SDGs within NGOs and the voluntary sector

CONCEPT NOTE

When speaking of the Sustainable Development Goals, many focus mostly on what governments and the private sector are doing. Unfortunately, the third sector and civil society are often neglected, even though it is these same non-governmental organisations that many times are the ones that encourage the promotion and adoption of the SDGs and put the most pressure on companies and the authorities to incorporate them within their agendas and business frameworks.

The scope of this roundtable would be to gain a better understanding of what it is that NGOs are doing in terms of the SDGs and how they can help in bringing more into the limelight the importance of these goals. The session, which will be one hour long, will include the sharing of best practices by NGOs as well as a panel discussion in which representatives from the voluntary sector in Malta will be able to discuss and debate the SDGs and how these feature within the third sector.

The National Roundtable will be conducted in English.

Agenda

Moderator of the National Roundtable: CORE Platform (Ms Helga Ellul and Mr Matteo Privitelli)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	GUEST SPEAKERS & PANELISTS
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and Overview of the National Roundtable and the Agenda	Ms Helga Ellul, President of CORE Platform
13:35 – 13:40	The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector's experience in	Mr Mauro Pace-Parascandalo, CEO of the MCVS

	dealing with NGOs and the SDGs within the sector	
13:40 – 13:45	Resilient Communities: A Case Study	Ms Claudia Taylor-East, CEO of SOS Malta
13:45 – 14:20	Panel discussion – SDGs within the voluntary sector	Mr Mauro Pace-Parascandalo (CEO of MCVS), Ms Claudia Taylor-East (CEO of SOS Malta), Ms Nora Macelli (CEO of St Jeanne Antide Foundation), and Mr Glenn Bugeja (Manager – Corporate Sustainability at HSBC Bank Malta); moderated by CORE Platform
14:20 – 14:30	Q&A Session and Closing Remarks	All participants