



## **Joint statement from INGO sector ahead of Global Partnerships Conference**

As 82 INGO leaders, we welcome the efforts behind the Global Partnerships Conference and its intention to bring together a wider range of actors to address shared global challenges. In recent years, hard-won development gains have stalled or reversed due to rapidly rising global conflict, unsustainable debt burdens, shrinking civic space, the rolling back of democratic, gender and disability rights and major cuts to Official Development Assistance (ODA), all compounded by the accelerating climate and nature crises threatening our planet.

This conference's recognition of the role of diverse providers of finance, alongside emerging technology and AI stakeholders, and their responsibility to build equitable partnerships and pursue sustainable development, is an important step as we respond to these increasingly complex global issues.

At the same time, it is critical to reach those most in need and build on and protect the progress global civil society has made to date, acknowledging that we have a shared responsibility to help push this agenda forward. The success of what follows this conference will depend on whether the partnerships that emerge, including those with new partners in the private and technology sectors, are effective, equitable, and grounded in strong human rights, conflict sensitivity, democratic values, International Humanitarian Law and environmental and accountability standards.

This is also an important moment to reflect on how UK aid is best used, particularly in light of international ODA budgets being slashed. Private finance can play an important and complementary role, but it cannot be a substitute for ODA, especially when responding to conflict, humanitarian crises including in the hardest to reach places, and supporting those facing extreme poverty who now overwhelmingly live in fragile and conflict settings, including children, women and girls, older people, and people with disabilities. It is also an opportunity for governments, like the UK, to put words into action by shifting decision making on how ODA is spent to the communities directly affected.

Majority World countries have been clear in their calls for economic system reform to effectively address challenges such as unsustainable debt, corporate tax avoidance, illicit financial flows and unfair trade rules as part of the debate about the future of development cooperation. The fact remains that the current international financial system does not work for the majority. The conference must, therefore, create space for meaningful discussions on reforming the international financial system and truly cultivate equitable partnerships to give Majority World countries and their people the space they need to achieve their own sustainable development goals.

Going forward, civil society and Majority World partners should have a stronger role in shaping these discussions from the outset and co-design future conferences, processes or agreements so they can fulfil their transformative potential.

We hope this conference will inspire bolder action on this urgent agenda and chart a path towards a successful and ambitious UK G20 presidency next year. This moment offers a real opportunity for the UK to demonstrate progressive leadership, shift power and set the tone for its wider international engagement in the years ahead.

Signed,

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