

# CSO Roles in Implementing IPoA and SDGs

Civil society organisations (CSOs) have a strong role to play in the effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for LDCs and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We stand for addressing the issues of poverty, hunger, social injustice and human rights in the LDCs. Let's have a look into the roles and responsibilities we perform for the implementation of SDGs and IPoA.

1  
**Voice of the under privileged**



Articulate the needs and aspirations of poor and marginalised population, and build them into rational and strong arguments that are acknowledged and addressed by the national, regional and global development partners, including governments and private parties.

2  
**Capacity Building**



Act as a capacity building entity and bring knowledge and experience to shape policy and strategy towards attaining goals outlined in the SDGs and IPoA.

3  
**Watchdog**



Perform the role of a watchdog, and promote accountability, transparency and good governance practices with regards to the implementation of the SDGs and IPoA.

4  
**Advocacy**



Play advocacy role, and also undertake necessary lobbying and campaigns with development partners by identifying crucial development priorities, proposing practical solutions and policy opportunities, and criticising impractical or problematic policies with reference to the IPoA and SDGs.

5  
**Partner and pressure group**



Act as partner and pressure group to respective LDCs as well as non-LDC governments to sincerely monitor and follow up on the effective implementation of the IPoA and SDGs.

6  
**Awareness**



Raise awareness of the issues and challenges faced by LDCs in regard to the implementation of SDGs and IPoA.

7  
**Collaboration and Alliance building**



Increase and strengthen partnership and collaborative frameworks with other stakeholders, including government, private sector, other CSOs and international bodies in the implementation of the SDGs and IPoA.

8  
**Creative solutions**



Complement the work of state actors and intergovernmental organisations, and identify creative solutions at local level which the government departments may have overlooked.

9  
**Linkage with other Internationally Agreed Goals**



Build linkage of the SDGs and other Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs) with the IPoA for its effective implementation in action.