

Thank you Mr (Vice) President

We commend the government of Suriname for its ongoing commitment to the VNR process and for its openness to engage with stakeholders including civil society. We recognize efforts made since 2022 and applaud steps taken toward more inclusive development planning.

At the same time civil society remains concerned about the lack of a structured inclusive and coordinated approach to SDG implementation. Vulnerable groups including Indigenous and tribal peoples youth women persons with disabilities migrants LGBTQI+ people and others continue to be left out of meaningful participation.

While the national SDG Platform includes civil society representatives it still lacks real influence and transparent coordination. Many contributions including this year's VNR Spotlight Report are made on an ad hoc basis without structural involvement or government endorsement.

Recent data highlights that economic exclusion healthcare discrimination and housing insecurity continue to disproportionately impact LGBTQ+ people and other marginalized groups. In a country where over 40 percent of LGBTQ identifying youth report suicidal thoughts and where court rulings are not fully implemented the gap between rights on paper and lived realities is widening.

We ask: How will Suriname ensure the most vulnerable are truly included in national SDG planning implementation and accountability

We urge the government to move from symbolic inclusion to measurable action through disaggregated data legal protections and targeted budgets. Despite challenges civil society remains ready to engage not for visibility but for lasting impact

Makandra we moro tranga.

Grantangi Thank you!