



## Submission on behalf of UNCT Uruguay for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle UPR Session -Uruguay

### UNCT Uruguay

Uruguay is a founding member of the UN; the UN System (UNS) in Uruguay is made up of various agencies, commissions, funds and specialized programs that have been working for over 50 years.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the UNS provides assistance to different areas of the National Government, Municipal Governments, civil society, bilateral agencies and the private sector, in support of national priorities and defined action plans.

In order to contribute to the achievement of an inclusive and sustainable development agenda, the UNS implements joint activities addressing a wide range of issues, both in terms of human rights and efficacy and efficiency of the Organization's operations.

Currently, and until 2020, the five-year term of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2016-2020 is in place. The UNDAF was formulated in dialogue with civil society, private sector and government counterparts, and it is structured in accordance with the five axes of the 2030 Agenda - People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships – aiming at leaving no one behind. The UNDAF establishes three interagency groups: Sustainable Development with Innovation; Inclusive and Egalitarian Social Development; and Democratic Development Based on Institutional Quality, Political Decentralization and Human Rights; in addition, other interagency groups play key roles in the achievement of results: the Group on Gender, the Operations Management Team; and the UN Communications Group.

The UN System in Uruguay has played a key role in supporting and providing assistance to follow-up and implement UPR recommendations, as well as other human rights recommendations to different stakeholders (state, civil society, NHRI). It supported the creation of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up of Recommendations, made up of more than 30 State institutions from the three branches of government, aimed at following up on recommendations made to Uruguay by human rights mechanisms..

Within the framework of the UPR Third Cycle, the UN System has built capacity amongst civil society organizations and the NHRI, training them in the use of the UPR mechanism to report on the implementation of HRs obligations.

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<sup>1</sup> List of UNCT Members: ECLAC, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization; ILO, International Labour Organization and Cinterfor; IOM, International Organization for Migration; OHCHR, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights *non-resident*; PAHO-WHO, Pan American Health Organization | World Health Organization; UN WOMEN, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; UNAIDS, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNDSS, United Nations Department of Safety and Security; UN Environment; UNESCO, United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture; UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund; UNHCR, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund; UNIDO, United Nations Industrial Development Organization; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; UNOPS, United Nations Office for Project Services and the World Bank.