

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Reclaiming Policies for the Public

Civil Society Reflection Group Report Launch: Spotlight on Sustainable Development 2017

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER, 1.00 – 3.00 PM; ROOM XII, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

Independent monitoring and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its structural obstacles and challenges are key factors for the success of the SDGs.

A global coalition of civil society organizations and trade unions – supported by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - present the second edition of its Spotlight on Sustainable Development report. The report provides a wide-ranging independent assessment of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

Carrying the subtitle Reclaiming Policies for the Public, the 2017 edition of this civil society “shadow” report focuses on privatization, partnerships, the role of corporations and the impact they have on sustainability and inequality. According to the report the heavy reliance on public-private partnerships in the 2030 Agenda is highly problematic.

The authors call for reclaiming public policy space, strengthening public finance and strongly regulating PPPs – all of which, in their assessment are indispensable prerequisites for achieving the SDGs and making the vision of “transformation our world”, as proclaimed in the title of the 2030 Agenda, a reality.

At this event, co-organized by UNRISD and FES, key findings and recommendations of the 2017 Spotlight report will be presented and discussed from various perspectives.



Panelists: Barbara Adams (Global Policy Forum), Sandra Vermuyten (Public Service International), Stefano Prato (Society for International Development), María Graciela Cuervo (DAWN)

Discussants: Paul Ladd (UNRISD), Vincent Yu (South Centre)

Moderation: Hamish Jenkins (UNRISD)

Opening Remarks: Hubert René Schillinger (FES)

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