

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



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Meaningful and effective civic engagement fosters equality and empowerment. It contributes to healthy and vibrant democratic societies, and enables progress across the whole 2030 Agenda.

Exclusion and inequality discourage participation in civic processes. The shrinking civic space in Asia-Pacific disproportionately affects indigenous communities, youth, people with disabilities, LGBTI persons and women.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?



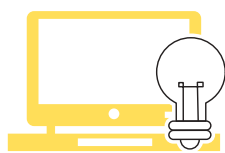
All hands on deck are needed to strengthen civic engagement

Governments should review legal frameworks, improve dialogue platforms, invest in civic education and build capacities among its officials to lead engagement processes.



Address data gaps to better understand and promote civic engagement

This includes exploring the full potential of alternative data and civil society- and citizen-generated data.



Leverage new technologies

Governments should tap into new e-solutions, while identifying and implementing targeted measures for groups who might not be able to access or use new technologies.



Tens of thousands of young people have been mobilized to take action for the SDGs in Asia-Pacific through UNDP-coordinated initiatives. Click and learn more about:

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The Youth Co:Lab

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