Progress and Challenges to Implement SDGs in the Asia-Pacific

Workshop on Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for the SDGs Implementation in Asia and the Pacific

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Many countries in Asia Pacific push forward integration of SDGs in National Policies and Development Plans

### Integrating SDGs into National Policies and Development Plans

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<th>Coherence with MDGs policies</th>
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<td>• A number of countries integrate SDGs in national policy priorities;</td>
<td>• A number of countries build SDGs implementation mechanisms on MDGs mechanisms</td>
<td>• A number of countries have established a head planning office (in most cases, Heads of State’s Office) and thematic working groups to discuss concrete plans</td>
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Counties adopt different types of multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms

Types of multi-stakeholder platforms

- **Government-UN coordination for decision-making, implementation and monitoring**
  - Government office and UNRC/UNCT jointly plans national priorities and SDGs implementation

- **Government-UN-Civil Society coordination for decision-making, implementation and monitoring**
  - Civil Society Organizations join in the decision-making body

- **Government Decision-making body + UN-Civil Society Working Groups for policy inputs**
  - Government has an independent decision-making body for SDGs planning and implementation, where UN and CSOs make inputs
In Indonesia, Joint Committee comprises of the Government, NGOs, UN, Business and Academia
In Malaysia, CSO Alliance participate in Working Committees to make policy inputs.

Government's institutional framework and Multi-stakeholder Partnerships, Malaysia

NATIONAL SDG COUNCIL
(part of the National Action Committee)
Chaired by PM

Endorsed by Minister in PM's Department

STEERING COMMITTEE
Chaired: Director General, EPU

Malaysia Industry Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT)
(state institution)

(private sector members)

Company A  Company B  Company C

Working Committee
Inclusivity

Working Committee
Wellbeing

Working Committee
etc.

Malaysia SDG CSO Alliance

1  UNU-IAS Governance for Sustainable Development project

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Some common challenges have been identified in terms of multi-stakeholder partnerships

Challenges for multi-stakeholder partnerships

- Insufficient understanding on SDGs by line ministries
- Difficulty spreading SDGs for local players including local governments
- Insufficient capacity of CSOs to make policy inputs
- Mistrust by government of partnering with CSOs
- Business organizations not yet active on or familiar with SDGs
- Insufficient awareness of SDGs by media and general public
Global Compact Local Networks (GCNJ) play important role in some countries to catalyse Government and other entities

Global Compact Local Networks

- GCLNs comprise of companies, local governments, NGOs and academia
- Japan: GCNJ has over 240 corporate and other membership

CSOs alliance make inputs to policy planning processes
- Japan: SDGs CSO Network established in March 2017

Government to organize joint decision-making body
- Japan: A Multi-Stakeholder Round Table has been established

Joint Planning and Implementation of SDGs
Speaker

Office of CSR and SDGs Initiatives

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14 years of experience in Japanese Diplomatic Service and 10 years of serving as a United Nations official.

Key Achievements

- Management of the UNTrust Fund for Human Security
  - The largest Trust Fund in the UN system in 2004
  - Implemented 180 projects world-wide
  - Assisted Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor for SG

- UN specialist in Japanese Diplomatic Service
  - Led scale of assessment negotiations in 2000
  - G8 Transnational Organized Crime Expert Meetings
  - Policy drafting for TICAD conferences for Africa

- Representative of the Kokuren Forum
  - The biggest Japanese network for global cooperation;
  - Close collaboration with UN and governments
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