

## **The GSO Five-Point Action Plan in Support of SDG Implementation**

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1. The GSO will apply its expertise on alignment of interests in multi-stakeholder initiatives to analyse and disseminate a knowledge base on best practice and sustainability of multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral partnerships for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. The GSO will adapt its information services to deliver news and analysis on SDG-related activities to diplomatic missions of developing countries, civil society and other stakeholder groups.
3. The GSO will collaborate with UNOG and others in the Geneva international scene to facilitate dialogue opportunities on various sub-clusters of SDGs to complement and stimulate emerging initiatives with a cross-cutting and integrating approach.
4. The GSO will contribute to the mapping exercise of the UNOG Perception Change Project by identifying how Geneva-based organizations are developing cross-cutting approaches to link multiple SDGs in their implementation strategies.
5. The GSO emphasis is on what is happening in the Geneva international scene, but the GSO will also address the ways in which the Geneva setting can be harnessed for multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration at the regional, national and community levels.

#### **Rationale for the GSO Action Plan**

The seventeen SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are providing an overarching framework for social, economic and environmental approaches to the eradication of poverty and leaving no one behind. Many of the SDGs are benefiting from expertise on specific SDGs among the major stakeholders in Geneva, but the 2030 Agenda is also stimulating an impressive number of cross-cutting approaches linking, for example, the role of trade at the WTO and UNCTAD in support of all of the SDGs, or linking health concerns at the WHO with climate change, decent work, food security and gender equality among many other stakeholders. The GSO can support these cross-cutting approaches by disseminating information about how stakeholders and sectors are coming together.

The Perception Change Project under the leadership of UNOG is pulling together a basic directory of who is doing what on the SDGs in Geneva, and many different “SDG Hubs” are starting to appear – on water-related concerns, on peace and security concerns. The GSO can complement these developments with a sharing of information on what is happening in Geneva-based organizations and hubs. A basic information flow will be at the core of this service, augmented by reporting on the opportunities that are emerging for multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral collaboration in support of the SDGs.

The GSO can also work with UNOG and others in the Geneva international scene to facilitate dialogue opportunities on various sub-clusters of SDGs. GSO programmes have mostly concentrated on the social determinants of sustainable development, but the format is well suited to facilitate multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder dialogue and engagement on a wide variety of global issues. Since its founding in 2004, the GSO has been serving as a neutral forum for Geneva-based dialogues to promote cross-cutting approaches, including, for example, on food security and nutrition, access to water, sanitation and hygiene, employment and decent work, health and well-being, sustainable consumption and production and gender equality. The GSO has also facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogue on trade as one of the important means of implementation. The GSO continues to be a unique entity to facilitate action for and enhanced understanding of multi-stakeholder initiatives.