



Coalition 2030

2022 Work Plan

Introduction

Coalition 2030 is an alliance of civil society organisations working to ensure that Ireland keeps its promise to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, both at home and abroad. Our mission is to transform our world through collaborative partnerships that will free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want, and to heal and secure our planet. Showing solidarity with those marginalised in society is a key value and organising principle of Coalition 2030, with the goal of ‘leaving no-one behind’, both in Ireland and throughout the world.

At the time of writing, we are almost at the halfway point between when the SDGs were agreed in September 2015, and when they are due to be achieved, 2030. Consequently, we are keen to grow the membership of this Coalition in order to increase representation of the concerns of civil society in Ireland. Membership is open to all civil society organisations across the domestic anti-poverty and equality, international and environmental sectors, trade unions and academic institutions.

Overview

Coalition 2030 exists primarily to ensure that the Irish government fulfils its commitment made in 2015 to deliver the SDGs by 2030. To this end, Coalition 2030 engages with the Irish public and policy-makers to increase their awareness of and engagement with the SDGs. We believe that since the SDGs are integrated, interdependent and indivisible, a coherent approach in policy-making underpinned by a whole-of-government approach and strong political leadership is required. Further, this goal will be progressed by an increase in public awareness and a push from below for change. Finally, these two avenues depend on a vibrant, energised and united coalition that collaborates smoothly and effectively. This work plan is thus split into three distinct work packages; 1) Policy and Advocacy on Domestic SDG Implementation, 2) Public Engagement and 3) Coalition Building. The goals nested within each work package flow directly from the objectives and outcomes listed in our Strategic Plan¹.

Process of Work Plan Development

This work plan was drafted by the Coalition 2030 Coordinator in March 2022 based on the Strategic Plan and was informed by political opportunities and obstacles. It was deliberated upon and revised by the Steering Committee in April and May 2022, before going to the Coalition 2030 plenary in May 2022 for sign-off.

The strategies, tactics and timeline for achieving the goals within will be revisited quarterly in order to respond to an ever-changing political context.

¹ These are annexed at the end of this document.

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Strategic Objective 1: To advocate and advance public policy that would achieve the targets in the SDGs by 2030, and to act as a watchdog on the Irish Government’s implementation of the SDGs.

Work package 1: Policy and advocacy on domestic SDG implementation

1.1: National Implementation Plan

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) publishes the National Implementation Plan² for the SDGs in 2022 and it reflects at least some of what we have been calling for as a Coalition (as reflected in our advocacy and submissions).
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** Coalition 2030 receives a response and/or meeting from the Minister as a result of our advocacy on the draft NIP.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 3:** Members of the SDG team in DECC agree to meet with the Coalition to discuss the Coalition’s feedback post-publication of the draft.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 4:** Members of the SDG team in DECC agree to meet with the Coalition to discuss the Coalition’s concerns post-publication of the final document.

Outputs:

- ☐ Engage with the Department of the Environment, Communications and Climate on the NIP
- ☐ Develop a ‘tests document’ in advance of the publication of their draft based on our publications to date.
- ☐ Carry out advocacy in advance outlining what we want to see in the draft
- ☐ Publish a Press Release with input from each C2030 pillars³ in advance of the publication of the draft NIP⁴
- ☐ Publish a press release after the publication of the draft NIP with our response
- ☐ Write to the Taoiseach after the draft NIP is published with our response
- ☐ Engage our membership and the public in the online submission process⁵

1.2: National Stakeholder Forum (NSF)

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** The next NSF is held, and it is co-developed.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** The next NSF is inclusive, participatory, and worthwhile/useful for stakeholders. The purpose is clear and communicated to stakeholders.

² From here on it is referred to as the ‘Plan’ or ‘NIP’ for space-saving reasons.

³ Ensuring equality, just transition, fuel poverty, climate action and decent work are mentioned.

⁴ This will be based on the Coalition’s submission to the Government consultation which closed in September 2021.

⁵ The graphics used in the end will be those that pertain to the identified inadequacies and deficiencies in the Plan.

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** The NSF is sufficiently resourced to involve those in civil society ‘left furthest behind’ and Coalition 2030 facilitates the Government to do this.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** The NSF should involve more departments than DECC.

Outputs:

- ☐ The steering committee meets with relevant DECC staff in advance of the NSF and C2030 members are facilitated to input.
- ☐ Coordinate members’ input prior to the NSFs.
- ☐ Send a letter to all Ministers whose remit includes an element of the SGDs encouraging them to join the stakeholder forum.
- ☐ Engage marginalised groups in advance of the NSFs, alerting them and facilitating them to attend.
- ☐ Capture insights from marginalised groups and facilitate them to be communicated at the NSFs.
- ☐ Use social media effectively to promote the NSFs.
- ☐ Host a webinar after the NSFs to collate feedback from our members.

1.3: High Level Political Forum (HLPF) - 2023

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** Coalition 2030 sends delegates to the HLPF in 2023.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** Coalition amplifies Coalition 2030 member groups that are most marginalised.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 3:** Coalition 2030 members are financed to attend the 2022 HLPF if they wish to attend.

Outputs:

- ☐ Facilitate C2030 members to attend the HLPF in 2022 if they so wish.
- ☐ Engage with DECC about the VNR in late 2022.
- ☐ Engage early in order to ensure visas, appropriate accommodation, etc (2023).
- ☐ Determine with the SC the best process for delegate selection (2023).

1.4 Governance

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** Gain ground on our demand for the Government to report annually to the Oireachtas on its delivery of all of the 17 Goals.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** Gain ground on our demand to create and resource a dedicated unit within the Department of Taoiseach.

Outputs:

- ☐ Meet with representatives of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the SDGs.
- ☐ Contact relevant Oireachtas Committees at least twice a year to address SDG implementation in the context of the Programme for Government and the National Implementation Plan (not merely as a one-off meeting topic, but as a core ongoing benchmark of policy planning and delivery).

- ☐ Ensure those most at risk/directly impacted are facilitated to provide their views directly.
- ☐ Provide briefings for relevant Dáil/Seanad deliberations on SDG-related topics, in particular on key topics that the coalition wants to amplify.
- ☐ Write to the Taoiseach after the draft NIP is published with our response, requesting that there is an all-of-Government (i.e. Taoiseach, Tánaiste and leader of the Green Party) launch of the final NIP.
- ☐ Write to the Taoiseach in the aforementioned letter requesting a meeting.

Strategic Objective 2: To promote engagement and informed action on the SDGs by building a coherent understanding of the issues that impact on the lives of people in Ireland and throughout the world

Work Package 2: Public engagement

2.1 Online presence; website and social media.

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** Have a new accessible website that acts as a useful hub for Coalition 2030 members, DECC and Department of an Taoiseach, and showcases: C2030 events; member events relevant to the Coalition 2030 strategy; advocacy updates; press releases; reports.
 - ☐ Coalition 2030's strategic goals are front and centre.
 - ☐ Coalition 2030's member list is clear, with logos.
 - ☐ Loomio can be accessed from here (for members)
 - ☐ Genuinely accessible (like DFI, NALA)
 - ☐ Plain English

Outputs:

- ☐ Source a web developer
- ☐ Provide initial brief
- ☐ Send proposal to SC for feedback
- ☐ Send proposal to entire Coalition for feedback

2.2 PPNs and LENS

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** We begin a process of engaging with the PPN and LEN networks.

Outputs:

- ☐ We contribute to one webinar/event of the environmental college of the PPN this year.

2.3 Regional engagement (EU)

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** We are engaged with European partners again in the spirit of Goal 17.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** We engage with the MEP Alliance via Barry Andrews.

Tactics/Outputs:

- ☐ Reach out to SDG Watch, find when European meetings are.
- ☐ Contribute to SDG Watch newsletter, platforming members.

Strategic Objective 3: To be an effective coalition that supports, amplifies and leverages the work of its members to promote our collective vision and achieve our goals.

Work Package 3: Coalition development

3.1 Coalition building

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** Coalition membership is clear and up to date
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** There are streamlined ways of communicating with members.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 3:** Decision making processes in the coalition are clear.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 4:** Identify organisational candidates for the pillar reps to approach in 2023 by completing a sectoral mapping exercise.

Outputs:

- ☐ Complete a database audit
- ☐ Ensure all members are represented on the C2030 google group and are receiving emails
- ☐ Get signed Terms of References from all organisations who have not sent ToRs
- ☐ Implement Loomio⁶ as a decision making tool to facilitate having a voice and engaging remotely
- ☐ Create member list on Twitter (for members to follow)

3.2 Build capacity and support member organisations in their SDG-related work

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** Members use Coalition 2030 funds to promote their SDG related work.
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** Coalition members are upskilled by other C2030 members in issues that connect with their primary issue, for example, fuel poverty and retrofitting, human health and water pollution etc.

Outputs:

- ☐ Re-launch the member project fund.
- ☐ Coordinate a coherent training programme for coalition members.⁷
- ☐ Support with events/campaigns as needed.⁸
- ☐ Create a shared 'moment map' which can be shared with members and acts as a living calendar for the Coalition.
- ☐ Promote member activities on social media.

⁶ Loomio is a collaborative online workspace that enables outcome-focused decision-making. Users can initiate discussions and put up proposals. "Reduce email overwhelm, move faster towards actions."

⁷ Similar to the Wheel's Training Links programme.

⁸ For example, with Fairtrade Ireland for Fairtrade Fortnight, with the IEN for the Biodiversity Citizens' Assembly event etc.

3.3 Plenaries, Steering Committee & Working Groups

- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 1:** There is an agreed schedule to the SC meetings and plenaries in terms of when they take place
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 2:** The SC is active, engaged, diverse and inclusive
- ☐ **Outcome/Goal 3:** The plenaries are attended by over 40% of members.

Outputs:

- ☐ Work to develop a group agreement / ways of working document in consultation with the SC.
- ☐ Set dates and times for all SC meetings and plenaries early in the year.
- ☐ Ensure social events / opportunities for informal networking are attached to plenaries and SC meetings.
- ☐ Host a plenary every 6 months [one to plan and one to monitor/celebrate].
- ☐ Facilitate a process to decide on [6-month period] themes for the coalition to work on.⁹

⁹ For example: Wellbeing Index/Doughnut Economics; Housing and Homelessness; Biodiversity.

Annex 1: Our 2020-2023 Strategy

Objective 1

To advocate and advance public policy that would achieve the targets in the SDGs by 2030, and to act as a watchdog on the Government's implementation of the SDGs.

Specific outcomes

- 1.1 Ireland has a fair and ambitious implementation plan for delivery of the SDGs in full and on time.
- 1.2 The Government fully resources the SDG implementation plan.
- 1.3 The Government meaningfully engages all sections of civil society – in particular those furthest behind – in developing, monitoring and assessing the delivery of the SDGs.
- 1.4 The Government makes ongoing significant progress and reports annually to the Oireachtas on its delivery of all of the 17 Goals.

Objective 2

To promote engagement and informed action on the SDGs by building a coherent understanding of the issues that impact on the lives of people in Ireland and throughout the world.

Specific outcomes

- 2.1 All Irish decision-makers (political representatives and officials) are fully aware of and motivated to take action to increase ambition and the delivery of the SDGs, and as a consequence:
- 2.2 Civil Society and the Irish public are made aware of, and supported to take informed action, in support of the SDGs.

Objective 3

In order to deliver on our objectives for transforming our world, the Coalition will work to ensure it is an effective coalition for collaboration and strengthening the work of its members. Our objective is to be an effective coalition that supports, amplifies and leverages the work of its members to promote our collective vision and achieve our goals.

Specific outcomes

- 3.1 We are proactive in engaging groups representing those at risk of being 'left behind'.
- 3.2 We share learning and best practice on SDG implementation and activities to ensure that quality and excellence in practice, in the sectors represented by Coalition 2030, delivers better outcomes for everyone.
- 3.3 We build and share knowledge, skills and capacity of the members of Coalition 2030 through collaborative working.
- 3.4 We support actions which promote the implementation of the SDGs.

- 3.5 Members actively engage in working groups to ensure they contribute their relevant skills (communications, public engagement, policy and advocacy) so that Coalition 2030 can catalyse and initiate actions to deliver on our objectives.
- 3.6 The work of the members in policy and advocacy and in raising awareness is supported by Coalition 2030.
- 3.7 Adequate finance is secured to support the work of Coalition 2030.
- 3.8 We build our power as a network by seeking out and encouraging new members to join.
- 3.9 We regularly review our work, reflect on our impact and amend our work plans based on learning.