SDGs Breakthrough Experiences

- Sustainable Development as one of its objectives in the Eighth Plan (1992-1997),
- Successful implementation of MDGs,
- Nepal’s Constitution (2015) – inclusive, right-based; Specific laws
  - Inclusive political and public institutions, dedicated constitutional bodies such as National Women Commission, Madhesi Commission, National Inclusion Commission, etc.,
- Adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the 14th periodic plan (2016-2019) and subsequently in the 15th Plan (2019-2024),
- Targeted programs for the marginalized segments of the society,
- Good practices in the area of Sustainable Energy, Community Forestry, etc.
- Collaboration with Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS)
Mainstreaming SDGs into National Policies, Plans and Strategies

- Periodic Development Plan (14th, 15th, 16th)
- MTEF and Annual Budget
- SDG-Based Project Selection and Prioritization
- SDG Coding of Budget Items / Programs
- SDGs Handbook for Parliamentarian
- SDGs Localization Resource Book
- SDGs-Based Local and Provincial Level Planning Guidelines;
- SDGs-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Guidelines (National and Provincial);
- Integration of SDGs indicators in the National Data Profiles (NDP) of local levels,
- Sectoral Policies in line with SDGs.
Institutional Arrangement

Parliamentary Committee
(Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee, National Assembly)

National Steering Committee
(Chair, Rt. Hon PM)

Implementation and Monitoring Committee
(Chair, Hon. VC of NPC)

Thematic Committees
(Chair, Member of NPC)

Sectoral Ministries and Agencies

Provinces and Local Levels
Collaboration and Partnership
Major SDGs Reports

- Preliminary SDGs report, 2015;
- Sustainable Development Goals: Status and Roadmap 2016-2030, 2017;
- Voluntary National Review of SDGs, 2017 and 2020;
- SDGs Need Assessment, Costing and Financing Strategy; 2019
  - Review of SDGs Costing and Financing Strategy (ongoing)
- SDGs Progress Assessment Report 2016-2019;
- SDGs Localization Resource Book;
- National Framework for Leave No One Behind
- SDGs Revised Indicators (from 479 to 301)
- SDGs Mid-Point Progress Review (Ongoing)
## Nepal’s Progress Assessment

(Preliminary findings from ongoing Mid-Point Progress Review)

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Indicator-wise Progress (Preliminary findings from ongoing Mid-Point Progress Review)

- 34% Met 2022 target ($P \geq 100$)
- 4% Positive Progress ($0 < P < 100$)
- 20% No progress/regression ($P \leq 0$)
- 42% Progress not assessed
Nepal Priorities

- Integration of SDGs in 16th Plan for its effective implementation
- Acceleration of SDGs implementation
- Effective Localization of SDGs at the sub-national level
- Aligning SDGs with the Smooth Transition Strategy (STS) for LDC Graduation
- Robust data collection and reporting of indicators
- Strengthening M&E
- Addressing inequality exacerbated by the vulnerabilities, like the digital divide, social security gaps, public health infrastructure, boosting MSMEs,
- Promoting good governance in political, administrative and judicial systems.
Challenges

- Allocation of required resources: budget, human capital and technical capacity,
- Resource gap in the midst of economic slowdown and geopolitical crisis,
- Political ownership at all tiers of government,
- Data availability, disaggregation, quality and reliability,
- Large number of indicators, timely reporting,
- Implementation/Coordination: three tiers of the government,
- Reporting mechanism at provincial and local levels,
- Stakeholders' engagement at all levels of the government,
- Capacity enhancement of the public, private sector, CSOs, etc.
- Regular and effective M&E.
Way forward to accelerate progress towards the SDGs

- SDGs Implementation Unit,
- Prioritization of indicators,
- Improve adequate efforts to engage non-state actors (Cooperatives, CSOs, SDGs Forum, farmers groups, NGO/INGOs and private sector) from program planning to monitoring,
- Improve Governance and SDGs-M&E system, at national and sub-national levels,
- Define the role and responsibility for reporting SDGs -responsible Ministry or SDGs focal point and supporting agencies,
- More data availability for the next VNR,
- Wider consultation from the initial phase of VNR preparation.
Capacity Building Needs

- Digital Governance, Technical Know-how
- Capacity Enhancement of Government Officials, Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS)
- Technical Assistance
- Trainings for Quality Enhancement, for e.g., in MSMEs
- Peer Exchanges at the Sub-Regional and Regional Levels
Role of Sub-Regional and Regional Cooperation to Achieve SDGs

- Acceleration of efforts in resource mobilization and partnership for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- Cooperation for sustainable development financing,
- Response for the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which has pushed back the progress with adverse socio-economic implications on the strides made in the achievement of SDGs,
- Leveraging existing cooperation frameworks for a comprehensive sub-regional and regional partnership such as SAFTA, Framework Agreement on BIMSTEC Free Trade Area, etc.
Thank you.