



Beyond the International Year of Human Rights Learning*

Human rights have become the constitutional cornerstone of our global, regional, national and local communities and their agendas for security and peace, economic and social development, as well as those for inter-generationally sustainable use of our natural and environmental resources endowment. As bearers of our societies' fundamental values, civil society organisations, irrespective of the substantive focus of their engagement, should broaden their knowledge and understanding of human rights.

In articulating and aggregating a vision of the global common good, CoNGO and its members shall support local, national, regional and global efforts to enhance society's acquisition and internalization of its own human dignity and that of others. They shall integrate, in an enhanced manner, human rights in both their activities and those of their partners in global governance processes.

The realization of these fundamental objectives will benefit from CoNGO and its members initiating, and cooperating in, the convention of a special meeting aiming at long-term process towards enhancing the role of civil society organisations in the integration of human rights in the various sectors and dimensions of our global, national and local agendas.

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