TOGETHER FIRST
A global system that works for all

Key principle	**Organisation name:**	**Is organisation?**
Yes	Commoning	No
Policy area	**Brief description**	**Timeframe**
Global governance and governance technology	**Building multilateralism and governance capacity**	**Short**
Global catastrophic risks mitigated	**Risk multipliers managed**	**Implementation timeframe**

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Commoning this submission on a personal capacity.

DETAILS

Publication: Journal of the United Nations Civil Society UN, comprising United Nations

2nd Charter for the United Nations: A Civil Society UN, comprising United Nations bodies. The two Charters run parallel-providing clear pathways of communication & engagement. It builds a platform to work strategically, proactively, & synergistically with all stakeholders.

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Abstract: This proposal, the 2nd Charter of the United Nations for a Civil Society UN, will now address those ten observations. Much more could be discussed, however, due to the limited word count each observation will only be briefly addressed.

Observation 1: The research identified the blockages that are currently present and addresses them in this proposal. In addition, the research also identified the strengths and builds on that. The proposal suggests a resilient institution in that it addresses the blockages, considers multiple layers, and more. It is not limited in the risk factors it can consider. It enhances not only fairness but is also inclusive. It considers the financial requirements and through its communication pathways increases efficiency in engagement of all stakeholders.

Observation 2: "there is currently no corresponding unitary global governance ‘system’ that can be simply reformed" and "legitimacy arising from universal membership remains key to progress"

The requirement of a 'system', 'process', 'structure', are all words that continuously repeated themselves in the research, as did the concept of inclusivity. This proposal addresses both of those elements.

Observation 3: There is extremely great urgency in addressing our global issues. Time is not on our side and hence it is paramount to work synergistically together as soon as possible.

Not ideally but out of necessity, the September 2020 UN General Assembly could pass a resolution for a 2nd Charter.

This time frame aligns neatly with UN75 and the Together First campaign, meaning that infrastructure is already there for exploring its implementation.

Observation 4: The research identifies the need for a structure that allows for knowledge transfer: institutional knowledge transfer, personal knowledge transfer, data sharing, and so forth. That addressing this need is crucial to learn from each other and that this need would increase. A 2nd Charter would provide us with the opportunity to do so.

Observation 5: This has already been addressed in the previous questions of this form.

Observation 6: "The value of keeping credible (e.g. both effective and legitimate) existing forums governed by agreed rules of procedure for solving global problems." A 2nd Charter would add to that and bring in Civil Society, which includes the private sector.

"The convening power of the UN owes much to the universality of its membership, and the fact that all member states, large and small, agreed to abide by the principles of the UN Charter." Again a 2nd Charter would add to that and bring in other stakeholders.

"One of the challenges for global governance will be developing new forms of agile multi-stakeholder forum that go beyond State members." A 2nd Charter addresses this challenge.

Observation 7: Part of the PhD results includes working in the SDG themes due to their highly regarded success as

seen in their implementation but also in terms of the global language it has brought forth.

In addition, the 2nd Charter doctoral research heavily emphasises the need for National Civil Society UN bodies for

1. The research demonstrated that there are often markers prior to conflict. A 2nd Charter would provide the structure

international level. With national bodies that would break down this concern

proactively, and synergistically together and the international platforms with international civil society.

As an example, due to a National Civil Society UN where civil society now has a platform to work meaningfully

Observation 8: This has already been addressed in the previous questions of this form.

The research demonstrated a number of ways to consider inclusivity in all its variations.

Observation 9: Civil society is defined as everything that is outside of government and therefore does not necessarily require

What is required though is the coming together for exploring the solutions. Also, recognition is needed that some

solutions may be nation specific in particular areas and can be. Therefore, not only is international coming together

also clear pathways of engagement and communication with both National Governments and the

International Civil Society UN, through the clear pathway in the structure, then reports this information up to the

International Civil Society UN.

A 2nd Charter could provide the regulatory requirements and/or best practices of accountability for all involved. For

Civil Society itself but also in terms of how National Civil Society UN bodies can keep their national governments

accountable.

2. Conflict resolution has been shown to sit most effectively in the hands of those that have experienced it. With a

strengthen accountability in its varied requirements (addressing issues of accountability, bodies that need to be held

further stability in our national and global context by including civil society. Stability is brought on in part by strong

institutions. In addition, where political will is democratic, civil society can provide the long-term views that are

In addition, a National Civil Society UN body from another country that may have experienced a similar conflict issue,

may be able to provide conflict resolution support to the other National Civil Society UN body with strength due to its

collective merging. Therefore, one National Civil Society UN body could provide assistance to another.

create the political and institutional incentives for implementing solutions and increasing ambition" and a 2nd

Charter has the potential to provide that.

In Conclusion of the Brief Overview of Implementation Strategy:

In the research, there was unanimous agreement that the process of how the SDGs were created was deemed highly

successful. It is important to build on processes that already exist and therefore, especially with this process being

deemed successful, the research suggests that we use this same process of the SDG creation in building the 2nd

Charter.

Therefore, I invite us to consider this proposal for the next action steps of this Together First campaign to provide a

global platform of consultations to further develop the 2nd Charter model.

Bringing in more voices from around the world will further strengthen the proposed results of the doctoral research

and take it from the academic setting further into the practical.

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