An innovative global network empowering civil society for effective social change

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Goals and 169 targets adopted in 2015 by Heads of State and Government represents a commitment to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development worldwide by 2030.

Forus works closely with its members on the monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda via a dedicated Working Group, by sharing information, facilitating peer exchanges and strategizing on advocacy actions. Forus is also a co-facilitator for the broad civil society alliance Action for Sustainable Development coalition (A4SD - http://action4sd.org) and thus ensures that its entire membership engages effectively by enabling participatory processes and mobilising NGOs and CSOs to increase public awareness about the 2030 Agenda.
Forus membership worldwide

- 69 National NGO Platforms
- 7 Regional Coalitions
- 22,000+ NGOs worldwide

Who we are

As a legitimate catalyst and representative of the voice of NGOs worldwide, Forus works to strengthen the capacities of civil society to ensure the effective and efficient participation of civil society actors in official negotiations.

Forus advocates for better resourcing of civil society and the defense of an enabling environment for civil society organisations to influence public policy at the national, regional and international level.

Our vision

We envision a world where every National NGO Platform & Regional Coalition has a voice, the means and the knowledge to address power imbalance to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and achieve social justice, peace and democracy throughout the world.

Our mission

Forus focuses on 3 main working areas:

- CONNECT NGO Platforms and Regional Coalitions to build joint actions, learn from each other and fight for an enabling environment for civil society organisations;
- SUPPORT and develop the capacities of our members for more effective participation in decision-making processes, using the network’s collective intelligence and innovative approaches;
- INFLUENCE public policies together with our members, by engaging in official negotiations, deliberations and public mobilisations at national, regional and international levels.

What is a National NGO Platform?

An independent umbrella organization gathering NGO members at a national level and addressing development, humanitarian and environmental issues. NGO Platforms’ membership is based on shared principles such as democratic governance, transparency and members’ participation.

What is a Regional Coalition?

A Regional Coalition is a network of sub-regional and national NGO Platforms in a dedicated region.

Forus fosters National NGO Platforms & Regional Coalitions’ peer-exchanges and learning for successful implementation of advocacy and capacity development activities.
Leadership Development Program (LDP)

The Leadership Development Program fosters peer-to-peer learning and innovation in leadership skills & techniques. It encourages NGO Platforms and Regional Coalitions leaders, members of the Forus network, to reflect on their contribution to social change and bring the debate to their constituencies.

It is an incentive to communities of NGOs inclined to work with other CSOs and other stakeholders to adapt and respond to new challenges. The overall program, led by Forus, consists of 3 cycles, each composed of 12 participants, held over 3 consecutive years, combining participatory methods, webinars and face to face workshops.

Become a member

You are a national NGO Platform or a Regional Coalition? Join Forus’ network:

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