What governments can do to create, and sustain, an enabling environment for volunteering to contribute to the 2030 Agenda

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HARNESSING THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING TO ACHIEVE THE 2030 AGENDA

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How will volunteers contribute to our shared aim of eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world, and how can they be supported to make the greatest possible contribution?

Nearly one billion volunteers around the world freely give their time to efforts that will support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, making up 44% of the global nonprofit workforce. Volunteer groups are named as key actors in the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and they are uniquely placed to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda by facilitating people-centred approaches that are focused on local agency and ownership over development.

This side event will explore the role of volunteers in SDG implementation, and how governments, civil society and the UN system can create a conducive environment for volunteering and ensure that volunteers make the greatest possible contribution to the eradication of poverty and the promotion of prosperity.