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About us

Our Presence:

Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) supports people in their struggles for justice and brings individuals and organisations together to challenge the institutions and processes that perpetuate poverty and inequalities. Together, we defend and promote human rights, gender justice, social justice, climate justice and the security needed for the dignity and peace of all.

GCAP is a network of over 11,000 civil society organisations (CSOs) organized in 58 National Coalitions and in constituency groups of women, youth and socially excluded people, among others.

History

A Decade of Campaign Experience:

In September 2003, prominent activist on women and children’s issues, Graça Machel, hosted a group of southern civil society activists in Maputo, Mozambique. It was here, that the idea of a Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) was first aired.

Launched in 2005 at the World Social Forum in Porto Allegre and by Nelson Mandela in London with the symbol of a white band, GCAP has mobilized hundreds of millions of people and co-organised the world’s largest single issues-based campaign to ‘Stand UP’ Against Poverty – certified by the Guinness World Records with 117 million people in 2008.

GCAP played a key role the creation of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We have organized community and national consultations in 39 countries since 2013. In 2015, we mobilized 32 million people to act against Poverty, Inequality and Climate Change.

GCAP has successfully insisted on the centrality of addressing inequalities and guaranteeing the active participation of people in the Agenda 2030. The standalone goal on inequalities, SDG 10, is one result. Another result is the shift from 3 Ps (People Planet Prosperity) to 5 Ps (People Planet Prosperity Partnership Peace). In other words, we obtained the explicit reference to Peace in the Agenda 2030, which didn’t exist in the first proposal.
Our Strengths

• Strong political leadership from the Global South
• A focus on the structural aspects of inequalities
• Proven ability to mobilise millions of people in support of rights-based advocacy
• A solid grassroots foundation, consisting of thousands of small & mid-sized civil society organisations
• A real bottom-up process led by marginalized groups and women’s organisations

Mission & Strategy

To build a strong and progressive global action against poverty and inequalities with a southern leadership to ensure that no one is left behind.

1. People – especially from marginalized groups – are aware of their rights and empowered through partnership with local and national CSOs to provide a robust bottom up and citizen-driven process that addresses the structural aspects of inequalities and monitors the SDGs.

2. All levels of government as well as the private sector are held accountable to address the structural aspects of inequalities and implement the SDGs.

3. Build a strong global network – from national coalitions, constituency groups and initiatives for advocacy and mobilization – at regional and global levels to influence international processes and institutions.

Themes

• Gender and Social Exclusion
• Role and Accountability of Private Sector
• Redistribution
• Climate Justice

Main Activities

• Research and Analysis: Inequality Reports and Faces of Inequalities publications
• Awareness raising and capacity building on inequalities and SDGs
• Mobilisation and campaigning in a bottom up process
• Advocacy and Monitoring
• Civil Society Coordination and Alliance Building
Activities

I can create awareness on SDGs.
GCAP’s global Faces of Inequality Campaign aims to end inequalities in all its different forms – gender, income, wealth, geographical, environmental, abilities, justice, ethnic, et al.

It mobilises people and grassroots voices and connect them with partners around the world and tell stories that are not being heard. Faces of Inequality works in a bottom up approach – locally, regionally, nationally & globally.

The goal is to eradicate poverty by ending inequalities and to protect human rights – to make “Leave No One Behind” a reality. The campaign gives social exclusion, poverty and discrimination a face – and shows the extreme wealth and injustices as tax avoidance of multinational companies. It empowers people in the fight for their rights and is part of a global movement to end inequalities – by changing power structures.

Faces of Inequality contributes to the achievement of the Agenda 2030 and specifically SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality).

The campaign is built jointly by members and partners – especially organisations of marginalized and excluded people:

- Women, especially multiple-discriminated women
- Children and youth
- Older persons
- People with disabilities
- People discriminated by work, cast or descent including Dalits
- Indigenous peoples
- Migrants and refugees

In 2018, with the inputs from around the world we created a Faces of Inequality Campaign toolkit.

Themes

- Social protection for all
- Tax justice & decent work
- Gender equality and inclusion of socially excluded groups
- Climate justice

See the campaign website
The following steps build on each other. The actions below are part of these steps.

1. **Grassroots Research and Analysis: Faces of Inequality**

2. **Awareness raising and capacity building**

3. **Bottom-Up Mobilisation and Campaigning**

4. **Advocacy and Monitoring**

5. **Civil Society Coordination and Alliance Building**
Global Faces of Inequality Campaign launch
UN HLPF, New York – July 2018

In 2018, GCAP launched the Faces of Inequality Campaign globally on 12 July 2018 at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York. More than 100 people from different civil society organisations across the globe participated. The launch featured presentations and discussions by groups who are left behind in the development process, including women with disabilities, women from slums and informal sector, Dalits (groups discriminated based on their work and descent) and older persons.

Colleagues from different groups and countries shared their stories on inequalities and brainstormed strategies to overcome them. One of the key messages was the way women are treated underpins inequality nearly everywhere.

Beckie Malay, GCAP Co-Chair from the Philippines, explained the objectives of the campaign and its political dimensions. “This campaign is based on human rights and the fight for justice. Only when we reduce and redistribute extreme wealth will inequalities be reduced. We cannot allow extreme poverty to continuously grow in a world where extreme wealth is increasingly concentrated among a few men owning several corporations. Tax justice, social protections are our main calls.”

Beatrice Akua Mahmood from the Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations (GFD), who has a visual impairment, explained that women with disability face double discrimination – according to her accessibility is always an issue everywhere and they are often considered as a useless with little to contribute. Jane Anyango from Polycrom, which represents women in Kibera - the largest slum in Sub-Saharan Africa, said that women living in slums face discrimination with resources and a great deal of violence. Both noted that in Ghana and Kenya these women are not seen as decision makers or leaders, neither in their families nor society. Rita Kyerema from the Ghana Federation of Women also pointed out that there is little data on women with disabilities - their issues must be mainstreamed, by NGOs and in policy making.

Elizabeth Ampairwe from FEMNET network and FOWODE in Uganda remarked that the issues are the same in Africa as in other parts of the world - inequality based on sex, ethnicity, et al and in Uganda the challenge is inequality coupled with poor governance. The poor do not sleep as they are hungry, and the rich do not sleep as they have so much wealth – this is the quantum of inequality.

Aminata Toure Barry, GCAP Mali, talked about the double discrimination rural women in Mali face in education and in other sectors.

Paul Divakar, Director of the Asia Dalit Right Forum (ADRF), expressed that his community is being made invisible. 260 million people around world face stigma and discrimination because of their work or backgrounds. In South Asia this is especially the case of caste Dalits in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh; in Sri Lanka they are plantation workers.

According to Chaminda De Silva from HelpAge Sri Lanka, older people need access to key services. Those who are left behind often face stigma and discrimination.

Salina Sanou, GCAP Co-Chair from Kenya, chaired the event and we are grateful for our colleagues from the Ghana Federation for Disabilities, FEMNET, Asia Dalit Rights Forum, FOWODE and HelpAge for their insights with their perspectives and stories.

Read more about the global launch in the August 2018 GCAP Newsletter.
GCAP launched its Faces of Inequality Campaign for African region at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Dakar on 2 May 2018. It was part of a side event “Double discrimination against women in Africa: How to ensure that no woman is left behind in the implementation of the SDGs in Africa” with panelists from Ghana, Mali and Kenya.

At the launch, GCAP Leave No Woman Behind Coordinator Kyerewa Asamoah Sekpey presented the objectives of the campaign – not only to raise awareness among the general public, but also to address the gender gap in governments at all levels, for women to raise their voices on the multiple discriminations they face, change policies on inequalities and to bridge the gap of inequalities in Africa and across the world.

The participants from the civil society, women’s groups including from the Women Major Group of UN, governments and the media, discussed diverse incidences of double and multiple discrimination against women and girls in Africa. The recommendations from the discussions included 1) having more and more women in decision making roles, 2) more laws pushing for greater inclusion as well as enforcement, appropriate infrastructure and a data revolution to ensure the collection and use of citizen’s generated data. And especially that challenges of the multiple discrimination of women must be taken seriously to adequately ensure women are not left behind.

GCAP’s Co-Chair Salina Sanou and Global Council Member Oumar Sow from Africa emphasized that the stories and facts show the real discrimination against women and girls in the communities. We must end inequalities in order to achieve the SDGs.
Faces of Inequality Campaign launch in Europe
Brussels, June 2018

On 4 June 2018, GCAP hosted a workshop in Brussels on “What should the EU do to implement SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities?” As this goal focuses on eliminating inequalities globally and because it will be reviewed at the 2019 HLPF, this is a crucial time to explore how the European Union (EU) is currently implementing SDG 10 and what the EU can do to tackle injustices – within EU Member States, but also beyond.

Various representatives of CSOs from the Global South and Europe took part in the roundtable discussion and gave recommendations. The participants brought insights into the different forms of inequality around the world and how these challenges could be overcome.

These included that one of the greatest issues in Europe and globally is tax justice – we currently have a system that rewards wealth, not work, and is inherently unequal and unfair. In addition, women and girls are especially affected, as government spending is rarely gender sensitive and social programs are often the first to be cut. And finally, current government policies favor the most powerful – especially multinational corporations - we need progressive and distributive tax policies.

At the campaign launch that followed, speakers from Greece, Italy, Argentina, Kenya, Pakistan, the Philippines and Senegal described all the work being done all over the world in their countries to fight inequalities – including a video on inhumane working conditions in the Czech Republic.
Leave No Woman Behind

The double/multiple discrimination of women is a crucial issue—for the individual girls and women, but also in numbers: 600 million women alone live with a disability. Many of them face discrimination as women and as people with disability. These women are excluded from political processes locally, nationally and do not have access to regional and global levels. There they fight for political participation. In this space we can fight together for their rights and ensure they are not left behind. Leave No Woman Behind is currently working in Ghana, Mali, and Kenya especially with women and girls with disabilities.
Mobilisation

International Women’s Day - 8 March 2018

On International Women’s Day on 8 March 2018 GCAP coalitions around the world joined forces with activists for gender rights.

In Asia, APSD and GCAP organised a Twitterthon on with hashtags #PressforProgress, #FacesofInequality, and #IWD, where organisations and individuals massively participated on social media actions in raising issues on gender equality.

In India, Mahila Samman Abhiyan (Campaign to protect dignity of women) led by Socially Excluded Task Force of GCAP organized landless women to demand a minimum of 5 acres of land in their name from the government.

The Spanish Platform of NGDOs joined the International Feminist Strike to call all women around the world to stop working in order to show how essential is the women’s work.

In Ghana, groups associated with GCAP organized discussion on ending child marriage.

Citizens Report by Africa Monitor with Civil Society SDGs campaign/ GCAP Zambia is about putting the citizens at the center of driving accountable implementation of the Sustainable development Goals.

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Mobilisation

Global Day of Action - 25 September 2018

On 25 September 2018, we proved again with the Global Day of Action - Act4SDGs that many people around the world want to be part of the change to transform the world into the vision of the Agenda 2030. This was also a key moment and opportunity to highlight the Faces of Inequality campaign and there were many actions under both #FacesofInequality & #Act4SDGs.

Since 2017, GCAP initiated in cooperation with the UN SDG Action Campaign the Global Day of Action – Act4SDGs to mark the anniversary of the SDGs.

Watch the video!

GCAP also did a campaign of 17 days of SDGs from 25 September until 17 October.
Fighting Inequalities is a public mobilization, communication, and advocacy campaign in Europe through the DEAR-funded Make Europe Sustainable for All (MESA) project and part of GCAP’s global Faces of Inequality Campaign.

In 2018, GCAP and MESA colleagues team launched the Fighting Inequalities campaign at the 2018 European Development Days (EDDs).

In addition, we coordinated with 15 national coalitions in Europe to prepare a report on SDG 10. This was done to prepare for the review of SDG 10 at the HLPF 2019.

In line with the universal and inclusive approach reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the campaign connects the inequalities experienced by people locally, in all sorts of communities, with the national, European, and, ultimately, the global inequalities faced by billions.

The Fighting Inequalities Campaign seeks to create awareness and promote the SDGs among citizens and hold governments accountable.

In the last years, countries around the world - including EU Member States - have shown significant gaps between policy commitments and implementation, especially in the fields of economic justice, human rights, social protection, gender equality and environmental protection. This has contributed to growing inequalities among and within countries, affecting everyone and, especially, the most vulnerable.

SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) aims to tackle different forms of inequalities: from unequal income and to gender inequalities, from barriers to political participation to climate change generated inequalities, etc. within and between countries.

The aim of the Fighting Inequalities campaign, is to:

1. to contribute to achieve SDG 10 and its targets,
2. and, consequently, contribute to the achievement of the other SDGs as they’re closely linked.

This requires greater transparency and accountability in the decision making, greater public participation and scrutiny by people to ensure we implement the SDGs and hold to our commitments at all levels – local, national, regional and global.

The future of Europe and the achievement of the SDGs will be possible only if we work together to promote equality in our societies and combat all forms of inequalities!

The European-wide project Make Europe Sustainable for All (MESA) is coordinated by the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and implemented in 15 European countries by 25 partners. It aims to raise citizens’, CSOs’, and policy-makers’ awareness on the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the 193 Member states of the United Nations in 2015. At the core of the project are campaigns and advocacy on inequalities, sustainable agriculture, gender equality, climate change, migration and sustainable consumption and production.
Engagement in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) process

As part of our advocacy on the SDGS, the national coalition members of GCAP across the globe have taken every opportunity to engage in the processes of its implementation and review. The Voluntary National Review (VNR) is such an occasion where the member nations voluntarily present their status of implementation of the SDGs in the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York.

In 2016, 22 countries, in 2017, 44 countries, in 2018, 46 countries and in 2019 42 countries presented their VNR.

The national coalition members held widespread consultations with various groups of civil societies and people’s organisations and prepared civil society reports and were widely shared in the national consultations.

In 2018 our National Coalition members were engaged in the VNR processes and prepared civil society reports on the SDGs. For example, Sri Lanka’s report - Voluntary People’s Review (VPR) which is a full-fledged shadow report and Spain’s report - A transformative 2030 Agenda for people and for the planet.

GCAP supported the advocacy work, including shadow reports, at the 2018 HLPF, including:

- Italy
- Mali
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Zambia

See more info on our Agenda 2030 page!
Regional Fora for Sustainable Development

In 2018, GCAP staff and representatives from different GCAP national coalitions (especially from countries with VNRs in 2018) attended the regional UN forums. This is where governments and civil society come together to review the implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2030 and the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process. These fora are the main preparation for the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York from 9 – 18 July, which is the main UN platform on sustainable development and it has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

One of the key issues has been the role and space for civil society in these key global discussions. GCAP held side events contributing to the discourse on leave no one behind.

Overall impressions from the 2018 Regional Forums

The member-nations show a high degree of complacency in their performance on SDGs. The presentations by the governments are missing discuss the critical challenges facing the country in implementation and the remedial actions to be taken. The full participation of civil society organisations remains a challenge across the globe. The role of public interest groups is crucial to ensure governments are properly taken to account, to provide an assessment of the gaps and shortcomings, and to present progressive solutions. First, governments in the region need to be supportive of meaningful civil society participation. On a more practical level, many CSOs lack the capacity and resources to get more involved in or even attend the Forum.

If civil society cannot effectively participate at these key regional forums and the HLPF, not only are important voices are not heard, but these fora become unrepresentative.

But there are ways to engage: through GCAP, networks such as Action for Sustainable Development, the Africa CSO Working Group, Asia Civil Society Partnership on Sustainable Development (APSD), & SDG Watch Europe. In Europe, GCAP through the Make Europe Sustainable For All project, worked on training materials and webinars together with others, while civil society organised through voluntary networks such as the Major Groups (i.e. Women’s Major Group & NGO Major Group), as well as dedicated working groups.

Asia

In Bangkok, the 5th Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) took place from 28 - 30 March 2018 with representatives from about 47 governments in the region, UN agencies, civil society, business and other institutions. The APFSD process seemed fairly inclusive with enough space for discussion and inputs from civil society, which highlighted the rising violations of human rights across the region, particularly that of the poor and marginalized groups as well as fast depletion of forests. However, national governments seem to have developed a sense of complacency as they presented a picture of “all is well” and implementation is going great, which is not the case in reality.

GCAP with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the Asia Civil Society Partnership on Sustainable Development (APSD) and UNDP Regional Hub, Bangkok also organised a side event on “Leaving No One Behind in the Asia-Pacific Region: What Will It Take?”. About 50 participants discussed in a world café format as well after brief presentations on leave no one behind, measuring progress, data and potential of technology and addressing inequalities. Beckie Malay, GCAP Co-Chair and Pradeep Baisakh, Asia Coordinator participated in the forum raising the concerns of inequality and ‘leave no one behind’.
Regional Fora for Sustainable Development

Africa

In Dakar, Senegal the 4th session of the Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development (ARFSD) took place on 2-4 May 2018. GCAP organized a side event on “Leave No Woman Behind - Addressing double discrimination against women in Africa” on 2 May and also launched the Faces of Inequality campaign in Africa. GCAP’s Salina Salou, Oumar Saw, Ingo Ritz & Kyerewa Asamoah participated in the forum and emphasized the role of the CSOs in fighting double discrimination against women from vulnerable groups.

Europe

Representatives of European national coalitions and the GCAP Europe Coordinator took part in the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva from 1-2 March 2018, which covers the EU, the Caucasus, Central Asia and North America. This year’s focus was on the goals on clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, and protecting the natural environment. Again, as in the other fora, government representatives preferred to talk again about best practice examples rather than the measures they are taking to bring about the systemic change needed to achieve sustainable development.

Latin America and the Caribbean

In Santiago, Chile, GCAP Global Council member Agustina Carpio took part in the 2nd Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) from 14-20 April 2018. There were various workshops on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, including for representatives of civil society on how, why and where to guide voluntary national reports as well as what mechanisms and tools we have as civil society to carry them out. The participants noted that the indicators of the Agenda do not reflect enormous gap of inequality in the region and that it continues to be the most unequal in the world. GCAP and other members of CSOs questioned the space provided by the UN agencies and their lack of flexibility to facilitate the participation of civil society and enable good advocacy practices – for example no discussion is foreseen at the HLPF on a general panel with representatives of governments and civil society, civil society will only be given 3 minutes to speak on key issues and questions must be submitted in advance.
Global Festival of Action
Bonn, 21 - 23 March 2018

GCAP organised a plenary session during the 2018 Global Festival of Action in Bonn, Germany, to plan civil society actions in 2018, especially for the Global Day of Action on 25 September. More than 1,500 participants from more than 100 countries convened at the Festival, hosted by the United Nations SDG Action Campaign. The Festival was organised by the UN SDG Action Campaign to activate and connect civil society for sustainable development.
GCAP at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Several GCAP national coalition members and secretariat members actively participated in the HLPF at the United Nations in New York from 9 – 18 July. GCAP organized several side events, including the global launch of the Faces of Inequality Campaign.

Side event on Inclusion in SDG 6 (Water and Sanitation) and a debate on abolishing manual scavenging and caste based labour was organized on 12 July by Asia Dalit Rights Forum (ADRF), Amnesty, GCAP, ADA and Civicus.

GCAP partnered with Action4SD for a weekend workshop “Resilient Societies, Resilient People: inclusion of civil society in the 2030 Agenda” which was organised on 14 and 15 July to discuss about the civil society processes on SDGs and VNR, where former President Mary Robinson gave the keynote speech.

Side event on Inclusion and Resilience of Communities Discriminated based on Work and Descent

This side event on 10 July 2018 at the American Scandinavian Foundation in New York linked caste and gender in disaster risk reduction (DRR) through the SDGs. It was organized by Asia Dalit Rights Forum (ADRF), GCAP and other like-minded groups. The discussion brought forth the issues discrimination of such groups living in South Asia, Africa and other such areas during natural disasters.

Side event on SDG 6 and Leave No Woman Behind

In addition to the launch of the Global Faces of Inequality campaign, GCAP held a side event on SDG 6 and Leave No Woman Behind, organized together with the Gray Panthers and others on 13 July, where the participants delved deeper into discussion on various forms of inequalities. The focus of the discussion was on how to remove the barriers for all women – including girls and older women and women with disabilities – to water, sanitation and hygiene with an emphasis on their safety and security.

GCAP also worked a great deal with the NGO Major Group as well as the Women’s Major Group during the HLPF. Sylvia Beales from the Gray Panthers was lead discussant during the HLPF session on ‘Leaving No one Behind - are we succeeding?’

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Global Day of Action
25 September 2018 - Act4SDGs

On 25 September 2018, GCAP, in partnership with Action For Sustainable Development (Action4SD) and the UN SDG Action Campaign organized the SDG Action Week and Global Day of Action – “We the People - take Action for SDGs” to spread awareness, seek accountability and create impact.

As part of preparation GCAP organised a plenary session during the Festival of Action, in March 2018, in Bonn, Germany, to plan civil society actions in 2018. Three webinars were organised by Action4SD & GCAP on the Global Day of Action in English, French and Spanish. GCAP also created a social media toolkit as part of the campaign toolkits.

Thousands of volunteers and citizens around the world, civil society organisations, celebrities, journalists and thought leaders joined to inspire people to collectively achieve the SDGs.

In 2018, one million people in 1,248 cities & communities in 143 countries who came together in 1,666 actions across the world.

Some of the actions included:

- **Bangladesh**
  Stand Up for SDG programme in front of Bangladesh National Parliament by the civil society - see picture on p. 2

- **Kenya**
  “Women have the power” – GCAP Nairobi colleagues took part in the Grassroots Women’s Assembly in Kenya discussing multiple discrimination of women

- **Ghana**
  Campaign in Ghana by women with disabilities to end double discrimination against them
Global Day of Action
25 September 2018 - Act4SDGs

Japan
Disaster and SDGs: event organized by Japan Civil Society network on SDGs/GCAP Japan on the Global Day of Action #Act4SDGs

Brussels
In Europe, GCAP and a coalition of civil society organisations via SDG Watch Europe launched on the Global Day of Action a Manifesto for a Sustainable Europe for its Citizens with core demands for the new political leadership of the EU and the candidates in the European Parliament Elections 2019 – as the current Commission had failed to put Sustainable Development at the core of its political priorities. The Manifesto was also presented at a stunt in front of the European Parliament in Brussels with several MEPs and a coalition of Brussels-based civil society and from elsewhere taking part.

Watch the 2018 #Act4SDGs video!
Regional and Global SDG Coalitions

GCAP and partners jointly built these global and regional platforms and continues to play a key role in their coordination.

Global

**Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD)**

GCAP is the founder member of the A4SD and is the fiscal agent. The GCAP Director coordinated the process of the inclusion of marginalised groups in the Facilitation Group (global governance body) of A4SD. During the HLPF, A4SD cooperated with the Women Major Group, the Children and Youth Major Group, and the Major Group of Indigenous Peoples. All are interested in a long-term cooperation with A4SD.

**Regional**

**African CSO Working Group**

GCAP served as one of the co-chairs.

Asia Civil Society Partnership on Sustainable Development (APSD):

GCAP Asia coordinator (Along with ADA coordinator) coordinates this Asia level civil society space on SDGs. Regularly it shares information on SDGs and climate change in its google group consisting about 400 organisations and individuals. It supports the civil society in their engagement with the VNR process by capacity building and information sharing. For the VNR in Bangladesh we facilitated the cooperation with the Maleya Foundation.

SDG Watch Europe

GCAP played a key role in launching SDG Watch Europe. It also plays prominent role in its processes like the Steering Group, preparation for the inequalities campaign and hosting the secretariat it prepares the newsletter.

In addition, through the [Make Europe Sustainable For All](#) project, 14 national SDG coalitions were supported, including, for example, Czech Republic, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain.
GCAP Structures & Processes
National Coalitions

GCAP is made up of over 11,000 CSOs, organised in 58 National Coalitions. Each works with grassroots organizations and at national level throughout the year, on the most relevant issues in their own country.

GCAP’s approach is bottom up, where the National Coalitions together decide the strategy and course of actions of GCAP. In 2017, there were as many as 58 National Coalitions: 21 from Africa, 13 from Asia, 5 from Latin America and the Caribbean and 18 from Europe. The National Coalitions are autonomous and have their own structures with general assemblies for deliberation, who also gives mandates to steering groups, the executive body that guides the secretariat work. Different National Coalitions have different nomenclatures of these three entities, but the structures are similar for all of them. They hold regular meetings and discuss issues related GCAP affairs. All National Coalitions are coalitions of civil society organisations and held regular elections.

Africa

Burkina Faso - Appel à l’Action Mondial Contre La Pauvreté
Burundi - AMCP Burundi
Democratic Republic of Congo - Lutte Nationale Contre la Pauvreté (LUNACOP)
Ghana - GCAP Ghana
Kenya - GCAP Kenya
Lesotho - Lesotho Environmental Justice and Advocacy Centre (LEJAC)
Liberia - GCAP Liberia Chapter
Malawi - Council for NGOs in Malawi (CONGOMA)
Mali - Alliance Contre la Pauvreté au Mali
Mauritius - Halley Movement and Pan-Mauritius Coalition
Niger - Réseau des Organisations du Secteur Educatif du Niger (Rosen) / Coalition Nigerienne Contre la Pauvreté au Niger (AMCP)
Nigeria - Nigeria Network of NGOs (NNGO)
Rwanda - GCAP Rwanda
Sénégal - Cadre d’Action Agenda Post-2015 Sénégal Caapost 2015
Sierra Leone - GCAP Sierra Leone
Sudan - The Gender Centre for Research and Training
Tanzania - Kampeni Ondoa Umasikini
Togo - AMCP Togo
Uganda - Uganda National NGO Forum
Zambia - Civil Society SDGs Campaign Zambia
Zimbabwe - NANGO
National Coalitions

Asia

Afghanistan - Afghanistan Global Civil Society Consortium
Bangladesh - GCAP Bangladesh
Cambodia - Cooperation Committee For Cambodia (CCC)
China - GCAP CHINA
India - Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)
Indonesia - GCAP Indonesia
Japan - Japan Civil Society Network On SDGs
Korea - GCAP Korea
Nepal - NGO Federation Of Nepal
Pakistan - Pakistan Development Alliance (PDA)
Philippines - GCAP Philippines
Singapore - ONE (Singapore)
Sri Lanka - Sunfo Peoples Movement

Latin America and Caribbean

Argentina - GCAP Argentina
Bolivia - Justicia, Salud & Desarrollo
El Salvador - Que Nadie Se Quede Atrás
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Paraguay - DECIDAMOS
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Austria - Südwind
Belgium - 11.11.11
Bosnia and Herzegovina - Together Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria - Българска Платформа За Международно Развитие / Bulgarian Platform for International Development (BPID)
Czech Republic - Česko Proti Chudobě / Czech against Poverty and Inequality
Germany - AGL Eine Welt
Greece - Ελληνική Πλατφόρμα Για Την Ανάπτυξη - Hellenic Platform For Development
Italy - GCAP Italia / Coalizione Italiana Contro La Povertà
Latvia - Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)
Lithuania - Lithuanian NGDO Platform
Luxembourg - GCAP Luxembourg
Malta - SKOP Malta
Portugal - ONGD / Portuguese NGDO Platform
Romania - Romanian NGDO Platform’s (FOND)
Russia - Российская Коалиция Против Бедности
Slovenia - GCAP Slovenia
Spain - Coordinadora de ONG para el Desarrollo-España (Coordinadora) / Spanish NGDO National Platform
United Kingdom - BOND
1. General Assembly

GCAP’s General Assembly is the global decision making body, which includes all national coalitions and constituency groups and meets every three years. The last General Assembly was held in New York on 27-28 September 2015.

2. Regional Assemblies and Councils

To strengthen coordination and discussion with and among the National Coalitions, annual Regional Assembly meetings and calls were held in Africa, Asia and Europe. There are on an average four Regional Assembly calls yearly, where the National Coalitions share information on their work and the regional GCAP Global Council members and the Regional Coordinator present and discuss the plans and activities at the global and regional levels. The purpose is back and forth discussion and information sharing. The Regional Assemblies plan the actions at the regional level.

In 2017, the Regional Assemblies in Africa and Asia elected new Regional Councils. The European Steering Group was elected in 2016. The Regional Council or Steering Groups work closely with the Regional Coordinator to implement the decisions of the Regional Assemblies. The Global Council Members and the Regional Coordinators inform the Global Council and the GCAP Secretariat team members on the deliberations and decisions of the Regional Assemblies.

3. Constituency Groups

Constituency groups organize and represent groups in society who are most vulnerable, neglected and left behind and face discrimination and inequalities.

- Women’s rights and feminist organizations
- Socially excluded task force
- Youth

With the new GCAP governance documents from 2016, the criteria for the eligibility of the constituency groups have been changed. In order to be recognized as a GCAP Constituency Group, a group should have a membership of at least ten organisations, a presence in at least five countries and be operating in at least two regions. For constituencies not represented (including not active constituency groups), the existing global networks/organisations of the constituency may become the GCAP Constituency Group.

Therefore, the new GCAP witnessed an overhaul of the constituency groups. Efforts were made from 2017 to identify groups, which could become a GCAP constituency group, such as the socially excluded task force (STF), women’s and feminist and youth constituency groups.
4. Global Council

The Global Council provides strategic direction and implementation for GCAP, as mandated by the General Assembly and its Declarations, and is headed by three Global Council Co-Chairs.

The present GCAP Global Council was elected in July 2016 after an inclusive election process and many candidates in each region. The Global Council serves a term of 3 years as defined by the governance document of GCAP.

Current Global Council Members are:

Africa: Salina Sanou (Kenya) & Oumar Sow (Senegal)
Asia: Beckie Malay (Philippines), Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman (Pakistan) & Katsuji Imata (Japan)
Europe: Farah Nazeer (United Kingdom) & Riccardo Moro (Italy)
Latin America and Caribbean: Agustina Carpio (Argentina) Mario Céspedes (Costa Rica)

Salina Sanou, Beckie Malay and Riccardo Morro are the current elected Co-Chairs of GCAP.

The Global Council hold monthly calls throughout 2018.

The Co-Chairs meet with the director twice per month according to the needs and discuss on the operational part of the decisions. In addition, the GCAP Global Secretariat meets in regular team calls in every two weeks and implements the decisions.

There are committees in the Global Council, which are a mechanism for in-depth work by the members and which feed into the Global Council for deliberation and finalization:

a. Human Resources and Budget
b. Policy and Campaigns
c. Fundraising

The director provided secretariat support to both the Global Council and its committees.

5. GCAP Global Foundation

The GCAP Global Foundation is an independent legal not-for-profit organization registered in the Netherlands that takes care of the administrative and financial aspects of running GCAP at the global level, including hiring staff and finance.

The Chair of the Foundation is Beckie Malay, the Vice-Chair Salina Sanou and the Treasurer Riccardo Moro.

6. Global Secretariat

The Global Secretariat consists of the director, the regional coordinators, the global communications head and a campaigns officer. The secretariat implements the decisions of the Global Council, with the overall guidance of the director.

2017 was a challenging year to build and maintain the secretariat despite a funding scarcity. The Regional Coordinators worked voluntarily to work on various funding proposals and secure future funding.

The Secretariat maintained all the governance related work regularly, such as the Global Council calls, Regional Assembly and council calls, etc. And it was quite active with the National Coalitions in the VNR process.

The Global Secretariat is decentralised and implements GCAP’s daily operations based on the strategy and the decisions of the Global Council. In 2017, the six secretariat members were:

Belgium: Ingo Ritz (Director), Tanja Gohlert (Europe Coordinator) & Dorothy Namuyiga (Finance and Administration Officer)
Ghana: Kyerewa Asamoah Sekpey (Leave No Woman Behind Coordinator)
India: Pradeep Baisakh (Asia Coordinator)
Colombia: Johannes Butscher (Campaigns Officer)
7. Donors & Partners

In 2017, the focus was especially on fundraising. The GCAP Secretariat worked on and secured funding from the EU via the Make Europe Sustainable for All project. We also applied for the VOICE funding for the Leave No Woman Behind project in Africa and secured funding from Bread for the World.

2017 GCAP received support from the following partners:

- **Bread for the World**
- **EU - DEAR**
- **UNDP / UN SDG Action Campaign**
- **VOICE**

8. Public relations

In November 2018, after many months of work GCAP launched a newly revamped website at a new domain - [http://gcap.global](http://gcap.global), which showcases both the breadth and depth of the GCAP network and highlights the National Coalitions. In addition, it presents our work on the Agenda 2030, as well as the Faces of Inequality Campaign.

In addition, GCAP worked together with designer [Andrew Weber](http://example.com) to create a new corporate identity and logo for GCAP’s public identity. The new logo, fonts and design are fresh, modern, human and express the GCAP values of solidarity, justice and equality. A new tagline was also created to better represent our current work: People Rising to End Inequalities.
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GCAP Global Foundation

### INCOME

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The accounts for 2018 were closed by the external accounting firm Rens Accounts. The report was audited by Mietz & Partner on 11 September 2019.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the position of GCAP Global Foundation as at 31 December 2018, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of principles applied.

Bielefeld, 11.09.2019

Mietz & Partner
Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
Bielefeld

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## 2018 Financial Report

### EXPENDITURE

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The GCAP council members, the Co-Chairs, secretariat and the National Coalition members were involved in planning the action for 2017-19.

Under the overarching framework of the strategy document, The Future of GCAP from 2016, the action plan defines a concrete set of activities for GCAP in 2017-2019; thus providing a guidance to national coalitions, constituency groups, the secretariat and other stakeholders within the GCAP network.

A. The Campaign: Faces of Inequality

GCAP’s core thematic work for the next three years will be a global campaign “People rising against Inequalities”. It will be coordinated globally and will be developed mainly at the national and local levels. The campaign will show inequalities in all its different forms - economic, geographical, access to the justice system, access to land, water, nutrition, healthcare, and resources, gender, discrimination for ethnic reasons, disabilities, age etc., to generate awareness to prepare the ground to elaborate political demands and to do advocacy and mobilisation to influence decision makers and achieve political changes. The goal is to eradicate poverty by reducing inequalities and to protect human rights – to make “Leave No One Behind” a reality. The “furthest behind first” principle will be part of this thematic approach.

GCAP is well placed to have this particular thematic focus. Since 2006 inequality has been the core theme for GCAP and socially excluded groups and women have been core constituents of GCAP. In the post-2015 consultations, GCAP played a major role to collect civil society voices from the ground and captured them in reports such as the Post-2015 National Consultations Synthesis Report that, along with efforts by other civil society partners, influenced the UN process and resulted in having an ambitious agenda including inequality as a stand-alone goal – SDG 10.

The Campaign “Faces of Inequality” will be articulated in three main dimensions:

A1. Analysis - Faces of Inequality Reports and Videos

GCAP national coalitions, members and constituency groups will develop an analysis of social injustices, inequalities, inequity and exclusion and publish “The faces of inequality”, multimedia reports that will analyse inequality in their countries. At the beginning about 20 national coalitions will participate. By 2019 we want to involve at least 50 countries.

The reports will be elaborated via a participatory process and involve those who are directly affected by injustice and inequality in the development of the analysis at the core. Voices, pictures and videos of people affected by inequalities will give inequality a face. Examples and voices of excluded people will be part and give inequality a face. In each country the most excluded groups will take part. Women, youth and older people of these groups will be included.

GCAP will involve grassroots organisations, social leaders, trade unions, professionals, youth and the academia and policy institutes to cooperate in developing the analysis, and by doing so, secure the quality of analysis of the structural reasons behind inequalities. At the same time, by the way of providing concrete real-life data and episodes based on evidence, this process will stimulate universities and the academia, as well as decision makers, to put injustice, inequality, poverty and discrimination at the core of their research interests.

In each country policy demands, based on the real needs of the community will be developed to overcome injustices, inequalities and inequities (particularly SDG10) and to eradicate poverty (SDG1). This will be done together with excluded people and victims excluded from the justice system. The demands shall ensure that the “Leave No One Behind” Principle of the Agenda 2030 is achieved.
A key element of this analysis is that it will call for adequate indicators which are truthful, reliable, valued and adequate, describe in an effective way the different faces of inequalities. It will also be a contribution to the global process of improving the available analytical tools to understand the economic and social determinants of injustice inequality and poverty within the context of the Agenda 2030 with a focus on SDG 10 and the relationship with SDG 1 and other SDGs as SDG 5. The analysis of global and regional issues like trade and agriculture subsidies will be included.

A toolkit for the Faces of Inequality Reports will be developed. Trainings and Webinars in the different regions will explain the use of the toolkits.

A2. Mobilisation – Stimulating social sensibilization and awareness raising and political demands/calls

The Faces of Inequality reports - including the videos – will be released and shared nationally and globally. At the local level the presentation of the report will be the opportunity to make people aware of the existence of inequalities in their own community and country, including dimensions of inequality that are otherwise invisible and global relations.

Generating awareness and social pressure will be combined with the elaboration of specific political demands to address the needs identified by the analysis (connected to analysis under 1). The mobilization for the campaign will give a central role to those people and communities directly affected by injustice and inequalities, which will be the protagonists of the process, participating to the analysis of the causing factors inequalities, developing consequent policy proposals and raising these political demands to public decision makers. Consultations in different areas of the countries with different groups are part of the mobilisation.

This process will be done in cooperation with social movements, civil society organizations, women groups, youth in schools and in associations, discussions on the results of the reports will foster awareness-raising of the local, national and international situation.

Different media will be used - local, national and international media; internet, street theatre, arts, translation in local languages.

Once or twice a year there shall be a coordinated global action as part of “People Rising Against Inequalities”. This can be done as GCAP alone action or in cooperation with other campaigns and networks to make it stronger. One moment is around the 25th September and a second one might be in spring.

A3. Policy Advocacy and Monitoring

While working on analysis, awareness-raising and mobilisation, GCAP at the national level will organize political dialogue to bring to decision makers the political demands raised at the grassroots level. People and communities directly affected by inequality will be the protagonists of this process and GCAP will cooperate with other civil society organizations and networks in order to strengthen the policy message on the fight against inequality.

Every national level will identify some specific political and policy demands. At the global level GCAP will provide the coordination to elaborate a global call to strengthen local, national and international policies to fight against poverty and inequalities. Globally this will include demands to eradicate Poverty by 2030 (SDG1), reduced inequalities within and between countries (SDG10), gender equality (SDG5), Peace and Participation (SDG 16) and Leave No One Behind by ensuring

- access to essential services, especially for health and quality education
- social protection
- tax justice
- land, water and forest rights
- climate justice
- rights of refugees and migrants
- participation of women and marginalized people in political processes

These issues are connected with global injustices. From austerity policies imposed on countries, unfair tax agreements and unfair practices of multinational companies as tax evasion and to injustices in the use of resources and climate change.
The mechanism will be created in order to generate political pressure to influence political decisions and actions at national and international level.

Therefore GCAP will continue in working on monitoring and promoting political dialogue in relevant spaces for global decision-making. In particular, GCAP will work with the UN on Agenda 2030 and other relevant multilateral and global issues, and connect with G20 and G7 processes, providing support at the national and international level for the facilitation done by civil society task forces working on this processes.

An important element of this action will be the work to coordinate and create an International solidarity among the movements of different actors and marginalized people. GCAP seeks cooperation with other campaigns and networks working against inequalities. The campaign “People Rising Against Inequalities” will contribute to the work on the Agenda 2030 under point B. especially to the work of Action for Sustainable Development.

B. Strengthening the Global Civil Society Movement on Agenda 2030 and the SDGs and Paris Agreement

The Agenda 2030 is the central framework for the eradication of poverty and the work against inequalities and the Paris Agreement for climate justice. Therefore GCAP will strengthen the global civil society movement on the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs and the implementation of the Paris Agreement. As a global civil society network that has been working on the issue of poverty and inequality with a bottom-up approach to feature the voices of the marginalised in the global south since 2005, GCAP will play a prominent role in coordinating policy action and public mobilisation for civil society for the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement including regional plans as the Agenda 2063 for Africa.

We do this in the believe that only a strong and broad cooperation of civil society will ensure the implementation of the Agenda 2030. GCAP will bring its experiences in networking and ensure participatory and inclusive processes – especially for organisations of excluded groups.

B1. SDG Coalitions at National level
GCAP National Coalitions either form or participate in national CSO coalitions for the implementation of the SDGs. This will be done within the framework of Action for Sustainable Development.

B2. SDG Coalitions at Regional level
GCAP will take a leading role to establish, strengthen and to lead regional SDG Coalitions:
1. African CSO Working Group on Sustainable Development
2. Asia Civil Society Partnership on Sustainable Development (APSD)
3. SDG Watch Europe
Other regional coalitions shall be supported depending on the situation in the regions.

B3 Global SDG Coalition: Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD)
GCAP, CIVICUS, CAN and IFP co-convene Action for Sustainable Development – A4SD. This is a global platform established to identify, empower and mobilise the relevant sub-sectors of civil society to implement and monitor the global commitments. This global platform is composed of the four following workstreams: policy and advocacy, monitoring and accountability, innovative solutions and public mobilisation.

GCAP was selected to act as the fiscal agent for the A4SD, providing the secretariat support and financial management for the platform. At the same time, GCAP will be an active player for the substantive work of A4SD as well as in its governance as a member of the Facilitation Group and of the Coordination Team.

The Campaign as described above, which will serve as GCAP’s substantive contribution to A4SD. The coordination role – will include:
• Strategic leadership to ensure an inclusive and participative process
• Actions developed by GCAP national and regional platforms related to SDGs monitoring
• Mobilisation around the global action day for Agenda 2030 on September 25
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