

In representation of the group of civil society in Brazil, we would like to share with you the following collective statement:

If Brazil aims to realign with the 2030 Agenda, engaging various SDGs and at the Summit of the Future, the State must truly recognize inequalities such as poverty, racism and lack of access as cross-cutting issues, showing its commitment to reverting the underfunding for social areas through a sustainable transition, with tax justice based on, well funded human rights principles. The proposed SDG 18 emphasizes racial and ethnic equality and justice, ultimately, without addressing racism, there can be no sustainable development.

Amid the multiple crises we face, in socioeconomic issues, climate emergency, and in still facing COVID-19 impacts it is crucial to put in place and strengthen robust health, education and social policies. A firm government commitment to the 2030 Agenda must enhance transparency and accountability in monitoring progress and must improve methodologies for accurately tracking targets and indicators, as well as ensuring engagement and participation from civil society representatives.

To do so, education systems must integrate climate justice, diversity and education for sustainable development to foster an environmentally conscious, gender equality and equitable society. Land demarcation and climate adaptation strategies should be prioritized to protect vulnerable communities, indigenous and quilombola people to promote their human rights and resilience. Additionally, the technology and artificial intelligence based on human rights principles must be regulated, ensuring ethical use and protection of children, youth and all citizens' rights.

1. What will the Brazilian State do to revert the underfunding for social areas, regarding tax justice and fair and sustainable transition, truly committing not to leave no one behind? How will SDG 18 be touched by this fair funding?
2. Based on human rights principles, how will the Brazilian State work to regulate the technology and artificial intelligence, as well fight fake news?