



SGG 16: PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Empowering Voices to Shape Inclusive and Accountable Governance

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Old Model:
Passive Recipients

Moving from Passive Recipients to Active Architects

“Civic engagement refers to the spectrum of activities through which individuals contribute to public life—ranging from voting and policy dialogue to community organizing and digital advocacy.”

Civic engagement is the lifeblood of inclusive governance. It ensures that individuals are not merely subjects of policy but active participants in societal progress.

Goal Statement: To foster inclusive, accessible, and meaningful civic engagement, ensuring that individuals and communities actively participate in governance processes and decision-making at all levels.



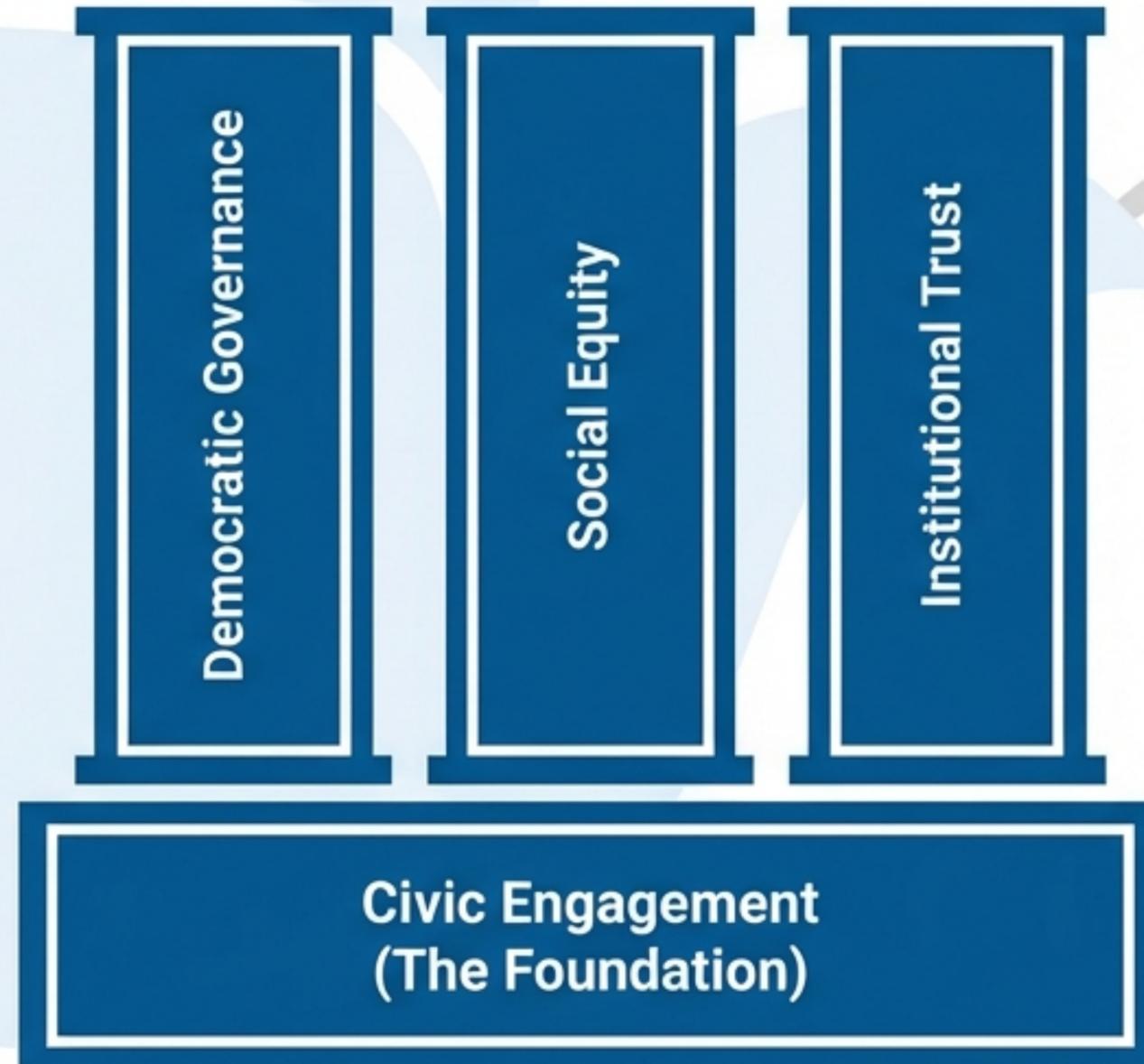
New Model:
Active Architects

The Strategic Necessity of Participation

The Problem

The absence of civic engagement is not a neutral condition—it is a systemic vulnerability.

Declining participation consolidates power in narrow circles, erodes trust, and perpetuates inequality.



Current Barriers

- **Structural:** Legal restrictions and socioeconomic disparities.
- **Psychological:** Political disillusionment and misinformation.
- **Digital:** The digital divide excluding millions.

Strategic Alignment:
Extends the vision of SDG 16 and Agenda 2063 into the Agenda 2074 horizon.

Dimensions of Civic Engagement



Electoral Participation

Ensuring universal access to voting through legal reforms and digital solutions.



Policy Dialogue

Institutionalizing public consultations and participatory budgeting.



Community Organizing

Supporting grassroots initiatives and local governance forums.



Digital Civic Platforms

Developing secure, inclusive platforms for online engagement.



Inclusion

Targeted programs to empower underrepresented groups (youth, marginalized communities).

Advocacy Objectives and Expected Outcomes

Legal Reform



Enactment of laws guaranteeing universal access to voting and public consultations.

Digital Inclusion



Development of secure platforms ensuring participation for rural and marginalized communities.

Youth Empowerment



Integration of young people into civic processes through education and mentorship.

Public Awareness



Nationwide campaigns to restore trust and promote active citizenship as a shared responsibility.

Global Endorsement



Recognition of civic engagement as a universal standard under Agenda 2074.

Implementation Pathways (Non-Financial)

Promoting engagement demands structural reforms, not just financial instruments.



Institutional Anchoring and Roles



A collaborative ecosystem ensuring global coherence and local adaptability.

Compliance and Governance Principles

Compliance is both a legal and ethical mandate to prevent tokenism.

Transparency

All processes open to scrutiny; clear reporting on decision-making outcomes.

Accountability

Governments bear primary responsibility, supported by independent oversight and audits.



Inclusivity

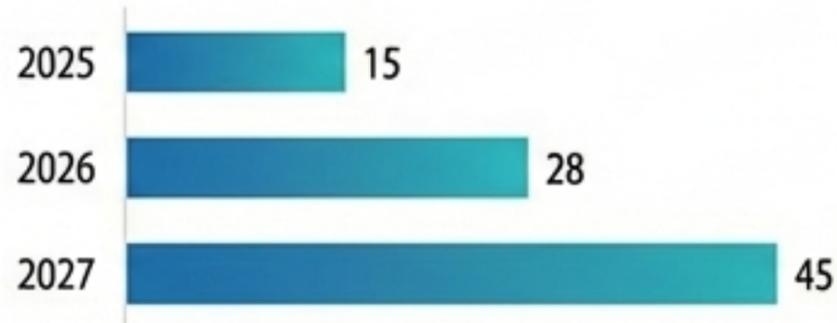
Frameworks must accommodate diversity (gender, age, disability) to avoid symbolic participation.

Ethical Standards

Upholding dignity, autonomy, and fairness, harmonized with international rights conventions.

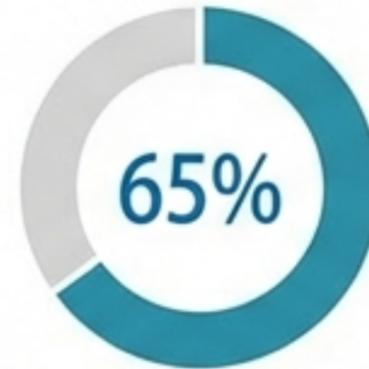
Monitoring and Advocacy Metrics

Policy Adoption



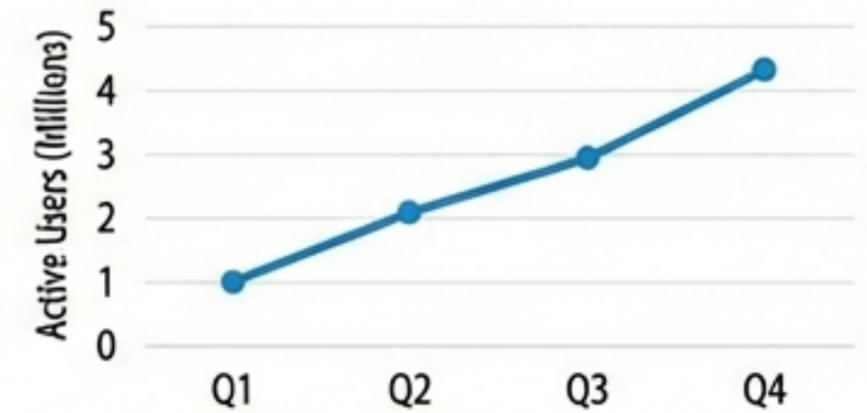
Laws enacted guaranteeing participatory rights.

Institutional Integration



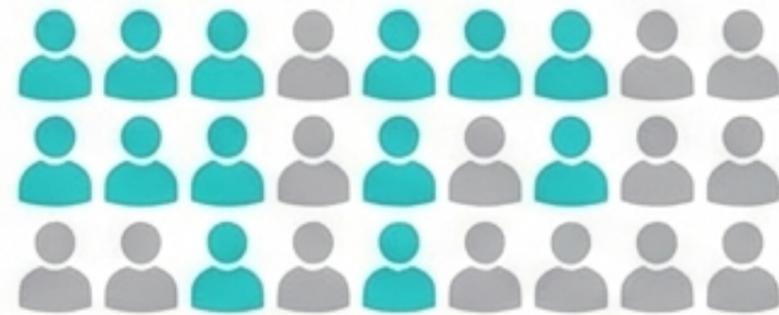
% Agencies with public consultation mechanisms.

Digital Engagement



Active users and accessibility rates.

Community Participation



Attendance in local forums.

Public Awareness



Trust in governance indices.

Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies

Risk / Challenge	Mitigation Strategy
Political Resistance: Fear of centralized authority loss	Position engagement as a stabilizing force that enhances legitimacy.
Digital Exclusion: Leaving behind those without access/literacy.	Develop inclusive platforms with offline alternatives; invest in digital literacy.
Misinformation: Disinformation distorting civic processes.	Robust fact-checking and media literacy campaigns.
Socioeconomic Barriers: Survival needs taking precedence.	Integrate participation into social programs; provide incentives/recognition.

Interconnectedness with Agenda 2074





“Democracy is not a spectator sport; it thrives on active participation.”

By creating accessible pathways for civic engagement, societies empower individuals to influence decisions, hold institutions accountable, and contribute to a shared vision of progress.