SUMMIT 2022

Wednesday, 4 May
1pm–4:30pm (CEST)

online

Thursday, 5 May
12pm–4pm (CEST)
followed by drinks,
arts and farewell

Humboldt Carré, Behrenstraße 42,
10117 Berlin + Livestream
Over the past months, about 500 representatives from more than 40 countries have been working in the Civil7 (C7) network across five working groups. The C7 Summit on 4–5 May 2022 will be the highlight of this year’s process, coordinated by VENRO, the Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs, and the German NGO Forum on Environment and Development. We would like to invite you to the C7 Summit, which is planned as a hybrid event: The first day will take place digitally and the second day as a face-to-face event in Berlin with livestream.

Challenges such as the pandemic, climate change, conflicts and global injustice can only be met internationally, and voices of civil society must be heard and included in political decision-making. Processes in international forums and the dialogue between political decision makers and civil society have taken on a new urgency in recent weeks and months. The war in Ukraine and the suppression of demonstrations in Russia and in many other countries worldwide remind us once again of the value of democracy and a strong civil society. C7 is part of this lived democracy as one of the official Engagement Groups of the G7. In this year’s process, it was particularly important to us not to limit participation to non-governmental organisations from G7 countries, but rather represent voices from international civil society.

On the first day of the Summit, C7 working group coordinators and representatives of the G7 are invited to reflect on the global responsibility of the G7. Subsequently, representatives of civil society will discuss key challenges with high-level representatives of the German government.

On 5 May, the C7 Communiqué will be officially handed over to the G7 President and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and the formulated political recommendations will be presented and discussed in a panel with German Sherpa Dr Jörg Kukies.

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

For any questions please do not hesitate to contact the C7 Secretariat: contact@civil7.org

Kind regards
C7 Secretariat

Please register here if you are interested in attending the C7 Summit virtually.
DAY ONE

4 May
online

1:00 Welcoming remarks
Mathias Mogge Chair of the Board, VENRO
Mireille Remesch Member of the Steering Committee, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development
Lorna Fuller Project 90 by 2030/C7 Steering Committee

1:25 What is the role of the G7 today?
Jonathan Black, UK G7/G20 Sherpa, and Dr Lucinda Trigo Gamarra, Head of the German G7/G20 Sherpa office, in conversation with the C7 Working Group Coordinators:
Dr Anna-Maija-Mertens Transparency International
Patricia Miranda LATINDADD
Robin Montgomery Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development
Harjeet Singh Climate Action Network
Jeremy Wellard International Council of Voluntary Agencies

2:10 Short break

2:25 Roundtables Part I

Climate and Environmental Justice: Protecting the Climate and Restoring Biodiversity

INPUT Christiane Hildebrandt Climate Alliance Germany
Christina Wegelein Head of Division “Climate and Security”, Federal Foreign Office

MODERATION Mireille Remesch German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

Equity in global health: The global health architecture and the promise to leave no one behind

INPUT Robin Montgomery Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development
Rachel Ong Global Fund Advocates Network Asia Pacific

COMMENT Dr Thomas Steffen State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health

MODERATION Angela Bähr Deputy Chair of the Board, VENRO

Moderation of the event: Natasha Walker
The role of civil society: Protecting civic space and democratic societies

INPUT
- Dr Mariya Heletiy ISAR Ednannia
- Aidan Harris Open Government Partnership

COMMENT
- Jochen Steinhilber Director General for Displacement, Crisis Prevention and Civil Society, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

MODERATION
- Natasha Walker

3:10 Break

3:25 Roundtables Part II

Tackling the multiple crises: Concrete steps towards a transformative and fair financial architecture

INPUT
- Patricia Miranda LATINDADD
- Bhumika Muchhala Third World Network

COMMENT
- Dr Thomas Schäkermann Deputy Head of Division “Multilateral Development Banks / AIIB / Debt Restructuring / Paris Club”, Federal Ministry of Finance

MODERATION
- Wolfgang Obenland German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

Closing the gap: Between early warning and anticipatory humanitarian action

INPUT
- Clare Harris Start Network
- Nimo Hassan Somalia NGO Consortium

COMMENT
- Ricklef Beutin Director General Division “Crisis Prevention, Stabilization, Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Assistance”, Federal Foreign Office

MODERATION
- Natasha Walker

Gender equality: Imperative of a radical shift towards feminist development and foreign policy

INPUT
- Emilia Reyes Equidad de Género / C7 Steering Committee
- Juliane Rosin Women7

COMMENT
- Dr Bärbel Kofler Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

MODERATION
- Dr Ilona Auer-Frege Member of the Board, VENRO

4:10 Take-aways
- Roy Blumenthal Live sketchnoter
- Angela Bähr VENRO
- Mireille Remesch German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

4:30 End of Day 1
5 May
Humboldt Carré, Berlin + Livestream

12pm Registration & Appetizer

1pm Welcome
   Angela Bähr Deputy Chair of the Board, VENRO
   Maritta Strasser Member of the Steering Committee, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development
   Harjeet Singh Climate Action Network / C7 Steering Committee

1:15 The C7 Key Recommendations
   Presentation & Discussion by the Working Group Coordinators:
   Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans European Center for Not-for-Profit Law
   Kira Fischer Action Against Hunger
   Dr Klaus Schilder Misereor
   Harjeet Singh Climate Action Network
   Peter Wiessner Action against AIDS Germany

2:00 Break

2:20 Handover of the C7 Communiqué to the G7 Presidency and Discussion
   Keynote Olaf Scholz, German Chancellor
   Discussion with Dr Jörg Kukies, German G7 Sherpa
   Dr Dereje Alemayehu Global Alliance for Tax Justice / C7 Steering Committee
   Mathias Mogge VENRO
   Emilia Reyes Equidad de Género / C7 Steering Committee
   Maritta Strasser German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

3:50 Drinks, Arts & Farewell

5:30 End of Day 2

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