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A global system that works for all

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Civil Society is an indispensable partner to the UN. The role of Civil Society Organisations in supporting the three pillars of the UN and in ensuring innovative solutions to complex challenges, inclusive decision making, responsive service delivery and effective participation and accountability is well documented. Nevertheless, key gaps remain in the realization of effective UN - Civil Society Partnerships. A dedicated Civil Society Focal Point at the UN can help address these gaps and support UN departments in benefitting from civil society expertise while encouraging them to be champions of civil society and public participation

[illegible] Institutionally, there should not be any obstacles to the appointment as Civil Society as the UN has a long history of drawing on civil society expertise and commitment through the partnerships. The financial costs of appointing a focal point and setting up their office would not be very high. What is however required is political will and support of governments that are committed to the notion of civil society and public participation.