BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCELERATE SDG IMPLEMENTATION (Office of the Ombudsman of Argentina)

The concretisation of partnerships among different stakeholders remains a persistent challenge to the effective implementation and monitoring of the SDGs. NHRIs can offer relevant expertise to operationalise the synergies between human rights and sustainable development in a way that help accelerate progress for the SDGs while achieving the human rights of all.

Partnerships between NHRIs and the wide range of stakeholders, including governmental and non-governmental organisations and rights-holder groups, can boost effective and coherent approaches to SDG processes. Among other things, NHRIs can provide technical support on a variety of issues that can help the formulation of more inclusive policies and more effective advocacy efforts.

The Argentinian NHRI (Defensor del Pueblo de la Nación) has taken concrete steps to achieve target 17.17 (encourage and promote effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships). Among other things, it has initiated agreements to collaborate with the justice system, civil society networks, academia and other NHRIs, for the advancement of issues directly relevant to both human rights and SDGs.

The purposes of these agreements include: providing reciprocal technical assistance on issues inherent to the defence and protection of human rights and progress of the SDGs; exchanging information; promoting national and provincial legislation and practices in accordance with international human rights instruments to achieve their effective application; and working in networks to advance topics of common interest and promote strategies and campaigns in national, provincial and municipal institutions to enhance human rights protection.

Some of these agreements include: technical assistance, joint projects and campaigning to improve legislation and practices in support of the LGBTTI community (Leave no one behind); and Technical Cooperation Agreement with the University of Buenos Aires to exchange of information and capacity building to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women (SDG 5).