

**CIVIL SOCIETY LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

**COVID-19: Operationalizing Fair and Equitable Benefit Sharing of Medical Products**

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Dear Mr. António Guterres and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to request the United Nations (UN) working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to operationalize fair and equitable benefit sharing arising from the sharing of SARS-CoV-2 digital sequence information and samples as recognized by the Convention on Biological Diversity (which has 196 Parties) and its Nagoya Protocol (which has 123 Parties).

The CBD and its Nagoya Protocol are binding international instruments based on the principles of fairness and equity, linking access to biological resources with fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of such resources. These principles are endorsed by WHO Member States as they form the basis of WHO's Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework (PIP Framework), a multilateral instrument which recognizes the importance of sharing influenza viruses of pandemic potential on an "equal footing" with benefit sharing, considering both "as equally important parts of the collective action for global public health".

We are heartened by the sharing of COVID-19 samples with reference laboratories for rapid confirmation and analysis as well as the sharing of digital sequence information.<sup>1</sup> The first genetic sequence data for 2019-nCoV from China was freely and rapidly shared with the Global Initiative of Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID)<sup>2</sup>. Since then, samples and digital sequence information continue to be shared by developing countries. Mounting evidence that, like influenza, the CoV-2 virus is mutating as it spreads around the world implies an ongoing need for epidemiological surveillance to collect and sequence CoV-2 strains from around the world to ensure that any new treatments will remain effective.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=c35eb4938c7246655f6384192&id=ed3642c7ae%23Corona>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mailchi.mp/who.int/influenzawho-newsletter-feb2020>

We recognize that sharing SARS-CoV-2 samples as well as sequence information continues to be pivotal for the development of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. **But a collective global public health response requires fair and equitable benefit sharing on an equal footing.**

WHO's R&D Blueprint titled "A Coordinated Global Research Roadmap: 2019 Novel Coronavirus" agrees that "virus materials, clinical samples and associated data should be rapidly shared for immediate public health purposes **and that fair and equitable access to any medical products or innovations that are developed using the materials must be part of such sharing**" ("emphasis added"). The Blueprint also recognizes that "Access to the benefits of research is critical" and that the "scale up manufacturing of products (speed, access, cost)" is an important component of a successful implementation of the Roadmap. It further calls on research funding grants to "include clauses that promote timely sharing of research data relevant to the outbreak response".

Despite the good intentions, it remains unclear whether and how these elements are being operationalized, with fair and equitable benefit sharing realized.

We are very distressed over the scramble for medical supplies to curb the COVID-19 outbreak, with developed countries, especially the United States and European countries leveraging their influence and spending, at the expense of the needs of developing and least developed countries around the world.<sup>3</sup>

We are extremely concerned by the lack of guarantee from biopharmaceutical, and diagnostic companies to ensure rapid availability and affordability of medical products (especially diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines as they are developed and rolled out) to all in need in developing and least developed countries, and to ensure dissemination of manufacturing technologies to rapidly scale-up diagnosis and treatment.

The UN General Assembly Resolution A/74/L.52 calls on the UN system "under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to work with all relevant actors in order to mobilize a coordinated global response to the pandemic and its adverse social, economic and financial impact on all societies". The UN Resolution A/74 L.56 on "International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19" requests "the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization, to take the necessary steps to effectively coordinate and follow up on the efforts of the United Nations system to promote and ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment needed to face COVID-19..".

The spread of COVID-19 has already disproportionately impacted high risk populations including the elderly, the poor, the malnourished, those with pre-existing medical conditions and migrant workers. Women across the world are facing increased domestic violence and bearing a range of disproportionate socio-economic impacts. Timely access to diagnostics, medical treatments and potential vaccines for these populations require special attention, especially in developing and least developed countries.

We urgently need the UN and WHO to take urgent steps to secure timely availability and affordability of medical products for developing and least developed countries. WHO's PIP Framework sets a precedent

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/09/world/coronavirus-equipment-rich%20poor.html?action=click&module=Well&pgtype=Homepage&section=World%20News>

for securing binding commitments from manufacturers in the context of a pandemic. However, the extensive outbreak of COVID-19 will require far more ambitious guarantees from manufacturers.

**Therefore we urgently call on the UN and the WHO to:**

**1. Secure binding commitments from biopharmaceutical companies and other manufacturers for the rapid supply of existing and future medical products, especially diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines to developing and least developed countries at an affordable price.**

**2. Organize open platforms for the widespread and unconditional sharing of technology and knowledge including technical specifications, designs, blueprints and any other know-how to scale-up local/regional manufacturing of medical products required for COVID-19 response including diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines; and towards that end to secure binding commitments from biopharmaceutical companies and other medical product manufacturers.**

**3. Proactively coordinate and direct COVID-19 R&D by setting up an open innovation platform for the rapid public sharing of all research outcomes, knowledge gaps and problem solving, and towards that end secure binding commitments from entities and individuals engaged in the R&D.**

**4. Ensure that intellectual property rights do not affect or hinder efforts to curb the Covid outbreak<sup>4</sup>**

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4. Global Policy Forum (Global)
5. Groundswell International (Global)

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<sup>4</sup> Article 55, 56 read with Article 103 of the UN Charter

6. Health Global Access Project (Health GAP), (Global)
7. Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development, (Global)
8. International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC) (Global)
9. Least Developed Countries (LDC) Watch (Global)
10. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Global)
11. Outreach Social Care Project (Global)
12. Peoples Health Movement (Global)
13. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (Global)
14. Society for International Development (Global)
15. Social Watch (Global)
16. Third World Network (Global)
17. War on Want (Global)
18. International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (Regional)
19. Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio & Communication (Asia and Pacific) (Regional)
20. ITPC – Latin American and Caribbean (Regional)
21. ITPC – MENA (Regional)
22. Servicio Extension Desarrollo Rural y Agricola (Regional)
23. Friends of the Earth Europe (Regional)
24. Africa Young Positives Network (AY+) (Regional)
25. Arab NGO Network for Development (Regional)
26. Arab Institute for human rights (Regional)
27. Association of Women of the Southern Europe (Regional)
28. Comité de América Latina y el Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Mujeres (Regional)
29. Comités pour le Développement et le patrimoine (Regional)
30. Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (Regional)
31. Corporate Europe Observatory (Regional)
32. East African Health Platform (Regional)
33. Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (Regional)
34. Fahamu Africa (Regional)
35. Focus on the Global South (Regional)
36. Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (Regional)
37. South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (Regional)
38. Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (Regional)
39. Southern African Programme on Access to Medicines and Diagnostics (Regional)
40. Rural Women's Assembly (SADC) (Regional)
41. Be The change (Afghanistan)
42. Bridage hope health organization BHHO (Afghanistan)
43. Cooperation for Peace and Development (Afghanistan)
44. Sanayee Development Organization (Afghanistan)
45. S.O.S. – Criança e Desenvolvimento Integral de ANG (Angola)
46. Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas Trust (Antigua and Barbuda)
47. FOCO Foro Ciudadano de Participación por la Justicia y los Derechos Humanos (Argentina)
48. Amigos de la Tierra Argentina (Argentina)
49. Center for the Development of Civil Society (Armenia)
50. Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (Australia)

51. Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment (Austria)
52. Bahrain Transparency Society (Bahrain)
53. Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (Bangladesh)
54. Bangladesh Krishok Federation (Bangladesh)
55. Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bangladesh)
56. Center for Participatory Research and Development-CPRD (Bangladesh)
57. COAST Trust (Bangladesh)
58. Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
59. Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE) (Bangladesh)
60. JAGO NARI (Bangladesh)
61. Jatiyo Sramik Jote (Bangladesh)
62. NRDS (Bangladesh)
63. SAAPE (Bangladesh)
64. Centre national de coopération au développement (CNCD-11.11.11) (Belgium)
65. EEPA (Belgium)
66. Social Watch Bénin (Benin)
67. Reacción Climático (Bolivia)
68. Center for Environment (Friends of the Earth BiH), (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
69. Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (Botswana)
70. Kuru Health (Botswana)
71. Gestos (HIV and AIDS, communication and gender) (Brazil)
72. Institute for Social and Economic Analysis-INESC (Brazil)
73. Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association (Brazil)
74. Working Group on Intellectual Property of the Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples (Brazil)
75. Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (Bulgaria)
76. YOWLI BURUNDI (Burundi)
77. Avenir Jeune de l'ouest (AJO) (Cameroon)
78. SeeChange Initiative (Canada)
79. Sisters of Saint Martha of Antigonish (Canada)
80. Women's Health in Women's Hands CHC (Canada)
81. Corporacion Innovarte Chile (Chile)
82. Access to Medicines Research Group (China)
83. Fundación IFARMA (Colombia)
84. Social Watch Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
85. Solidarité Agissante pour le Développement Familial (Democratic Republic of Congo)
86. New Women Foundation (Egypt)
87. Afar Pastoralist Development Association (Ethiopia)
88. Ethiopian Society for Consumer Protection (Ethiopia)
89. Voice of Wilderness Developmental Organization (Ethiopia)
90. Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality (Fiji)
91. Fiji Women's Rights Movement (Fiji)
92. Amis de la Terre France (Friends of the Earth) (France)
93. Observatoire de la transparence dans les politiques du médicament (France)
94. Food Sovereignty Ghana (Ghana)
95. CONGCOOP (Guatemala)

96. Grupo de Autoapoyo PASO A PASO (Guatemala)
97. Carbone Guinée (Guinea)
98. Plateforme haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif (PAPDA)(Haïti)
99. ATTAC Hungary Association (Hungary)
100. All India Drug Action Network (India)
101. AP Vyavasaya Vruthidarula Union-APVVU (India)
102. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development (India)
103. Banka BioLoo (India)
104. Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (India)
105. Environics Trust (India)
106. Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (India)
107. Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences (India)
108. Initiative for Health & Equity in Society (India)
109. INSAF India, (Indian Social Action Forum) (India)
110. IT for Change (India)
111. Man it ham Trust (India)
112. Meera Foundation (India)
113. Mines, Minerals & People (India)
114. NISARGA (India)
115. One Billion Rising (A global campaign to eliminate violence against women) (India)
116. Praxis – Institute for Participatory Practices (India)
117. SAHANIVASA (India)
118. THEANT (the action northeast trust) (India)
119. Indonesia for Global Justice (Indonesia)
120. Indonesia Water Community of Practice (Indonesia)
121. KONPHALINDO (Indonesia)
122. Publish What You Pay Indonesia (Indonesia)
123. Fairwatch (Italy)
124. PEAH – Policies for Equitable Access to Health (Italy)
125. Tripla Difesa Onlus (Italy)
126. Iraqi Al-Amal Association (Iraq)
127. Shareteah Humanitarian Organization (Iraq)
128. Tammuz Organization for Social Development (Iraq)
129. Phoenix Center for Economic Studies (Jordan)
130. The Jordanian Women’s Union (Jordan)
131. Advocacy Network Africa (Kenya)
132. Amnesty International Kenya (Kenya)
133. Elites and Brainstormers Youth Group (KISLEB) (Kenya)
134. Haki Nawiri Afrika (Kenya)
135. Happy Life for Development Community based Organisation (Kenya)
136. Indigenous Strategy & Institution for Development (Kenya)
137. Kenyan Network of Cancer Organizations (Kenya)
138. Kenya Treatment Access Movement- KETAM (Kenya)
139. Endorois Welfare Council (Kenya)
140. MUMBO INTERNATIONAL (Kenya)
141. National Association of Clinical Officers Anaesthetists in Kenya (NACOA) (Kenya)

142. Nelson Mandela TB HIV Community Information and Resource Center CBO Kisumu (Kenya)
143. Network of TB Champions in Kenya (Kenya)
144. Non-communicable Diseases Alliance of Kenya (Kenya)
145. Nyanza Rift Valley and Western Kenya LGBTI Network (Kenya)
146. Pamoja TB Group (Kenya)
147. Society of Development and Care (Kenya)
148. Wote youth development projects (Kenya)
149. NGOs Platform of Saida (Lebanon)
150. The Coordination Forum of NGOs Working among the Palestinian Community in Lebanon (Lebanon)
151. SIDC (Lebanon)
152. Hope for Rural Women's Assembly (Lesotho)
153. Policy Analysis and Research Institute of Lesotho (Lesotho)
154. The People's Matrix Association (Lesotho)
155. Community Youth Network Program (Liberia)
156. Women's Coalition Against Cancer (Malawi)
157. Malawi Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS (MANERELA+) (Malawi)
158. Country Minders for Peoples Development (CMPD) (Malawi)
159. Grassroots Movement for Health and Development (Malawi)
160. Women for Fair Development (WOFAD) (Malawi)
161. Agora Society Malaysia (Malaysia)
162. Consumers Association of Penang (Malaysia)
163. Malaysian National Consumers Advisory Council (Malaysia)
164. Malaysia Consultative Council of Islamic Organizations (Malaysia)
165. Malaysian Women's Action on Tobacco Control and Health (MyWATCH) (Malaysia)
166. Malaysian AIDS Council- MAC (Malaysia)
167. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) (Malaysia)
168. Sustainable Development Network Malaysia (Malaysia)
169. Positive Malaysian Treatment Access & Advocacy Group (MTAAG+) (Malaysia)
170. Appui Solidaire pour le Renforcement de l'aide au Développement (Mali)
171. Association de lutte contre la dépendance (Mauritanie)
172. Réseau Mauritanien Pour l'Action Sociale (Mauritanie)
173. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO, AC (Mexico)
174. Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia (Mexico)
175. Fundación Mexicana para la Planeación Familiar, AC MEXFAM (Mexico)
176. Women Law and Development (MULEIDE) (Mozambique)
177. UNIDOS (Mozambique)
178. Associação Coalizão da Juventude Moçambicana (Mozambique)
179. Espace Associatif (Morocco)
180. AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (Namibia)
181. Rural Area Development Programme (RADP) (Nepal)
182. Women Empowerment Against Poverty of Nepal (WEAPoN) (Nepal)
183. CUPPEC-Nepal (Nepal)
184. Digo Bikas Institute, Province no 3 (Nepal)
185. National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders (Nepal)

186. Nepal Integrated Development Initiatives (NIDI) (Nepal)
187. People's Health Movement Nepal (Nepal)
188. Resource Centre for Primary Health Care, (Nepa)
189. Tarangini Foundation, (Nepal)
190. Youth For Environment Education And Development Foundation (YFEED Foundation) (Nepal)
191. Both ENDS (Netherlands)
192. Milieudefensie (Netherlands)
193. Health of Mother Earth Foundation (Nigeria)
194. Center for Peace Education & Community Development (Nigeria)
195. Solve A Problem Initiatives (Nigeria)
196. Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee (Pakistan)
197. Pakistan Fisher Folk Forum (Pakistan)
198. Sukaar Welfare Organization (Pakistan)
199. Al Marsad (Palestine)
200. Dr. Haider Abdel Shafi Center for Culture & Development (Palestine)
201. Palestinian Non-governmental Organizations Network (Palestine)
202. Palestinian Medical Relief Society (Palestine)
203. Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity from Latin America and the Caribbean, RMIB-LAC (Panama)
204. DECIDAMOS (Paraguay)
205. Asociación Desarrollo Medio Ambiental Sustentable – ASDMAS (Perú)
206. Alyansa Tigil Mina (Alliance to Stop Mining) (Philippines)
207. Assalam Bangsamoro People's Association (Philippines)
208. Global Institute for Youth Development, Inc. (Philippines)
209. Life Haven Center for Independent Living (Philippines)
210. Philippine chamber of massage industries of the visually impaired (Philippines)
211. Philippine Association for Citizens with Developmental and Learning Disabilities (Philippines)
212. Social Watch Philippines (Philippines)
213. Solidarity of Oppressed Filipino People, Inc. (DAMPA/SOFP) (Philippines)
214. Trade Justice Pilipinas (Philippines)
215. WomanHealth Philippines (Philippines)
216. Centre for Development Alternatives (Sri Lanka)
217. Consortium for Social Solidarity, (Sri Lanka)
218. African Centre for Biodiversity (South Africa)
219. Biowatch South Africa (South Africa)
220. Cancer Alliance(South Africa)
221. GroundWork (South Africa)
222. Inala Food Sovereignty and Climate Justice Forum (South Africa)
223. Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (South Africa)
224. South African Adaptation Network (South Africa)
225. Public Health Association of South Africa (South Africa)
226. NALEDI (South Africa)
227. Southern and East African Trade Institute - South Africa (South Africa)
228. Triangle Project (South Africa)
229. West Coast Food Sovereignty and Solidarity Forum (South Africa)
230. Amigos de la Tierra (Spain)



231. Centre for Women and Development (Sri Lanka)
232. Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP) (South Sudan)
233. National Civic Forum (Sudan)
234. Yolse, Santé Publique & Innovation (Switzerland)
235. Public Eye (Switzerland)
236. Golden Women Initiative (Tanzania)
237. People's Health Movement Tanzania (PHM Tanzania) (Tanzania)
238. Climate Watch Thailand (Thailand)
239. AIDS Access Foundation (Thailand)
240. FTA Watch (Thailand)
241. BioThai (Thailand)
242. Association Tunisienne De Femmes Démocrates (Tunisie)
243. Women's Probono Initiative (Uganda)
244. Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (HEPS Uganda) (Uganda)
245. Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (Uganda)
246. Kiyita Foundation (Uganda)
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248. Regional Centre for International Development Cooperation (RCIDC) (Uganda)
249. Most At Risk Populations' Society in Uganda (Uganda)
250. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute SEATINI (Uganda)
251. Global Justice Now (United Kingdom)
252. Black Activists Rising Against Cuts (BARAC) UK (United Kingdom)
253. The Equality Trust (United Kingdom)
254. Sisters of Charity Federation (United States)
255. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership (United States of America)
256. Human Nature (United States of America)
257. Global Policy Forum (United States of America)
258. Treatment Action Group (United States of America)
259. Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (United States of America)
260. Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights (YOHR) (Yemen)
261. Operation Young Vote (OYV) (Zambia)
262. REPSSI Lusaka (Zambia)
263. ZAPHIT SUPPORT PROGRAM (Zambia)
264. Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity (Zambia)
265. Zambia Social Forum (Zambia)
266. Pan-African Treatment Access Movement (Zimbabwe)
267. Pan African Positive Women's Coalition-Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe)
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275. Raquel Castillo, Asia-Europe People's Forum
276. Bassam Zaqout, Palestinian Medical Relief Society, Middle east
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278. Ruth Spencer, Ruth's Place, Antigua and Barbuda
279. ASM Badrul Alam, Bangladesh Krishok Federation, Bangladesh
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282. Jean-Pierre, Social Watch Benin, Benin
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307. Pamela Philipose, The Wire.in, India
308. Sukla Sen, People's Union for Civil Liberties, India
309. Deepika Joshi, Jam Swasthya Abhiyan, India
310. Shobha Raghuram, Independent Researcher, India
311. Niranjanaradhya V P, Centre for Child and the Law, NLSIU, India
312. Dr. Mira Shiva, Initiative for Health & Equity in Society, India
313. Jagdish Patel, Peoples Training & Research Center, India
314. Saswati Ghosh, City College, India
315. Nisha Biswas, Women against sexual violence and state repression, India
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317. Nerima Were, Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS, Kenya
318. Rebecca Ogembo Odhiambo Mududa, Nyanza Rift Valley and Western Kenya LGBTI Network, Kenya

319. Elseba Ooko, Elites and Brainstormers Youth Group (KISLEB), Kenya
320. Nancy Wanjiru, Parastatus, Kenya
321. Samson Onditi, Happy Life for Development Community Based Organisation, Kenya
322. Mary Ger, MUMBO INTERNATIONAL, Kenya
323. Atieno Odenyo, Kenya
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327. Joumana Merhi, AIHR- Beirut, Lebanon
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329. Jeremy KWAN, Positive Malaysia Treatment Access and Advocacy Group (MTAAG+), Malaysia
330. Zariah Mohd Zain, Malaysian Women's Action for Tobacco Control and Health, Malaysia
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345. Jos Martens, Africa-Alert, Netherlands
346. Willie Meester, Friends of the Earth, Netherlands
347. Harmien Meijer, Friends of the Earth International, Netherlands
348. Prof Fons Coomans, Maastricht University, Netherlands
349. Hamail Imtiaz, CDA Capital Development Authority, Pakistan
350. Duaa, PNGO, Palestine
351. Firas Jaber, Al Marsad, Palestine
352. Aed Yaghi, Health sector- Palestinian Nongovernmental Organisations Network, Palestine
353. Hassan Zaineddin, Palestinian Medical Relief Society, Palestine - Gaza
354. Nicolas Mendez Quiroz, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, Perú
355. Eduardo Javier Perez Del Rosario, Perú
356. Ranilo Sorongon, Philippine Partnership on Children with Disability, Philippines
357. Feisal Mansoor, Saradiel Party, Sri Lanka
358. Nimalka Fernando, Nimalka Fernando, Sri Lanka
359. Srinivasan, Lanka Jathika Sharamadana Sngamaya (Inc), Sri Lanka
360. Helen Cox, University of Cape Town, South Africa
361. Vanessa Black, (private individual), South Africa
362. Richard Worthington, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, South Africa
363. Stephen Greenberg, African Centre for Biodiversity South Africa

364. Leslie London, School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa
365. Judy Favish, South Africa
366. Lawrence Sisitka, Rhodes University, South Africa
367. Paula Cardoso, South Africa
368. Candice Sehoma, Doctors Without Borders, South Africa
369. Patrick Bond, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
370. Phyllis Orner, South Africa
371. Neil Coleman, Institute for Economic Justice, South Africa
372. Dr Jeff Rudin, Alternative Information & Development Centre, Cape Town, South Africa
373. Prof Rasigan Maharajh, Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, South Africa
374. Sabrina Masinjila, African Centre for Biodiversity, Tanzania
375. Salaheddine Jourchi, ANND, Tunisia
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382. Professor Doreen Stabinsky, College of the Atlantic, United States of America
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384. Faith Colligan, Daughters of Charity-St. Louise Province, United States of America
385. Grace Hartzog, Sisters of Charity, United States of America
386. Heather Gray, Justice Initiative, United States of America
387. Celine Paramunda, Medical Mission Sisters, United States of America
388. Jane Lapiner, Human Nature, United States of America
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