

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of CSOs across Thailand, we recognize Thailand's significant progress on SDGs, but there is still a lack of engagement of CSOs in the process, and not enough data for measuring the progress of SDGs implementation in multiple areas.

On Goal 3, Thailand is rightly proud of achieving 99.9% Universal Health Coverage but health equity gaps remain. Non-communicable diseases cause 76% of deaths. Mental health services remain underfunded at just 0.14% of the budget. Many marginalized groups, including rural, disability, and LGBTI individuals, face persistent barriers and stigma to inclusive, and accessible healthcare.

On Goal 5, despite legal protections under the Gender Equality Act, women and gender-diverse persons still face systemic discrimination. Domestic violence cases rose 18% post-pandemic. Due to the lack of legal gender recognition, the rigid gender binary policies in education severely limit students' gender expression and perpetuating stereotypes.

On Goal 8, rural, LGBTI, migrant, ethnic, stateless, undocumented and indigenous individuals encounter compound inequalities due to limited job opportunities. Many still face unequal access to digital literacy skills and labour protections. Employment sectors remain violative of labor rights and deficient in DEI policies.

Under SDG 14, water toxicity in Thailand's rivers and oceans, such as the Kok River, remains a concern. Solutions must empower marginalized and indigenous communities as equal stewards of the blue economy, with dedicated financing, especially as outside investors increasingly acquire local land and rights.

Our recommendations are clear:

1. Enact a Gender Recognition Act based on self-determination, strengthening the Gender Equality Act, and in line with SDG 3, 5, and 8.
2. Increase civil society budget allocation to at least 2% of national development spending, and expand community-led implementation to ensure digital inclusion, particularly in rural areas.

3. Build real-time, inclusive SDG data systems that are disaggregated by gender, age, ethnicity, disability, and digital access.

Thailand's path forward must be one where every person—every ethnicity, every identity, every ability—can fully participate and contribute to the future that ensures no one is left behind.

Thank you.