

United Nations Activity Report

On 28 June 2019, the Baha'i International Community United Nations office in New York, New York, United States hosted "UN@75 & Agenda 2030: For Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement" which was also live streamed.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Explore the opportunities for civil society collaboration with the United Nations worldwide dialogues on UN@75
- Consider the potential of UN@75 as a platform to curate proposals to strengthen the United Nations system
- Leverage the synergies and complementarities among and between major United Nations anniversaries and agreements taking place in 2020 for "Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement."

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This meeting was conducted in preparation for <u>UN2020</u>, which will serve as a catalyst for the renewal and strengthening of the United Nations. This meeting impacts all <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u> (SDGs), including ensuring healthy lives, ending poverty, and fighting inequality. We need to lead a renewed, reformed, and innovative United Nations system that will be capable of addressing global challenges.

So far, the SDGs have given Sigma and other <u>non-governmental organizations</u> a unique platform to engage members and their concerns worldwide. In a way, it has created a global cooperation generated by global debate. It is a good start, but what next? What kind of action can we take to turn our passions into actions for change? This meeting opened the conversation for ways to further strengthen the United Nations to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Guided by the goals and the 2030 agenda, it is up to all of us to work together to build a better future.

Sigma is a global organization, representing members from 90+ countries. As we all work toward advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence, we should remain united by supporting UN75's drive toward multilateralism. As discussed in the meeting, "3 Ps" are the most important: people, partnerships, and participation. Given the scale and scope of the SDGs, no one sector can achieve them alone. This opens the opportunity for Sigma members to contribute to the dialogue about sustainable development, leading to inclusive and collaborative action at chapter levels.