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**CSO coalitions' role in the Decade of Action after Covid-19**

Official side event

**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

8 July 2020 from 2 – 3.15pm CEST

This side event will be held online. Details for connexion will be shared with all registered participants.

Please register [here](#).

We are at a decisive moment for the implementation of the SDG with the UN launching the Decade of Action to make sure we realise the Goals by 2030 while governments and civil society are grappling with the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. This side event will explore the crucial role played by civil society organisations in guaranteeing a ‘whole of society’ approach in both the SDG monitoring and review process around Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) as well as for the recovery measures after COVID-19. Civil society participation ensures that all voices are heard and that women, young people as well as particularly vulnerable groups are adequately involved to live up to the principle of leaving no one behind. This side event will provide you with an opportunity to exchange about civil society’s role in working towards policy coherence for sustainable development and bringing transformative change during the Decade of Action.

**Speakers & facilitators include:**

- Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution, Austria
- Ione Belarra, State Secretary for the 2030 Agenda, Spain
- Representatives of the French and Nigerian governments
- Shannon Kindornay, Forus/Canadian Council for International Co-operation
- Experts from the co-organising civil society organisations

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