

# Why political parties matter in achieving the SDGs

Wednesday 17 July, 11.30AM-1.00PM - UNDP Office, Amartya Sen Conference Room, 304 45th St.

The role of political parties in achieving the 2030 Agenda has been consistently overlooked. Political parties in fact have an important role to play in empowering citizens and ensuring inclusiveness and equality in society. When political parties represent the interests of the people and work together for the common good, it will ultimately lead to improved governance and sustainable development. This relates closely to the targets in Goal 16 and 10, which are under review this year, as well as SDG 5.

*The Global Partnership for Multiparty Democracy supports political parties in an inclusive and non-partisan manner. Our mission is to strengthen their capacities in representing the public and building an inclusive democratic future. GPMD is one of the few international platforms able to promote the political dimension of the SDGs, with a focus on inclusion, participation, accountability, and equality.*

- **SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

Target 5.5: Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

- **SDG 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries**

Target 10.2: Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status

- **SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**

Target 16.6: Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions.

Target 16.7: Ensure inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making.



This year's HLPF theme is "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". GPMD and UNDP are organizing this event to build on the SDG16 review process.

The event will collate experiences from practitioners across the GPMD network to discuss how working with political parties brings us closer to achieving Agenda 2030, and what political parties can do to ensure inclusiveness and equality. These examples will benefit from the expert organizations invited to reflect and enrich these cases. The goal of the session is to come up with key **Acceleration Actions** to increase the attention given to political parties in achieving the SDGs.

The following cases will be presented at the event:

- **Colombia** – Opening up political space for inclusive political reform and peace processes (NIMD Colombia).
- **Georgia/Ukraine** – Linking diverse voices to political processes (Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy).
- **Tunisia** – Equality in Dialogue: transforming protest into political participation (Centre of Mediterranean and International Studies).

We look forward to welcoming you at this event.

To reserve your place, please forward your interest to [info@gpmd.org](mailto:info@gpmd.org) before 12 July 2019.

A light lunch will be served after the discussion.