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Coalition 2030
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Re: Request for all-of-Government launch of SDG National Implementation Plan

Minister Ryan,

We write to you on behalf of the 68 civil society organisations and networks that make up Coalition 2030. These organisations come from the international development, environment, social inclusion/anti-poverty, trade union and academic sectors. We are committed to upholding Ireland's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at home in Ireland and in over 50 countries by 2030.

We are contacting you to request that the leaders of the three parties in Government collectively and publicly launch the next SDG National Implementation Plan which we understand is soon to be published.

Progress on Agenda 2030 is under threat. In 2022, the world is not working for most people and our planet. Human rights are being ignored around the world and millions of people are being left behind, while a few become ever richer and more powerful. The war in Ukraine together with other ongoing conflicts has led to a stark increase in the number of people facing acute food insecurity, with rising food prices making life even harder for billions of people. Simultaneously, climate change presents a long-term threat to our shared home on this earth, with temperatures continuing to rise and extreme weather events devastating communities at the frontlines. The Covid-19 pandemic has pushed humanity's resilience to the limit and continues to have severe impacts on the lives of people and the wider social, economic and environmental fabric of our world. Hundreds of millions of people lost their jobs and income and were pushed into poverty. These events have shone a glaring light on the persistent, underlying, and layered injustices and inequalities of our societies.

Budget Day this year will mark almost seven years to the day since 193 countries together adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Yet, despite Ireland's laudable leadership in reaching international agreement on the 2030 Agenda, Government action on the SDGs has so far not progressed at the scale or speed required, especially given that we are almost at the halfway point of their implementation. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on all of the SDGs are threatening to undo even the limited gains made in recent years, notwithstanding the increasingly severe implications of the energy crisis on people all across Ireland. The country urgently needs leadership on the SDGs.

It is in this context that we are urging you to launch the next SDG National Implementation Plan together with Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Tánaiste Leo Varadkar. It is the view of Coalition 2030 that a public all-of-Government launch would demonstrate to the people of Ireland a commitment on the part of their leaders to work in a unified, cross-departmental fashion in order to reach the furthest behind first as we navigate the fallout from Covid-19 as well as the current energy crisis.

Is sinne le mórmheas,

The Steering Committee of Coalition 2030



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Coalition 2030 Member Organisations

International	Domestic anti-poverty	Environmental	Trade Union
Action Aid	80:20 Educating and Acting for a Better World	Airfield	ASTI
Aidlink	Akidwa	An Taisce	Fórsa
CBM Christian Blind Mission	Alcohol Forum	Carrig Conservation	ICTU Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Child Fund Ireland	AONTAS the National Adult Learning Organisation	Cork Environmental Forum	SIPTU Services Industrial Professional and Technical Union
Comhlámh	ATD 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 (NALA)	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	
	VPSJ Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice	