

Gender, Labour and Social Development. Furthermore, the Uganda Human Rights Commission, the Parliament and the Office of the Auditor General are other important stakeholders in fostering civil society's engagement in key public issues. The Action will also work closely with sub-national government structures (including their associations/networks/umbrellas) for the facilitation of civil society participation and more inclusive service delivery.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1. Objectives and Expected Outputs

In line with Uganda's Vision 2040, the Overall Objective (Impact) of this Action is, reduced poverty through improved democratic governance. Based on pro-poor and human rights-based strategies, the Action will support progress towards a more just, peaceful and inclusive Ugandan society.

The Specific Objective (Outcome) of this Action is strengthened civil society engagement for the enhanced adherence of development processes to democratic governance principles and leaving no one behind.

The Outputs to be delivered by this Action contributing to this Specific Objective (Outcome) are:

1. The regulatory and operational environment for civil society organizations is more conducive.
2. The meaningful and structured participation of civil society in inclusive sub-national and national development processes is strengthened.
3. Civil society organizations' responsiveness, sustainability and resilience are enhanced.

3.2. Indicative Activities

Building on the experience and lessons from CUSP I, CUSP II will support a wide range of activities, including:

For Output 1 (conducive environment):

- Support to the academia, research organizations and think tanks to broaden knowledge on the sector, including barriers and opportunities for the participation of marginalized groups as well as contributions of the CSO sector to Uganda's socio-economic development, including dialogues on civil society contributions and the role of women and youth as change agents.
- Support to relevant authorities to exercise their mandates, including outreach and dialogue with civil society at national and sub-national level.
- Advise on improved legal and policy framework for civil society participation, including a focus on women, youth and marginalized groups (e.g. persons with disabilities and refugees).
- Promote communication campaigns to raise the profile of civil society and of civic space as a critical aspect to the achievement of sustainable development.

For Output 2 (CS participation):

- Fostering systematic and structured participation of youth, women and marginalized groups (e.g. persons with disabilities, and refugees) in development processes at national and sub-national levels.
- Strengthen issue-based, interregional and cross-sectoral CSO coordination and engagement with district and sub-national authorities.
- Strengthening capacities of state actors and CSOs to organise and participate in development processes at national and sub-national levels with a human rights based approach and in a manner that is accessible to all, reaching out to different groups (e.g., physical and linguistic accessibility, scheduling conducive to women's participation, etc.).
- Strengthening capacities of CSOs to organise and participate in development processes at national and sub-national levels.

For Output 3 (CS capacity):

- Strengthening CSOs thematic expertise in relevant priority areas of the MIP.
- Strengthening CSOs capacities on the human rights based approach, on gender and youth, the inclusion of