

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

On behalf of the MGoS we welcome Brunei Darussalam's commitment to Agenda 2030.

In your VNR you refer to the high education and health standards in the developing countries, as well as to high literacy and enrolment rates.

- What strategies do you have in your country to promote awareness, education and opportunities to contribute to the SDGs?

In your VNR you also indicate significant progress towards gender equality in key areas such as education, health and economic participation.

- What accountability mechanisms have you put in place to progressively guarantee, respect, protect and fulfil all human rights for all persons alongside gender equality?
- What are the specific initiatives taken to focus on the social groups that are often discriminated against such as women, young persons, indigenous persons, older persons, persons with disabilities and LGBTI people, migrants and refugees?

Finally, in Brunei an inter-ministerial Special Committee, actively engaged with relevant stakeholders, including non-government organizations and civil societies in preparation for the VNR.

Our questions:

- What citizen-led engagement strategies have occurred to contribute to the national review process?
- What plans does your government have to follow-up the presentation of the VNR at national and subnational levels after the HLPF?
- What modalities did your government adopt to ensure meaningful participation of rightsholder groups, particularly those most affected by development challenges, when implementing the SDGs?

Thank you!