Introduction of the Forum

Sustainable Development Goals Progress in North and Central Asia and the Way Forward

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“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in North and Central Asian countries”
NCA countries - Snapshot of the Progress (2022)

➢ Average progress in 17 Goals: 13.2%
  - 2022 is midpoint for Agenda 2030
  - NCA countries cannot achieve the Goals by 2030

➢ Champion and area of attention
  - Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure)
    - 35% Progress: Still below 50% at midpoint
  - Goal 13 (Climate Action)
    - 49% Regress: Trend must be reversed

Source:
Diving into the 5 Theme Goals

— Champions and areas of attention —
Goal 1: No Poverty

➢ Champions

Armenia: More than 50% reduction of international poverty

Tajikistan: Improvement in local Disaster Risk reduction strategies, 100% from 2019

➢ Areas for attention for some countries

• Reduce still high level of national poverty
• Ensure access to basic water and sanitation services
• Increase coverage of social protection
• Invest further in healthcare and education
• Prepare better for exposure to disasters
• Increase data availability

COVID-19 Pandemic

Source: ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Goal 2: Zero Hunger

➢ Champions
- Georgia: Overweight children decreased to half of 2015
- Turkmenistan: Prevalence of undernourishment constantly low since 2015

➢ Areas for attention for some countries
- Reduce moderate to severe food insecurity
- Prepare for the environment and climate change
- Increase agricultural productivity
- Invest further in agriculture
- Advance gender inequality
- Increase data availability

Source:
Goal 13: Climate Action

➢ **Champions**
- Georgia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

(Near) 100% implementation of national Disaster Risk Reduction strategies

➢ **Areas for attention**
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Continue transition to clean energy
- Building resilience
- Invest further. Encourage private capital mobilization.
- Increase data availability

Source: SDG GATEWAY Asia Pacific
Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

➢ **Champions**

- **Russian Federation:** A 40% reduction of victims of intentional homicide (2015 – 2021)
- **Uzbekistan:** An 87% reduction in total victim of human trafficking

➢ **Areas for attention**

- Increase data availability
- Ensure transparency within the public sector, to reduce chances of corruption and bribery
- Increase the participation of young people in decision-making and their access to information
- End violence against women and girls
- Reduce illicit financial flows
- Further promote digital tools to optimize management, service delivery.

Source: SDG GATEWAY Asia Pacific
Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals

➢ **Champions**
  - Georgia
  - Uzbekistan: Increasing trend in resources to strengthen statistical capacity (Effort on data gap elimination)

➢ **Area of attention**
  - Decreasing trend of Foreign Direct Investment except Armenia, Russian Federation and Uzbekistan

Source: SDG Gateway Data Explorer
Other aspects for considerations

- Science, Technology & Innovation
- Data collection and usage for evidence-based policymaking
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships