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## Campaign Update - June 2014

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### THE CAMPAIGN IS GROWING!

**NOW MORE THAN 1000 PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS IN MORE THAN 130 COUNTRIES**

The campaign now includes over 1000 organisations! The 1000th organisation to join the campaign was the [Fahari Yetu Foundation](#) in Tanzania. Brigitha Faustin of the Fahari Yetu Foundation says,

*"We joined Beyond 2015 campaign to ensure that the voices of marginalized youth, women, girls and people living with disabilities, and their rights to and needs for access to clean and safe water, peace and stability, education, health care, energy, better jobs, free from hunger and inequalities in Africa, are integrated and given priority in Post 2015 development agenda"*

Welcome to the [Fahari Yetu Foundation](#)!

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### BEYOND 2015 REGIONAL UPDATES

#### AFRICA

#### Consultations on the next steps for the Common African Position (CAP):

A regional consultation online was held on 17th April 2014 to collect African CSOs inputs and thoughts on the next steps about the Common African Position (CAP). Around 20 CSOs attended the meeting to share thoughts on next steps for the CAP and how to engage with governments.

For more information contact Balkissa Ide at [bide@uwasnet.org](mailto:bide@uwasnet.org)

**Pan Africa Conference on Inequalities the context of structural transformation conference programme held in Accra, Ghana from 28th to 30th April 2014:**

This 3-day meeting was a response to the AU's call on every one from every sector to participate in defining the African agenda for 2063 under the theme "The Africa we want". It was an opportunity to raise awareness of the Beyond 2015 campaign and its activities in Africa. It was clear that African CSOs working on post-2015 needs to be more coordinated across all thematic areas.

[Read the conference brief.](#)

**Beyond 2015 Africa is setting up its Steering Committee:** In mid-May, the Beyond2015 African team sent a call for application across Africa to set up a steering committee. We received about 30 applications and all of them from highly qualified and active members. The selection process was competitive since we needed only 15 people (3 from different African regions).

After discussions with the Secretariat and UWASNET, the following candidates were finally selected:

- Franco Wandabwa, Save the Children, Ethiopia
- Roselyne Kihumba, HelpAge, Kenya
- Willice Okoth, International Youth Council, Kenya
- Denna Nyai, MDG Campaign/GCAP, Zambia
- Virginia Kamowa, Sightsavers, Malawi
- James S.Roberts, Civil Society network on Climate Change, Liberia
- Appollos Ikechukwu Mwafor, WaterAid, Senegal
- Oyebisi Babatunde Oluseyi, Nigeria Network of NGOs, Nigeria

Seven seats are still available (3 North Africa, 3 Central Africa and 1 Southern Africa). We encourage those of you from these regions to send us your expression of interest as well as CVs.

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**5th Africa Water Week 'Placing water at the heart of the post-2015 development agenda' from 26th to 30th May, 2014 in Dakar-Senegal:**

The 5th Africa Water Week (AWW) was convened by the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) in conjunction with the African Union Commission and organized with other development partners to build momentum on achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) water and sanitation targets by 2015, and the 2025 Africa Water Vision as well as crystallizing the way to go beyond 2015. AWW represents a political commitment at the highest level with over 1000 participants from governments, regional institutions, international partners, the private sector, the scientific community, civil society, and the media from all over the world, and in particular Africa, meeting to discuss and collectively seek solutions to Africa's water resources, and sanitation challenges. The key highlight was the CSO Forum during which Beyond2015 took part in a 5-person panel discussion on 'Post 2015 and Making the Right to Sanitation a Reality in Africa' to present the role and engagement of CSO in post 2015 discussions, the Beyond 2015 CSO campaign, the activities undertaken and planned by the campaign. Beyond2015 also participated in the formulation of key messages that were included in the CSO statement that was read during the closure ceremony.

[Read the meeting brief.](#)

**Beyond2015 published a press release in response to the launch of the African Union (AU) Common African Position on post-2015 Development Agenda the 3rd June 2014 in Addis Ababa:**

Beyond2015 welcomed several commitments made by the AU and head of states which includes: Eradication of poverty in all its forms; Reduction of inequalities through inclusive growth that creates real jobs, equitable access to services and improved access to social protection and the Promotion of women's empowerment. It is important to note that during the process of its development, CSOs have had some definite influence on the outcome of the African position. The first four pillars were designed during the first phase in which civil society had been very active. The next steps for the CSOs regarding the CAP would be to engage in the next phase of translating the CAP into goals, targets and indicators and ensure that the CAP is "given the attention it deserves in ensuring that the next global framework, that follows the Millennium Development Goals, really reflects Africa's priorities and needs moving forward", Doreen Wandera, Executive Director of UWASNET, the Regional Coordination Office of Beyond 2015 in Africa.

[Read the press release.](#)

#### **Activities & Events for the month of June 2014**

- 1- Participate in the Africa Working Group meeting in Nairobi, Kenya from 5th to 6th June, 2014.
- 2- Organise consultations to translate the CAP into goals, targets and indicators.

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### **ASIA**

In recent months, the Asia Regional Coordinator participated and advocated at the following events:

**Asia Democracy Network regional strategy advocacy planning meeting.** 20-21 April 2014, Bangkok/Thailand

**Open Government Partnership conference in Asia and Pacific.** 04-07 May 2014, Bali/Indonesia

**Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD).** 15-21 May 2014, Thailand

**Joint Strategy planning of Beyond 2015-Asia Development Alliance.** 25-26 May 2014, Bangkok/Thailand

Beyond 2015 in Asia with GCAP and Asia Development Alliance and other umbrella networks met for a joint strategy planning meeting.

**Regional and national consultation the second round of consultation on Post-2015 development agenda focus on partnership arrangement and means of implementation, 12, 23 May 2014, Cambodia**

#### **Regional Coordinator job handover**

Sam Ly has taken up a post with another international NGO. Beyond 2015 Asia Regional Coordinator will be led by Soeung Saroeun, the Executive Director of the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia. We wish Sam well!

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### **LATIN AMERICA**

At a national level, the advocacy work has taken off in many countries, after an assessment period.

In **Peru**, there have been significant advances. The Peruvian lead agency has met on several occasions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has been able to provide input on the OWG focal areas document. They were also invited by UNDP to participate on the monitoring committee on the formulation and implementation of the agenda. Now the objective is to engage with sectorial ministries.

In **Bolivia**, our lead agency has organized a new round of civil society consultations in which VPVC and the campaign's reaction to the OWG have informed the discussions. The next step is to develop further contacts with the government, and hopefully the G-77 + China summit that is being organized by the Bolivian government will be a good setting for this.

In **Brazil**, our lead agency has also organized consultations and workshop with civil society in order to promote the importance of a new global development framework and debate on the different aspects of the agenda. They were able to put forward this work at a government seminar on the post-MDG agenda that was organized in Brasilia. There the government launched a website in which civil society and people in general can provide input on Sustainable Development Goals. The results of this seminar are seen as mixed, since the government has been ambivalent regarding its interest in fully engaging with civil society regarding this agenda. An interesting point though is that members from civil society have been included in the official delegation to OWG 12.

Our involvement in the campaign and the post-MDG processes has shown that our advocacy strategy has to be two-pronged, and for that reason the other dimension of the advocacy issue is to develop solid ties with permanent delegations from Latin-America at the UN. In order to do this, our chief regional coordinator, Miguel Santibañez attended the OWG 11 on behalf of the campaign. There, he was able to speak on behalf of the campaign at the OWG Stakeholder's Forum, in presence of the co-chairs. He was also able to socialize with permanent delegations from Ecuador, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Chile and share with them Beyond's reactions to the new OWG focal areas document.

Regarding the regional position, as middle-income countries, the focus in Latin America is on socio-economic inequity, and more broadly on the structural causes of inequity. We believe these issues should be addressed from a structural standpoint, and for that we welcome the fact that co-chair Kamau expressed that a focal area on promoting equality would be reinstated in the new iteration. For us in Latin-America this issue is very important and we have to make sure that the issues like redistributive policies, extreme wealth, and wage share in GDP, geographical inequities, and regulations of financial markets are addressed. The regional coordination is currently trying to promote the formulation of a comprehensive regional position on the post-ODM agenda.

Regarding advocacy opportunities at the regional level, the G-77 + China meeting that will be held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia on June 14-15. This event will focus on the Post-MDG agenda and the well-being concept. So far, the Bolivian government seems keener on engaging with social movements than with organized civil society. A side-event with local and regional partners is in the works.

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## PACIFIC

Joji Fakiati of PIANGO is currently the contact person for Beyond 2015 Pacific. The monthly report from the Pacific for May was prepared with the help of Laisa Vereti who is now on maternity leave.

The priority activities for National Lead Agencies was to hold CSO Forums at the National level to inform the sector first, before any lobbying or advocacy work.

We are preparing for a range of major key activities happening in the region in June.

### **Pre-SIDS CSO Forum, Samoa – June 4th and 5th**

CSO Forum for the SIDS region (Caribbean, AIMS and the Pacific). This is a pre-SIDS event with the aim to have a CSO outcome statement or key ask in the lead up to SIDS Conference in Samoa in September. PIANGO has been liaising with our partner in the Caribbean, the key actor here and the lead agency in Samoa. PIANGO will be sharing Beyond 2015, and pushing the values to be part of the outcome document.

### **Youth Forum, Samoa – June 6th**

The Youth forum is to raise awareness on the Youth Issue and so a presentation of the Beyond 2015, inclusive of the Values and Targets specific to the Youth. The major group on Youth for the pre-SIDS forum will be part of the forum too (ILO/UNESCO) who will present on the Youth Forum

### **Melanesian Sub Regional Round Table, Nadi, Fiji – June 16th and 17th**

The Melanesian Countries are Fiji/PNG/Vanuatu and Solomon who makes up almost 90% of the Pacific population. This will be the first meeting of the PIANGO members for the B2015 to be presented including the PIANGO board so each will go back and lobby position with their national governments.

### **Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), Nadi, Fiji – June 19th and 20th**

This is for Pacific government leaders (head of states)/CSO leaders and private sector forum. PIANGO sits at the Governing body of the Forum. PIANGO will be sharing the B2015 Values and targets at this forum and lobby

for the values to inform the national governments process in their development goals

Joji Fatiaki  
PIANGO

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## EUROPEAN TASK FORCE

In May, the ETF sent some key messages on Post-2015 in the letter that CONCORD National Platforms addressed to their Development Ministers ahead of a meeting on 19th May. The Ministers reaffirmed the main points of the EU position agreed in June 2013 in their statement: the mutually “reinforcing nature of poverty eradication and the promotion of sustainable development”; the support for a “single overarching post-2015 framework and a single set of global goals”; commitment towards “sustainable prosperity and the well-being of all people within planetary boundaries”; and the need for the framework to “address democratic governance, human rights, and peace and security”.

On 28th May several members of the ETF attended a regional consultation on SDGs organised in Brussels by UN DESA and the European Economic and Social Committee.

Coming up

On 6th June the European Steering Group will meet to do a mid-year review and take stock of the current state of the Post-2015 negotiations and strategize the ETF’s work for the months ahead.

A capacity building meeting is being planned for Beyond 2015’s National Hubs in Europe. This meeting should provide the opportunity to update the National Hubs on Beyond 2015’s plans, the official process, and discuss and share experiences of activities at the national level.

The European Steering Group is currently reviewing the drafts of the briefing papers on Policy Coherence for Development, Role of the Private Sector and Peaceful Societies, which should be soon shared with the ETF for comments.

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## PARTICIPATE

Participate is delighted to announce that following the tender for a PRG member to serve a link between Beyond 2015 and PRG members, the Seed Institute which has been selected for this role. The contact person will be Mwangi Waituru, [mwangi@seedinstitute.com](mailto:mwangi@seedinstitute.com). The aim of this role coordinate the Beyond 2015 Participate initiative whose mandate is providing high quality evidence on the reality of poverty at ground level, and bringing the perspectives of the poorest into the post-2015 debate.

We have responded to the request for comments ahead of the forthcoming PGA special session on Human Rights and the Rule of Law, highlighting our proposed targets on tackling discriminatory norms. We stressed the point that Post2015 targets that do not prioritise the social, economic, civil and political human rights of all people, or recognise the interconnected nature of these rights will continue to deepen the poverty of people left behind. In relation to this there must be clear accountability mechanisms for all institutions, within the public and private sectors to ensure that human rights are fully respected.

We are working on a collection of reflective pieces, analysis and learning on working within a global participatory research network. Written in close conjunction with members of the PRG, this anthology will serve as an important reference tool for practitioners interested in participatory processes and methodologies. Publication is set for June 2014.

## SCP FOCAL POINT

### Updates from last month:

#### SCP SDG Brief for OWG 11

The SCP brief was received very positively by many governments at OWG 11, as it offered very focussed and constructive feedback on specific SCP targets under discussion during the OWG session. BioRegional and IGES presented the key recommendations and targets at a meeting with the 'SCP Informal Government Working Group' that included Mexico, Romania, Switzerland and Brazil.

The statements read by Romania (with Poland) and Bhutan (with Thailand, Vietnam) word for word took targets and recommendations from the SCP brief- indeed, Romania pretty much read out the whole of our focus area 11 recommendations! Earlier in the week Bhutan had requested our inputs specifically for his SCP statement, so it was good to hear he did indeed include our recommendations.

#### Government SCP Positions / Insights

The majority of governments at OWG 11 called for SCP to stay as a goal, with many calling for integration and a goal, and nearly all governments referenced the 10YFP as a key driver and mechanism for delivering SCP. This in part is because G77 countries see a SCP goal as a way (and one of few goals currently on the table) to push back responsibility specifically onto developed countries. This of course is not the agenda that BioRegional and our partners are pushing, but does offer an important opening to leverage and influence support amongst the G77 countries on SCP.

Several governments are prioritising SCP as one of their key SDG issues- Brazil, Switzerland and Indonesia are three of these countries.

### What's coming up next month:

#### SCP SDG Brief for OWG 12

At OWG 11 many governments requested a set of 5 priority SCP targets from us, so this is what we are now working on for our policy brief to share at OWG 12. Along with 5 proposed targets under the SCP Focus Area we will also be conducting a complete analysis of the entire Focus Area doc to identify SCP relevant targets, possible amalgamation and strengthening of SCP targets and indeed additional SCP targets if there are any critical gaps. BioRegional is continuing to work with WWF, Friends of the Earth, Bond and IGES on the SCP brief and would very much welcome the support and inputs from Beyond2015. We will be ready to send a complete draft of the brief by the end of this week (assuming the revised Focus Area document is to be released today / tomorrow).

The 5 priority targets will likely include these key SCP issues: education to shape consumer lifestyles, public procurement policies, affirming Aichi target 4, 10YFP implementation and reaching equality within and between countries (contraction / convergence approach).

#### High-Level Government Roundtable on SCP, 18<sup>th</sup> June

Sue Riddlestone, CEO of BioRegional, has been invited to present our SCP target recommendations to a small number of Ambassadors and Senior Diplomats (around 10-15 countries are expected to attend) at a roundtable on 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Mission of Brazil, co-hosted with the Mission of Switzerland. The aim of the roundtable is to try and create a common approach to SCP with 'likeminded' countries and ensure support for SCP at the highest level within governments.

#### UN Environment Assembly, Nairobi (23-27 June)

Freya Seath, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager at BioRegional, is attending the UNEA and is being funded by UNEP. Freya will participate in a 10YFP Focal Point meeting ahead of the Assembly where BioRegional will convene with other Focal Points to discuss how to align the 10YFP with the SDG agenda / proposed targets. We will also be spending much of the week engaging in dialogue with Government Ministers and Senior Diplomats at the Assembly on the issue of SCP and how to ensure it is embedded in the SDG framework.

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### BEYOND 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Please see the notes from the May meeting of the Executive Committee [here](#).

Remember, we have a 'suggestions box' for the Executive Committee (an email address which is available for the whole campaign, which will be checked by the Secretariat and co-chairs before each Executive Committee meeting). If you have comments, constructive criticisms or suggestions on how to strengthen Beyond 2015, please send them to [greatideas4beyond2015@gmail.com](mailto:greatideas4beyond2015@gmail.com)! Suggestions will be considered on the next monthly call.

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