

Thank you chair, I am speaking on behalf of the NGO Major Group.

Civil society is a key component of social capital in the public sphere and has a role in the development and social cohesion of countries. Their participation in the planning and implementation of public policies allows the identification of social needs and the population's concerns, as inputs for the elaboration of strategies that are adequate to the identified demands.

Cape Verde, as an environmentally and economically vulnerable country, has been working hard on issues of gender equality and social cohesion, which led to its reaching the category of middle-income country. Lately, actions such as the approval of the parity law, the implementation of the single social register, and social inclusion income, the free education for people with disabilities, prove some government strategies for social sustainable.

That's why I believe that sustainable development efforts are pillars for fostering dialogue and active participation of citizens, framed in a process of sensitization, training and awareness, aiming at knowing how to act. In this way, partnerships for sustainable development must 'leave no-one behind' considering that this fight belongs to everyone, because everyone is affected.

Our recommendation is that there is a real need for support to community groups to enable them to step forward in the fight to tackle climate change.

What are the specific actions you are undertaking to support community groups and what is your plan towards 2030 to eradicate all forms of inequality?