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2. ACT Alliance-Action by Churches Together, Anglican Consultative Council, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
3. Adolescent Health and Information Projects, European Health Psychology Society, Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services, Inc., International Committee For Peace And Reconciliation, International Council of Psychologists, International Federation of Business

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<sup>1</sup> The joint statements are presented first, followed by individual statements.

and Professional Women, International Federation on Ageing, International Union of Psychological Science, Manhattan Multicultural Counseling, Inc., Murna Foundation, National Alliance of Women's Organization, UK, Sisters of Charity Federation, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, World Council for Psychotherapy, World Organization for Early Childhood Education

4. American Psychological Association, International Association of Applied Psychology
5. Associated Country Women of the World, Casa Generalizia della Societa del Sacro Cuore, Conseil international des organisations de festivals de folklore ed d'arts traditionnels, Institute of Cultural Affairs International, Mother's Union, National Alliance of Women's Organizations, Northern Ireland Women's European Platform, Solar Cookers International, Soroptimist International, Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited, Women for Water Partnership
6. Association of Commonwealth Universities, International Association of Universities
7. Association pour l'Intégration et le Développement Durable au Burundi, Union des peuples autochtones pour le réveil au développement
8. CESVI NGO, COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale, INTERSOS - Humanitarian Aid Organization
9. Christian Blind Mission, Disabled Peoples' International, International Disability Alliance, World Blind Union
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12. Kuentai Non-Profit Organization, Kuentai USA
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38. Architects for Peace Inc.
39. Art of Living Foundation & International Association for Human Values
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61. Association pour la Diffusion des Droits Humains aux Peuples Autochtones (Humanitarian Law Agency)
62. Association pour une jeunesse africaine progressiste
63. Association-Santé-Education-Démocratie (ASED)
64. Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares
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70. BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
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74. Barzani Charity Foundation / BCF
75. Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall w.V.
76. Biedrība "Donum Animus"
77. Brain Sluice Africa Child's
78. Cámara de Instituciones de Diagnóstico Médico (CA.DI.ME)
79. Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação - CLADE Brasil
80. Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health / Réseau Canadien sur la Santé des Mères, des Nouveau-Nés et des Enfants
81. Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities)
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86. Centre Europe - Tiers monde
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92. Centro Internazionale Sindacale per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo (CISCOS-UGL)
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94. C-Fam, Inc.
95. CGFNS International, Inc.
96. Children Education and Social Welfare Society
97. "Children of the World" - Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young
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102. CIBJO - The World Jewellery Confederation
103. CLAN (Caring & Living as Neighbours) Incorporated
104. CLIPSAS
105. Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres
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107. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
108. Community Systems Foundation
109. Compass Housing Services Co Ltd
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111. Confédération des organisations familiales de l'Union européenne
112. Confederation of Indian Healthcare Foundation (CIHF)
113. Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro - General Italian Confederation of Labour
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197. Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America
198. Habitat International Coalition
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200. Heal The Planet Global Organisation - HTP
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202. Hellenic Association of Political Scientists
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207. Human Impacts Institute, Inc.
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209. Humanitarian Ambassadors NGO
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217. Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy
218. International Academy of Environmental Sanitation and Public Health
219. International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
220. International Alliance of Patients' Organizations
221. International Alliance of Women
222. International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience, association sans but lucratif
223. International Association of University Professors and Lecturers
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225. International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment
226. International Council of Nurses
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230. International Federation of Associations of the Elderly
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236. International Organization of Automobile Manufacturers
237. International Prison Chaplains' Association
238. International Public Relations Association (IPRA)
239. International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance

240. International Real Estate Federation
241. International Shinto Foundation (ISF)
242. International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation
243. International Women's Year Liaison Group
244. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
245. Institute for Planetary Synthesis
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247. Investment Migration Council
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249. Israel Trauma Coalition for Response and Preparedness (R.A.)
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255. Khair al Kuwait Charity Organization
256. Khubaib Foundation
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258. Kriyanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur
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286. Organização Nova Acrópole Lago Norte
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298. Pirate Parties International Headquarters
299. Poka Healthcare Foundation
300. Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat
301. Pragya
302. Project 1948 Foundation
303. Public Organization "Public Advocacy"
304. Qatar Foundation for Social Work
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307. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
308. RENTAS - Rede Nacional De Combate Ao Trafico De Animais Silvestres
309. Restoration World Outreach Ministries
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321. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
322. Smile Foundation
323. S. M. Sehgal Foundation (India)
324. Social Development International (SDI)
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344. The Lady Fatemah (A.S.) Charitable Trust



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### **188. Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

The COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated numerous structural vulnerabilities that impede progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Firstly, the pandemic has revealed the problematic nature of long-term trends towards depending on the private sector to deliver services related to the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights. Whilst quality, universally accessible public healthcare systems have proved essential to address the crisis, private providers have been seen to repeatedly overcharge patients for COVID-19-related treatments, services and goods. The commodification of medical knowledge has also prevented billions from accessing vaccines, with the interests of commercial actors (protected by intellectual property law) taking precedence over the right to health. Similar failings are evident in the education sector, where private providers have been found to lack the will and capacity to face the crisis, resulting in mass closures of private schools and children being left without access to education. The pandemic has illustrated that privatization and commercialisation foster inequalities, threaten multiple human rights, and hinder progress towards Sustainable Development Goals 1 (end poverty in all its forms), 3 (good health and well-being), 4 (quality education) and 10 (reduce inequalities and leave no one behind).

The pandemic has also exposed the limitations inherent in the prevailing fossil fuel model of energy provision. Millions of households continue to lack access to clean, reliable energy, a failure that has a disproportionate impact on the lives of women and girls and has prevented individuals from continuing with work and education remotely during the pandemic. Challenges faced by healthcare facilities that lack access to reliable energy have also been exacerbated, hampering vaccine distribution and leaving large numbers of people without adequate medical care. Moreover, the fossil fuel resources that underpin these energy systems are responsible for three quarters of the total greenhouse gas emissions driving the climate crisis. As long as we continue to depend on this flawed energy model, Sustainable Development Goals 5 (gender equality), 7 (affordable and clean energy) and 13 (climate action) will not be achieved.

To ensure a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, a path to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda must address these structural vulnerabilities. It must promote quality, universally accessible, adequately funded and transparent public services that are responsive to the needs of those they serve, including inclusive public education and healthcare. It must also promote renewable energy and recognise that the sustainable energy transition represents a unique opportunity to transform our energy systems so that they are more gender-equal, decentralized, and democratic.