

The Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS), representing civil society organizations in Mauritius, acknowledges the Republic of Mauritius' submission of its 2nd VNR to the UN High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development in July 2024. While noting progress since the 1st VNR in 2019, MACOSS highlights critical challenges that remain to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

MACOSS is concerned about limited engagement with CSOs during the 2nd VNR process, with only two meetings held since 2019 compared to MACOSS's over 50 consultative meetings. This highlights significant gaps in sharing information and insights on the 2030 Agenda over the past four years.

Key issues identified from CSO data include:

- Acknowledgment of insufficient data on crucial indicators specific to Mauritius and SIDS, due to inadequate consultation with the National Platform.
- Recommendations for the government to develop a strategy addressing gaps identified in the 1st VNR and improving data collection for effective policy formulation.
- Recognition of government initiatives to improve the lives of vulnerable populations, with emphasis on enhancing efforts to address critical targets such as empowering grassroots CSOs, inclusive policy decisions, healthcare reform, and environmental sustainability.

MACOSS urges the government to engage more meaningfully with CSOs to collaboratively address these challenges under the 2030 Agenda. They stress the need for increased consultations, dialogue, and strengthened partnerships to ensure comprehensive and inclusive development strategies.

In conclusion, MACOSS calls for proactive government efforts to align policies with sustainable development goals and prioritize the needs of all Mauritian society segments.