

# how to: MAP YOUR SDG STAKEHOLDERS

## ACCOUNTABILITY

The SDGs are a public promise, but they're not binding.

Governments can voluntarily report to the United Nations' High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on their progress, but it is not an accountability mechanism.

Regional bodies like the African Union, for example, have prioritized the SDGs in their own planning and programming, and will also provide mechanisms for review and follow-up.

Governments are only accountable to one body: their citizens. In order to hold governments accountable to achieving the SDGs, you first need to know who is involved in decision-making on the planning, implementation, and monitoring of SDG5.

## GOVERNMENT PLAYERS

The people and offices in charge of a government's SDG commitments will vary by country. Some countries will have national steering committees or working groups, others will house SDG-era work inside a particular ministry.

Here is an example of how the government of Sierra Leone organizes its SDG-era work:

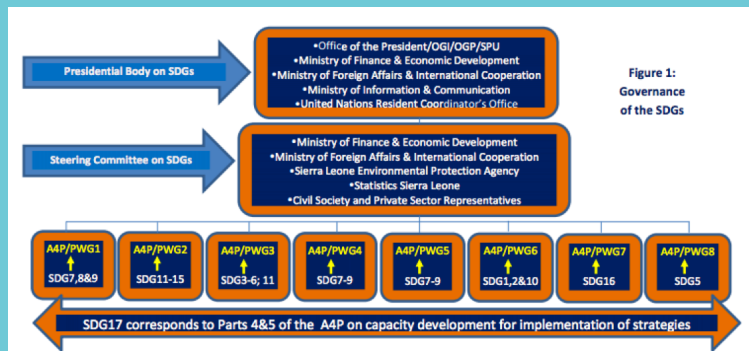


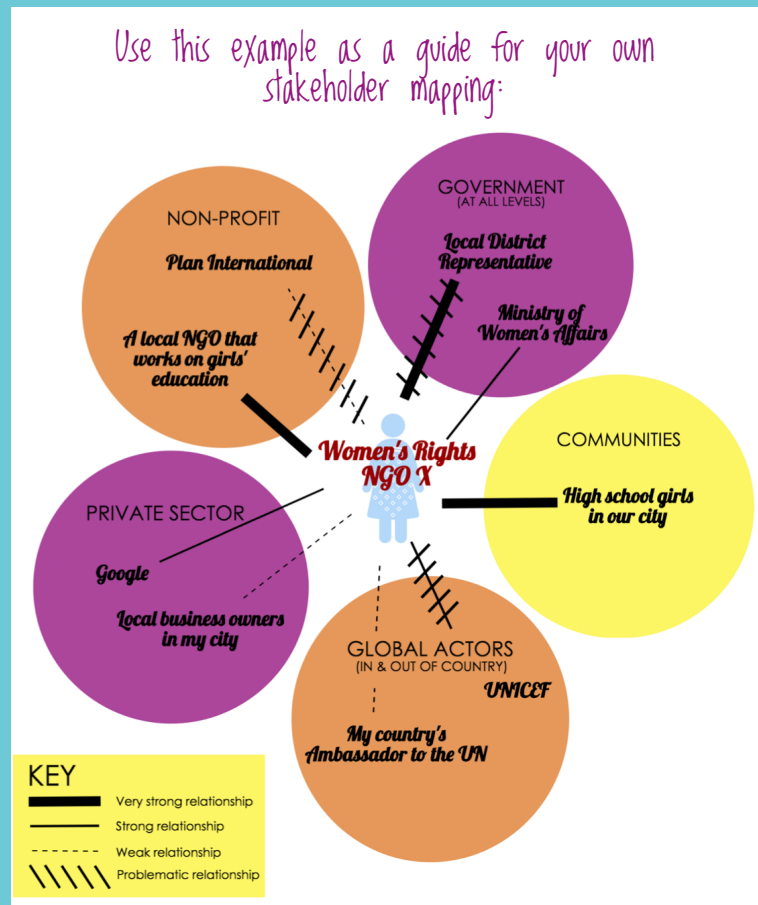
Figure 1: Governance of the SDGs

## MAPPING

Many different actors are involved in making sure we achieve the SDGs, including stakeholders in the government, NGOs, donors, businesses, celebrities, and the public.

The Stakeholder Mapping Exercise will help you identify the different stakeholders involved in achieving SDG5.

Once you have finished, you will have a better picture of the stakeholders you need to target and with whom you need to build relationships so that you can make your voice heard and participate fully in the implementation of SDG5.



Use this example as a guide for your own stakeholder mapping: