

# Changing Course for Sustainable Development: Bold Alternatives to Business as Usual

Spotlight on Sustainable Development 2018—Geneva Launch  
of the Civil Society Reflection Group Report



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13:00-15:00

Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

**The Spotlight on Sustainable Development 2018 report, produced by a global coalition of civil society organizations and trade unions, provides a wide-ranging independent assessment of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.**

The 2018 edition shines a light on existing bold alternatives to business as usual that can help to change the course towards more coherent policies for sustainable development aligned with human rights principles and standards.

But it goes far beyond that, seeing policy reform as necessary but not sufficient. More fundamental shifts in how and where power is vested are necessary to unleash the transformative potential of the SDGs.

In particular, the report calls for more coherent fiscal and regulatory policies, and a “whole-of-government” approach towards sustainability.

At this event, co-organized by UNRISD and FES, some of the key findings and recommendations of this year’s global Spotlight Report will be presented and discussed from various perspectives.

- Sandwiches and light refreshments will be served prior to the event
- Registration for this event is required at:

[WWW.UNRISD.ORG/SPOTLIGHT-GENEVA-LAUNCH-2018](http://WWW.UNRISD.ORG/SPOTLIGHT-GENEVA-LAUNCH-2018)

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