

### PRESENTATION TWO ROUND TABLE

### LOOKING FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE

### SDG10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES HUB, MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY

#### **Introduction**

The world needs creative answers to difficult problems now more than ever since we are in a pivotal stage of human evolution. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlight the interdependence of these problems by offering a comprehensive framework for tackling problems including poverty, inequality, and climate change. Looking forward into the future challenges us to picture a future in which advancement is fueled by community empowerment, cooperation, and knowledge exchange.

SDG Hubs are essential in this regard since they act as change agents and promote collaborations between the public sector, the government, and civil society. These hubs are in a unique position to address inequality, advance social justice, and develop long-lasting solutions that are acceptable to the local populace by combining their combined knowledge and resources.

In respect to SDG10 hub, we could think of some of the following among many others:

#### **1. Targeted Interventions for Inequalities**

- The SDG 10 Hub focuses on identifying and addressing specific inequalities within communities, tailoring interventions to the unique challenges faced by marginalized groups.
- Initiatives aimed at improving access to education for girls in rural areas or programs that support economic opportunities for disabled individuals. MKU is doing this already with more initiatives in the process of being implemented.

#### **2. Promotion of Social Justice**

- The hub can advocate for policies that promote social justice and equity, emphasizing the importance of inclusive practices across all sectors.
- Collaborating with local governments to reform policies that disproportionately affect low-income communities, such as housing and employment regulations.

#### **3. Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups**

- Empowering marginalized and vulnerable populations is a core focus, helping them to participate fully in society and the economy.
- Providing skills training and mentorship programs for youth in disadvantaged areas to enhance their employability and entrepreneurial skills.

#### **4. Collaboration with Social Enterprises**

- The hub can foster partnerships with social enterprises that specifically aim to reduce inequalities and create inclusive economic opportunities.
- Working with social enterprises that provide fair-trade products, ensuring that marginalized producers receive equitable compensation and market access.

#### **5. Raising Awareness of Systemic Inequalities**

- The hub can play a critical role in raising awareness about systemic inequalities and the need for structural change in society.
- Conducting public campaigns and research that highlight the impact of systemic racism, gender inequality, and economic disparity on vulnerable populations.

#### **6. Monitoring Inequality Metrics**

- The SDG 10 Hub can lead efforts in developing and monitoring specific indicators related to inequality, ensuring accountability and progress tracking.
- Creating a dashboard that tracks metrics such as income disparity, educational attainment, and health outcomes across different demographic groups.

#### **7. Intersectional Approach**

- The hub can adopt an intersectional approach to address how different forms of inequality (e.g., gender, race, disability) intersect and impact individuals.
- Initiatives that focus on the unique challenges faced by women in the workforce, promoting policies that support their advancement.

#### **8. Building Resilience against Inequalities**

- Efforts to build resilience in communities affected by inequality can enhance their ability to cope with economic shocks and social challenges.
- Programs that support financial literacy and access to microfinance for low-income families, enabling them to better manage crises.

#### **9. Promoting Inclusive Policies**

- The hub can advocate for the development and implementation of inclusive policies at various governance levels.
- Collaborating with policymakers to draft legislation that ensures equal pay and anti-discrimination measures in the workplace.

#### **10. Fostering Dialogue and Understanding**

- Encouraging dialogue among diverse community members can foster understanding and collaboration, reducing tensions arising from inequality.
- Organizing forums or roundtable discussions where community members can share experiences and collaborate on solutions to local inequality issues.

Every SDG hub can make a contribution towards making the world a better place.