

Intervention

The Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2021

Theme: The UN acting as one on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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Mr/Madam Chair,

Indonesia would like to convey our appreciation towards UNESCAP for the convening of the 8th APFSD. Following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for us to take stock of our progress, and discuss on the way forward to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

As such, the UN and its development system plays a critical role in ensuring that the 2030 Agenda is achieved everywhere, leaving no one behind.

In this regard, there are several points I would like to highlight.

First, strong coordination and collaboration of country-led programmes between governments and the UN, and within the UN system itself, is key.

For example, The SDGs Academy established as a collaboration between Ministry of National Development Planning, Tanoto Foundation, UNDP and academicians, is a testament of the multi-stakeholder partnership between the government of Indonesia, the UN and CSOs -- to educate and build public awareness regarding the SDGs.

The UN is also supporting the formulation of Indonesian VNR 2021 by providing technical assistance and facilitating the consultation workshop on mainstreaming issues of child, youth, gender, and human rights, as well as substantive inputs. The UN also contributed on the development of the 2nd Edition of Indonesia's SDGs Metadata, further demonstrating the inclusive and collaborative process of SDGs implementation in Indonesia.

Second, the UN system has the capacity and resources to support the development and scaling up of solutions, particularly with regards to the socio-economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

An example of this is the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund, which is supporting the Government of Indonesia and Key Stakeholders to scale up inclusive social protection programmes in response to COVID-19, implemented by the The National COVID-19 Disease Mitigation Acceleration Task Force and relevant ministries.

In closing, it is our view that the UN system support should be country-led, integrated, and aimed to more outcome-based programmes that can be evaluated periodically. It should complement the efforts towards closing the gaps and leveraging access to means of implementation. Additionally, the UN system should be flexible and adaptive, particularly in Asia-Pacific that is among the most dynamic regions in the world.

I thank you.