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**Welcome to
Commission on Voluntary Service & Action's**

**Community Education Campaign for the
Implementation of the
2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

What is Sustainable Development?

**“Development that meets the needs of the present
without compromising the ability of future generations
to meet their own needs”**

*the globally accepted definition adopted in 1987 at the
World Commission on Environment and Development*

In other words, Sustainable Development is the criteria for achieving social and economic progress in ways that will not exhaust the earth's finite resources and not exploit or impoverish one grouping of people for the enrichment of another.

What are the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals?

On September 25, 2015, after more than three years of debate, consultations, negotiations, all 193 member-nations of the UN, including the United States, voted unanimously to adopt these global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), stating:

“On behalf of the peoples we serve, we have adopted a historic decision on a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered set of universal and transformative goals and targets. We commit ourselves to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this agenda by 2030.”

Declaration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Who wrote the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Goals?



Representatives from all 193 member nations of the UN and hundreds of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and civil society groups representing indigenous people, small farmers, working people, environmental movement people, scientists, social workers, minorities, women's groups and other stakeholders over a three year period of time.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The 17 Goals are indivisible – one can't be achieved without the rest



- The SDGs address systemic causes of the problems.
- The SDGs are universal in that they apply to every country. They are indivisible in that one Goal cannot be achieved without all of them.
- All 193 member nations of the UN including US agreed these goals are ambitious, but doable and imperative. It's a matter of changing policies, priorities and building partnerships.
- They require that government at all levels, business, academia, and grassroots nongovernment organizations rooted in all sections of the community work together... to leave no one behind. We can build these partnerships!

How are the SDGs supposed to be implemented?

They agreed:

- “...all member states [are] to develop as soon as practicable, ambitious national responses to the overall implementation of this Agenda. These can...build on existing planning instruments, such as national development and sustainable development strategies, as appropriate.”
- “...the essential role of national parliaments through their enactment of legislation and adoption of budgets and their role in insuring accountability for the effective implementation of our commitments.”
- **“...governments and public institutions...[are to] work closely on implementation with regional and local authorities, sub-regional institutions, international institutions, academia, philanthropic organizations, volunteer groups and others.”**

How is the progress or lack of progress supposed to be monitored?

A. Voluntary National Reviews at the UN

Each country is encouraged to “...conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven.” “Regular reviews at the HLPF are to be voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, **and involve multiple stakeholders.**”

B. Participation of Stakeholders. That’s YOU! That is us. It is the people effected most by the need for these Goals, who must keep our government accountable to making them a priority. At the same time we can demonstrate through our own actions and organizations **HOW** these Goals could be achieved!

To do that, we must organize! We must build partnerships!

The 2030 SDGs are something we CAN unite around.

“We the people...” need take sustained action to raise a groundswell of awareness and support for the SDGs at the community level — in our schools, places of worship, work places and civic centers — to ensure that the priorities and policies of our government become aligned with the 2030 SDGs – for the future of the US and of the world.

There is no time to lose. Here is what you can do:

Join CVSA's Community Education Campaign for the Implementation of the 2030 SDGs

1. **Hold COMMUNITY MEETINGS about the SDGs.** Make the SDGs common knowledge.
2. Set up presentations and workshops like this one – in your school, with the staff of your organization, or with the social justice committee at your place of worship, or your place of employment.
3. **Print the 17 Goals in your organization's newsletter. Post the 17 Goals on your organization's website. Display banners & posters about the 2030 SDGs.**
4. Determine which of the Goals the work of your organizations is best connected with. Include the icons of those Goals in your literature. Determine which of the Goals your organization can do more towards achieving, put in a plan and promote what you are doing.
5. Design slogans and posters to make the SDGs known to the general public.

6. Promote the work that your organization already does through the SDG framework. Include the SDGs in your Mission Statement.

7. Discuss a plan of action for building alliances with others in the community to bring the 2030SDGs to your local government:

- Find out why they have not formed an official SDG Planning Council.
- Make it known that the community expects them to do so. Request seats on those councils, as representatives of your constituency, to have a voice in the planning and implementing of the SDGs.
- Organize a task force to monitor the achievement or lack of achievement of the goals. Identify and publicize what policies and practices are blocking the progress in achieving all the goals.

**You can contact CVSA for consultation and advise
as you move forward on this campaign, and share your stories
and tools for others to learn from.**

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN
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