

VNR civil society statement - the Kingdom of the Netherlands - LGBTI Stakeholder Group

Thank you,

We thank the Kingdom of the Netherlands for this important review.

We **do** note varying levels of civil society participation across the Kingdom which demonstrates some of the inequalities for civil society in different parts of the Kingdom.

As civil society we have identified some key challenges.

Firstly, we miss an intersectional perspective, with for example regards to impact of a green transition on different people based on gender, SOGIESC, ethnicity, age, immigration status, class, disability, or location within the Kingdom.

Secondly, Policy coherence on all issues and across each government of the kingdom is key to achieving the SDGs and needs to be acted on. Indeed; human rights and the SDGs are intertwined, therefore the Kingdom of the Netherlands should support the human rights fulfillment for all people in the Kingdom (as requested by the LGBTI movement in Curaçao).

We want to emphasize the importance of a safe school environment for all, noting this is **still** not achieved for many LGBTI youth, and point out that challenges still exist with regards to comprehensive sexuality education.

Sexual violence remains a problem in the Netherlands. It is **imperative** that this is addressed in a gender transformative, LGBTI inclusive, and youth friendly manner and focuses on long-term solutions such as CSE with focused goals, mandatory throughout the whole school period, and with qualified teachers.

Lastly, We are glad to see the acknowledgement of the problematic position on the spillover index: the Netherlands is 160 out of 163 for the negative impacts of its actions on other countries' abilities to achieve the SDGs.

From national climate policies to international impacts of our industrial agriculture to support of private sector incentives in unsustainable sectors. Knowing this, the Netherlands should **immediately** halt investment support for fossil fuels, and halve the livestock.

We would like to ask the Government of Netherlands; how will this negative impact be addressed?

Dank u wel