

MGOS RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CSOs IN AUSTRIA TO THE VNR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA

Thank you, On behalf of the MGoS we welcome Austria's commitment to Agenda 2030.

In your video you refer to the COVID19 pandemic and we have seen that also in Austria this crisis increases social and economic inequalities.

Now we are asking you:

- What measures will be taken to tackle these challenges - ensuring that no one is left behind, especially marginalized people.
- Further, How do you plan to achieve educational justice, especially quality education for all in Austria?
- How do you intend to ensure that the perspectives of young people will be given sufficient consideration in future policies, especially in regards to climate justice.

Due to COVID-19, many political ad-hoc decisions were made in Austria, that will influence the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

- what plans does Austria have to increase political coherence for sustainable development, particularly to ensure that laws and regulations in Austria are SDG-compatible?
- How will you make a long-term multi-stakeholder approach possible, which ensures that the perspectives of civil society are included?
- Will Austria be able to increase the funding for reaching the SDGs?

Finally, with reference to the correlations between the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the SDGs, in Austria there is the federal constitutional law in this regard, but for years it is completely incomprehensible why not ALL rights have been made constitutional.

In our view, the 2030 Agenda is an occasion to finally remedy this shortcoming.

Thank you - Servus aus Kärnten!