technical Union	Centre for Youth Research and Development, Maynooth University
Comhlámh	All Together in Dignity	Cultivate		
Concern	Baby Feeding Law Group of Ireland	ECO UNESCO		
Dóchas	Children's Rights Alliance	Environmental Pillar		
Fairtrade Ireland	Christian Aid	Foodcloud		
Global Schoolroom	Community Work Ireland	Friends of the Earth		
GOAL	Development Perspectives	Global Action Plan		
IDEA: Irish Development Education Association	Disability Federation Ireland	Good Energies Alliance Ireland		
International Presentation Association	European Anti Poverty Network Ireland	Green Foundation Ireland		
Irish Forum for Global Education	Global Citizenship School	Irish Wildlife Trust		
Irish Global Health Network	IFPA Irish Family Planning Association	Roscommon Environmental Network		
Misean Cara	Irish Rural Link	The Rediscovery Centre		



Self Help Africa	Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice	Voice
Sightsavers Ireland	National Adult Literacy Agency	Zero Waste Alliance Ireland
Trócaire	National Women's Council of Ireland	
UNICEF	National Youth Council of Ireland	
World Vision Ireland	Pavee Point	
	Social Justice Ireland	
	TASC: Think tank for Action on Social Change	
	The Ladder	
	The Wheel	
	Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice	