


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS


Location of the 2030 Agenda in post-conflict zones as a linking element for peace

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The 2030 Agenda was approved in 2015 for the United Nations General Assembly and subscribed by 193 Member States. This road map represents an international community effort to achieve Sustainable Development by 2030 and contemplates 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and 169 targets that involve social, economic and environmental dimensions. This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom.

In its Development National Plan, Colombia has included the SDGs as a toll to achieve a stable and long-lasting peace. 40% of the 2030 Agenda targets are aligned with the Colombian Peace Agreement and their fulfillment require a coordinate effort among different key stakeholders. According with the Colombian National Planning Department, 110 targets need the subnational governments participation to advance toward a sustainable development in Colombia.

This Project responds to the need to articulate the work between civil society and public institutions to achieve the 2030 Agenda targets and the Peace Agreement, especially in post-conflict areas. Thought the location of SDGs in territories and communities, is possible to develop specific actions that allow consolidating a society of peace, equitable, just and sustainable.

To put in place 2030 Agenda in post-conflict areas, this project contemplates two approaches: Youth participation as peace revitalizing and local sustainable entrepreneurs as development engines.



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The first approach seeks to do continuity and expand the impact of the United Nations Initiative Youth for SDGs¹ and train young to localize SDG in the territories. The second approach has the objective to provide tools for the development of sustainable local entrepreneurship, as a strategy to overcome poverty, increase food security, achieve sustainable production and consumption patterns and move toward a peace communities.

This project will be developed in the Tolima department of Colombia, a post-conflict area in where two important fronts of the country's revolutionary armed forces were present during more than 40 years. The post-conflict is a window for action, in where the articulation between civil society and public institutions is a key element. Youth empowerment and their participation in the decision making process can facilitate the transition toward equitable and sustainable communities in Colombia.



Workshops will be developed taking into account the Youth for SDG methodology, which manages a “Train the Trainers” approach. 30 young people will be trained for each municipality of the Tolima Department. These young people assume the commitment to train 30 more people and thus a teaching network is created.

¹ This program has been designed by United Nations in the framework of its Youth Global Program. The objective of this initiative is to empower and train youth leaders to raise awareness, localize and make a call to action for the fulfillment of SDGs. This program has been implemented in Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Perú y Colombia, in where young people are trained using a “train the trainers” methodology