



ASIA PACIFIC PEOPLES' FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2018
Defending the Environment and Redefining Resilience: Our Collective Actions for Development Justice

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Background

In 2015, UN Member States adopted a global framework for pursuing sustainable development called the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (Agenda-2030 in short) which includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, commonly known as the SDGs, comprising 169 targets which span the various trajectories of sustainable development including; poverty and inequality including gender equality; food & agriculture; health, education, water, sanitation, and energy; industrialisation, economic growth and employment; sustainable consumption, production, and urbanization; climate change, biodiversity, ocean conservation and so on. It is important to note that the agenda seeks a balance between its three key dimensions; economic, social and environmental, across all goals.

Actively mandated by the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development of 2012, the 2030 Agenda represents a synthesis of the processes set in motion by the Rio Conference on Sustainable Development 1992 as well as the more narrow and somewhat contested framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which it succeeds. Unlike in the MDGs where poorer countries were to undertake the major commitments, the 2030 Agenda presents a



universal framework where all countries, rich and poor, have to undertake commitments. The Agenda also provides Means of Implementation with every goal and under a general Goal 17, where all governments are to support each other's efforts to garner financial and non-financial resources for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Rio+20 Conference also established the institution called the *High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)* which replaced the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) to provide a high level of leadership on sustainable development, and the HLPF was specifically tasked with the review and monitoring of countries' progress towards achieving the SDGs. The HLPF meets annually and has mandated the regional commissions of the United Nations to feed regional perspectives into the global implementation process through regional preparatory meetings. In keeping with this mandate, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific of the UN (UN-ESCAP) holds the *Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)* annually since 2014.

Civil society organisations (CSOs) have always been active partners in development around the world and in particular always engaged with the MDGs and the SDG processes. The 2030 Agenda and the HLPF marks them as key stakeholders in the process of planning, implementation and monitoring of all sustainable development work, and in particular the 2030 Agenda itself. CSOs in the Asia Pacific have been reiterating the call for *Development Justice* as an underpinning framework for their engagement with Agenda-2030 at the regional and national levels that puts at the core principles such as economic, social, ecological, redistributive justice and accountability to the peoples. For facilitating this role, UN-ESCAP has been co-convening the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum since 2014 before the APFSD, in partnership with the Asia Pacific CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) which is a platform for CSOs to organise themselves, to coordinate and articulate their positions on sustainable development in general and on Agenda 2030 in particular.

This year the theme of APFSD 2018 "*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in Asia and the Pacific*" will be in line with the HLPF 2018 theme, which focuses on goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. Apart from *reviewing the progress of the SDGs and the 2018 HLPF goals*, the APFSD 2018 will also review and support the *Voluntary National Review (VNR)* process where countries offer to report on their own progress at the HLPF each year. In addition, the APFSD 2018 will also discuss the *Regional Roadmap* that Member States at UN-ESCAP adopted in 2016 to pin down cooperation efforts between governments; to identify regional priorities and bring better regional synergy and coordination in implementation efforts towards the 2030 Agenda. The Roadmap was

a recommendation of Asia-Pacific CSOs during the APFSD 2015¹, which clearly articulated the vision for a people-centered regional roadmap.

¹ In order to be relevant, a regional review mechanism must be guided by substantive regional roadmap that includes regionally relevant issues both within and outside the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which also include the assessment of the impact of trade, technology and investment. The roadmap must be based on development justice anchored in redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice and accountability for the people. It must include strong accountability, grievance and redress mechanism for individuals when their rights are violated. – AP-RCEM Collective statement for APFSD 2015

More than two years since the adoption of Agenda-2030, the time is right for all partners including the Governments, the UN, and CSOs to introspect into what has worked and not worked in these two years and what can be done better. It is time to CSOs to reconnect with each other at a regional level, and amplify their messages as they communicate with their governments on the regional platform supported by the UN, i.e. at the APFSD 2018 and at other UN official processes and events such as the ones hosted by UNEP, UNDP and others. But to do this, it is important that CSOs interact freely and on their own terms and space, to exchange ideas and learn from each other, and then to plan and coordinate their words as well as actions. An organic, vibrant, independent and multidimensional Asia Pacific Peoples' Forum (APPFSD) 2018 will remain crucial for this purpose.

Purpose and objectives

The APPFSD will be organised on March 25-27th in Bangkok, Thailand prior to the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2018, to be convened by ESCAP on 28 - 30 March 2018.

Nearly three years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, following on the progress of the region in bringing the concept of Development Justice to global attention and the establishment of Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM), the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development 2018 aims to create an organic and vibrant space for civil society organisations to interact, dialogue and think together with the objective of advancing consolidated civil society positions & recommendations for pursuing sustainable development in a systematic and comprehensive manner in the Asia-Pacific region. Civil society organisations from different sectors and countries of the Asia-Pacific will come together to share experiences and explore common ground and actions, develop common messages and coordinate strategies for more effective participation in the a) regional and global intergovernmental processes on sustainable development, and b) for developing cooperation and joint work plans on sustainable development among themselves. The APPFSD 2018 will specifically aim to;

1. Foster sharing and learning from the variety of experiences of organizations and constituencies and to enhance capacity of civil society participants on sustainable development at the national, regional and global levels, and on the opportunities and modalities for engaging these processes, including identifying and dealing with key systemic issues/barriers to the achievement of sustainable development;
2. To help build an understanding of sustainable development as a comprehensive whole with strong inter-linkages across its various dimensions and components; therefore, to also link and showcase the work of various other CSO campaigns, peoples' movements, grassroot constituencies, scientific and academic communities across national borders;
3. Dialogue on the structure and content of the APFSD with its theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in Asia and Pacific" as well as UNEA-4, formulate joint positions, as well as strategize interventions at the APFSD, HLPF, Ministerial Summit on Environment, UNEA-4, International Labor Conference, and other processes; and

4. Reflect on the work of Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism and agree on joint actions and follow up to civil society positions adopted to strengthen and support each other's ideas, plans and actions across national borders.

Target audience

The intended participants are mainly active CSOs from Asia-Pacific engaged in sustainable development at the local, national and regional levels from economic, social and environmental dimensions. With the formation of APRCEM that includes a structure, which goes beyond the 9 major groups (covering 5 sub-regions and 17 constituencies), the APCSF will reach out to broader CSOs to encourage new and relevant organisations to engage with regional civil society efforts on sustainable development, as well as to engage with the UN mechanisms and institutions.

The forum will aim to include over 300 participants from different organisations with equitable geographical, thematic, sectoral and gender representation. Geographical representatives include (1) Pacific, (2) East/North East Asia, (3) North/Central Asia, (4) South/SouthWest Asia, (5) Southeast Asia. Participation will include grassroots and local organizations as well as national and regional organizations from the following groups: (1) NGOs, (2) Women, (3) Youth, (4) Social and Community Enterprise, (5) Farmers, (6) Trade Union/Workers, (7) Science and Technology, (8) Indigenous Peoples, (9) Urban Poor, (10) Migrants, (11) Persons With Disability, (12) People living and affected by HIV and AIDS, (13) LGBTI, (14) Older People, (15) People affected with conflicts and disasters, and (16) Fisherfolks and 17) Local Authorities. CSOs across thematic areas relevant to sustainable development are also targeted as participants.

As a platform aimed to harness grassroots voices, AP-RCEM encourages the participation of grassroots and peoples' movement organisations work on the issue of sustainable development in both the CSO Forum and the APFSD.

Strategic outreach is organised by the Regional Coordinating Committee of the Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (RCC-RCEM). The RCC has established a database of Asia Pacific CSOs and will conduct outreach through Skype calls, webinars, forum discussions and emails and also through its regional CSO website for wider outreach. UN-ESCAP will also upload an online call for participation and outreach through its CSO network.

Geographic Scope

The forum aims to bring CSO representatives from Asia Pacific region to discuss sustainable development issues in Asia Pacific region. The outcome of the forum is expected to feed into the intergovernmental discussions at APFSD, which will take place in the context of global HLPF process, as well as inform broader CSO positions on sustainable development in the region.



About APRCEM

APRCEM is a civil society platform aimed to enable stronger cross constituency coordination and ensure that voices of all sub-regions of Asia Pacific are heard in intergovernmental processes at the regional and global level. The platform is initiated, owned and driven by the CSOs, and seeks to engage with UN agencies and Member States across the region on the issue of sustainable development. As an open, inclusive, and flexible mechanism, RCEM is designed to reach the broadest number of CSOs in the region, harness the voice of grassroots and peoples’ movements to advance development justice that address the inequalities of wealth, power, resources between countries, between rich and poor and between men and women.”

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March 25 | Day 1

7:30am-9:00am	Registration
9:00am-10.00am	<p>OPENING <i>Moderator: Jazminda Lumang, Asia Pacific Research Network, co-chair of Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCEM)</i></p> <p>Welcoming Remarks - 5 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kaveh Zahedi Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, UNESCAP*



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dechen Tsering Regional Director, Asia and Pacific, UN Environment* ● Professor Kiat Ruxrungtham, M.D. Vice President for Research and Innovation, Chulalongkorn University ● Wanun Permpibul Climate Watch Thailand, Thailand HLPF Alliance* ● Wardarina APWLD, co-chair of APRCEM <p>Video Presentation In Search for Development Justice (15 mins)</p> <p>Introduction of Participants</p> <p>Introduction of Programme Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, co-chair of APRCEM</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Plenary 1. SETTING THE STAGE</p> <p>Our Grassroots Realities – Systemic Barriers in Achieving Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies. <i>This session will unpack the theme of APFSD and HLPF 2018. What does resilience mean? What are the barriers and enabling environment to transform towards resilient societies? The session will also discuss what are the regional trends, issues, and also barriers that will impact the achievement of sustainable development in the region. Survey results will be presented, and will be followed by a discussion by leaders from the grassroots, civil society and experts</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Karin Fernando the Center for Poverty Analysis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gerifel Cerillo Tanggol Bayi, Philippines, Urban Poor Constituency ● Sanusi Saleh Thepa Movement against Coal, Thailand, South East Asia, Fisherfolks (12 mins) + Wanun Permpibul (English translation) ● Magrina Rahayu Serikat Perempuan Indonesia (SERUNI), Indonesia, Women Constituency (7 mins) ● Daniel Urai Manufolau Fiji Trade Union Congress, Fiji, Pacific, Trade Union and Workers (7 mins) ● Gam Awungshi Shimray Asia Indigenous Peoples’ Pact, India, South Asia, Indigenous Peoples (7 mins)
11.00 – 11.30	Tea Break
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Interactive Presentation and Gallery Walk</p> <p>Plenary 2. What is SDGs, the Politics Behind It, and The Relevance to Our Lives.</p>

	<p>Focusing not only on the process, but the context and politics behind it. What are the structures and where are we now? What other processes feed into it? Mapping on different arms of SDGs – global, regional, sub-regional, national for the implementation and monitoring and review; and the linkages of different processes.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Joan Carling Tebtebba, Indigenous Peoples Major Group, Philippines, South East Asia, Indigenous Peoples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Setting the Stage: Why Peoples’ Movements engage with SDGs Joan Carling Tebtebba, Indigenous Peoples Major Group, Philippines, South East Asia, Indigenous Peoples (8 mins) ● Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and High Level Political Forum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What to expect at APFSD 2018 and its linkages to HLPF Katinka Weinberger, UNESCAP (8 mins) ○ High Level Political Forum 2018 and Modalities of Engagement Emily Hosek, UNDESA (8 mins) ● Road to UNEA-4: UNEA-4 Themes and Its’ Linkages to 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subrata Sinha UN Environment Regional Office Asia and Pacific (8 mins) ○ April Porteria CSO Regional Representative for Asia and Pacific (8 mins) <p>Discussion -- 20 minutes</p> <p>Instruction to Gallery Walk: <i>Aaron Ceradoy</i> <i>Asia Pacific Mission on Migrant, Migrant Constituency Focal Point</i> (5 minutes)</p>
12.30 – 13.30	<p>Lunch Break Gallery Walk</p>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Plenary 3. Means of Implementation</p> <p>Talk Show</p> <p>The 2030 Agenda and the Financing for Development frameworks point to financial and non-financial policy issues such as finance (including taxation, ODA), international trade, technology, data, and issues of global economic governance (including policy space and policy coherence) as key Means of Implementation (MOI is discussed under Goal 17 and under each goal) for delivering the SDGs. Appropriate policy instruments will help meet the SDG targets, but more importantly, the absence of the correct policy framework will actually</p>

	<p>act as a barrier to sustainable development. Moreover, these policies are not operating in a vacuum but under specific economic-political-social structures of capitalism, patriarchy, feudalism, militarism and conflict situations, as well as under global power structures such as colonisation and historical north-south relations.</p> <p>This discussion will tackle updates on MOI, including science, technology and innovation, financing for development, and partnerships and how they are impacting the implementation of the A2030 (with focus on the HLPF themes) in the region.</p> <p>Facilitator: Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, co-chair of APRCEM & Julius Cainglet, Federation of Free Workers/ITUC AP, Trade Union and Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of the MOI discussion: the setting of global governance framework including trade and mega-FTA agreement and how they are impacting the implementation of 2030 Agenda Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, NGO Constituency focal point and co-chair of APRCEM (10 mins) ● Unpacking Partnerships in the Implementation of 2030 Agenda Kate Lappin, Public Service International ● Science, technology and Innovation and the implementation of 2030 Agenda Neth Dano, Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group) ● Official Development Assistance and the implementation of 2030 Agenda Yodhim Dela Rosa, Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific ● Taxation and Illicit Financial Flows Titi Soentoro, Aksi for Gender, Social and Ecological Justice
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Instruction to the Breakout Groups</p> <p>Break</p>
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Peoples’ Workshop 1.0: Systemic Issues</p> <p><i>This session aims to delve into the systemic issues in 6 parallel workshops. We call for workshops on topics that explore the role of systemic issues not in isolation, but a) as interlinked with each other; b) preferably explore the role of broader political-economic-social context(s); and c) preferably with links to multiple SDGs, especially the 2018 HLPF Goals (Goal 6, 7, 11, 12, and 15).</i></p> <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What is the central issue/theme to be discussed and what are the linkages with SDGs and the HLPF 2018 goals?</i>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How is it linked to key systemic issues? 3. What is the political-economic-social context(s) and does that change the way the systemic issues work? 4. Because of the systemic issues highlighted in this workshop, what is the impact on sustainable development and human rights? 5. What are the key messages and recommendations? 	
	<p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>Peoples' Rights and Trade: Mega-FTAs and the Agenda 2030</p> <p><i>People over Profit and Asia Pacific Research Network</i></p>	<p>Workshop 2:</p> <p>2030 Agenda: A Global Tool to Secure Territorial Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities</p> <p><i>Indigenous Peoples Constituency, Women Constituency, Fisherfolk Constituency, International Land Coalition (ILC) Asia - members of Commitment 5 "Secure Territorial Rights for Indigenous Peoples"</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 3:</p> <p>Connecting the Dots - Linking Sexual and Reproductive Justice with the Achievement of Sustainable and Resilient Societies</p> <p><i>APA, with IPPF Saro, WGNRR, ARROW, and APCOM</i></p>	<p>Workshop 4:</p> <p>Technology Assessment Platform in Asia-Pacific: Integrating Technology Justice in the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><i>Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group), Science and Technology Constituency</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 5:</p> <p>Inclusive Policymaking: The role of academia in supporting civil society to address systemic issues</p> <p><i>Chulalongkorn University & Thailand HLPF Alliance</i></p>	<p>Workshop 6:</p> <p>Open Forum</p>

8.30 – 9.00	<p>Reflection Day 1 Video</p>
9:00-10:45	<p>Plenary 4. Achieving Development Justice within Planetary Boundaries (Davos Style)</p> <p>Towards UNEA-4 and Unpacking the Cluster Goals</p> <p><i>This panel session with UNEP representatives and CSOs will explore how environment is integrated with the two other pillars of sustainable development and in the implementation of the SDGs, particularly the six cluster goals. UNEP will present UNEA-4 priorities followed by inputs from CSOs on UNEA-4 themes and CSOs’ perspectives on achieving environmental justice in the context of sustainable development.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: April Porteria Center for Environmental Concerns – providing the synthesis and linkages.</i></p> <p>Presentation from UN Environment Asia and Pacific and KAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regional Overview on the Theme of UNEA-4 Subrata Sinha, UN Environment Asia and Pacific (10 mins) ● Nurturing youthful visions of a sustainable future in Asia with focuses on SDG 7, 11 and 13 Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (10 mins) <p>Discussant from CSOs Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wali Haider Roots for Equity, Pakistan, Farmers Constituency ● Wanun Permpibul Climate Watch Thailand, NGO Constituency ● Helen Hakena Leitana Nehan Women Development Agency, People affected by conflict and disasters constituency ● Gomer Padong I Philippines Social Enterprise Network, Social & Community Enterprise Constituency (8) ● Sulistri I KSBSI, trade union and workers constituency
10:45 – 11.15	<p>Instruction to Peoples’ Workshops Coffee Break</p>
	<p>Peoples’ Workshop 2.0 Peoples Priorities for Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>This workshop will consist of six parallel workshops, each focusing on a particular SDG among those to be reported on at HLPF 2018 (SDG 6, SDG 7, SDG 11, SDG 12 and SDG 15). One workshop will be dedicated to the ‘interlinkages between the goals’. The workshops should discuss and identify (i) key challenges to progress on the goal in question; (ii)</i></p>

<p>11:15 – 13:15</p>	<p><i>potential good practices and ways forward; (iii) identify linkages with the Development Justice Framework.</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are systemic barriers to progress on the goal in question? 2. Why is progress lacking and what can be done about it? 3. What are needs to progress? 4. What are specific roles for CSOs in advancing the SDG in question? 5. What are the key messages and recommendations? 	
	<p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>Can people's everyday actions take cities towards inclusive and sustainable human settlements? : locally found small ways to achieve SDG 11</p> <p><i>Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA)</i></p>	<p>Workshop 2:</p> <p>Achieving the SDGs through Integrated Ecosystem Management: Building on synergies across Gender issues, Water, Land and Biodiversity</p> <p><i>Gender Water Alliance, Global Forest Coalition, Krisoker Sor (Farmers' Voice)</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 3.</p> <p>Just and Equitable Transition for Sustainable Development Goals: a new, gender-just, economic, political and social relationships in the world free from climate change</p> <p><i>Climate Watch Thailand, APWLD, Green South Foundation, Thepa-Pattani Citizens Networks</i></p>	<p>Workshop 4.</p> <p>Tapping the potential of social solidarity economy in ensuring inclusive economy development in cities (SDG 11) and among forest based communities (SDG15)</p> <p><i>Asian Solidarity Economy Council, Home-net Thailand, Malaysian CSO-SDG Alliance, Bina Swadaya, Indonesia Ripess Philippines</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 5</p> <p>Inclusion of Dalits and other Excluded Communities in Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>Workshop 6:</p> <p>The Interlinkages Between the Goals: How community vulnerabilities translate into enterprise-led solutions to transform our world'</p>

	<p><i>Asia Dalit Right Forum, Nagorik Uddyog (Bangladesh), Human Development Organisation (Sri Lanka), Samata Foundation, Dalit NGO Federation (both Nepal), PILER (Pakistan), Rural Development Centre and National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (both India)</i></p>	<p><i>SDG TransLab, Yunus Center AIT, Global Sustainability Solutions, Center for Environment and Development</i></p>
<p>13:15 – 14:15</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14.15 – 15.45</p>	<p>Plenary 5. Accountability and Monitoring of 2030 Agenda Townhall Meeting</p> <p><i>Accountability and monitoring are key elements for ensuring that progress is made and recorded towards a sustainable and equitable society, and for fulfilling the commitments governments have made with Agenda 2030. The session will discuss on the issue and current status of accountability and monitoring - including in relation with HLPF, APFSD and VNR processes.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator : Nurgul Djanaeva, Forum of Women’s NGO Kyrgyzstan and Jiten Yumnan, CRAM, Indigenous Peoples Constituency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bringing back accountability: from local, national, regional to global Misun Woo, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (10 mins) ● Indigenous Navigator: making States accountable for realization of human rights standards and instruments Pallab Chakma, Kapaeeng Foundation, Indigenous Peoples Constituency (10 mins) ● Showcasing the Sri Lanka Case Uchita De Zoysa, Centre for Environment and Development (CED) (10 mins) <p>Discussion by representative from VNR countries (5 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denise K.H Yoon Korean Civil Society Network of SDGs ● Denison Jayasooria Malaysia CSO SDGs Alliance ● Urna Gambosuren CHRD, Mongolia ● Chalida Tajaroensuek Thailand HLPF Alliance ● Ryuta Maekawa Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs (SDGs Japan) ● Toan Tran Center for Sustainable Rural Development, Vietnam ● Chanhsy National Institute of Economic Research, Laos ● Sonam Gyamtsho Disabled Person’s Association of Bhutan ● Dianne Lockwood Soroptomist International of the Southwest Pacific, Australia <p>Open Forum - 10 minutes</p>	
<p>3.45 - 4.00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	

<p>16:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Peoples’ Workshop 3.0 - Accountability to the Peoples’</p> <p><i>This workshop will unpack the issue of accountability to (i) encourage mutual sharing and learning of experiences from organizations and constituencies across the region; (ii) enhance capacity of civil society participants on how accountability can be improved at the local, national and regional levels; and (iii) provide space for dialogue and formulate joint positions and messages for the APFSD, HLPF, Ministerial Summit on Environment, UNEA-4, International Labor Conference, and other processes.</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are CSO experiences with consultations on data collection & verification by governments and other processes?</i> 2. <i>How can Voluntary National Reporting (VNR) processes be improved?</i> 3. <i>What are CSO roles in monitoring, reporting and accountability?</i> 4. <i>What are barriers to CSOs’ involvement in accountability and monitoring activities and how can we overcome them?</i> 5. <i>What are the key messages and recommendations?</i> 	
	<p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>Peoples’ Driven Accountability Methods</p> <p><i>APWLD, The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)</i></p>	<p>Workshop 2:</p> <p>2030 Agenda: New Processes and Forms Accountability: challenges and opportunities</p> <p><i>Forum of Women’s NGO Kyrgyzstan, Asia Pacific Women Watch, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 3.</p> <p><i>Safe, Informed and Inclusive: Achieving Universal Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Age of SDGs</i></p> <p><i>The Asia Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)</i></p>	<p>Workshop 4.</p> <p>Probing the state of Sustainable Development in the context of Conflict and Militarism in Asia-Pacific</p> <p><i>Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness</i></p>

	<p>Workshop 5</p> <p>Opportunities for CSOs in the development of regions</p> <p>Nash Vek</p>	<p>Workshop 6:</p> <p><i>Localising Accountability Mechanism in the Era of 2030 Agenda.</i></p> <p><i>Chulalongkorn University and Thailand HLPF Alliance</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>The VNR Dialogue</i></p>
18:30 – end	Solidarity Event	
March 27 Day 3		
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Plenary 6. The Power of Peoples’ Movements</p> <p>This panel aims to illustrate the power of peoples’ movements all around Asia and Pacific - the resilience, innovation that grassroots communities and movements across the region demonstrated for development justice and sustainable development. The keywords for this panel are “Hope” and “Action”, that structural change can only happen when movements have the means to strive (and show the evidences of our wins). This panel will also aims to share various context, framework, strategies and approaches from different movements in Asia and Pacific. The interactive panel will also include UN agencies (UNESCAP, UNDP, UNEP, ILO, etc) as discussants on how the UN respond to the need of grassroots communities and social movements.</p> <p>Moderator: Wali Haider Roots for Equity and Deepak Nikarthil Asia Dalit Rights Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Omar Syarif GNP+, People living with and affected by HIV ● Michael Beltran Kadamay, Urban Poor Constituency ● Sulique Waqa Haus of Khameleon, LGBTIQ ● Abia Akram STEP, APWWDU, Persons with Disability ● Budi Laksana Serikat Nelayan Indonesia, Fisherfolks ● Martha Magdalena Patty AMAN Maluku, Indigenous Peoples Constituency ● Aaron Ceradoy Asia Pacific Mission on Migrant, Migrant Constituency Focal Point <p>Responses by the UN:</p> <p>1) What can regional organisations like the UN help address shrinking engagement spaces in</p>	

	<p>some countries in the region? 2) How does RCM or other UN coordination mechanism approach civil society engagement?</p>	
<p>10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Instruction for Parallel Workshops/Side Events – The Power of Peoples’ Movements</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>11:15 – 13:15</p>	<p>Peoples’ Workshop 3.0 – Power of Peoples’ Movement</p> <p><i>In this parallel workshop aim to build solidarity across vibrant peoples’ movements. We will share strategies, stories, movements and fights that may take diverse forms around the Asia-Pacific and across different constituencies and build on our strengths to continue to push the boundaries of our thinking and action, identifying emerging areas for alliance building, collaboration, mobilization and advocacy for development justice and sustainable development. The workshops can be done in interactive panels/participatory methods that introduce different people’s campaigns/initiatives organized by constituencies on various topics, such as trade, HIV/AIDS, just and equitable transitions, feminist fossil fuel free future, energy democracy, or others. It can also function as a knowledge sharing or skill building session that shares innovative tools for movement building and advocacy.</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How these campaigns/movements link with sustainable development?</i> 2. <i>How these campaigns and movements can link with each other?</i> 3. <i>What are the new trends of movement building? What are the challenges?</i> 4. <i>What are the effective strategies and opportunities/momentum for movement and alliance building, if any?</i> 5. <i>What are the key messages and recommendations?</i> 	
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13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break	
13:15 - 16:15	<p>Plenary 7. Building our Collective Strategy</p> <p><i>This session will discuss the long-term strategy work to strengthen the capacity of Asia Pacific CSOs' – particularly grassroots and peoples' movement – to understand sustainable development as a comprehensive whole with strong inter-linkages across its various dimensions and components, to monitor the implementation of 2030 Agenda and other relevant processes, as well as to shape CSOs engagement with the UN systems across the region in national regional and international forum.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Malu Marin Coalition of Asia-Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS (7 Sisters)</i></p> <p><i>This session will give space to CSOs to share on the possible collaborative works</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic working group meetings - SRHR, Trade and Investment, Environment Macroeconomic Policy, Land, Energy, Accountability - 1 hour • Constituency Meetings – 1 hour • Putting it all together - Debriefing – 1 hour 	
16:15 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 18.00	<p>Session 10. Dot-mo-traffic-crazy</p> <p>Look into the key messages + group discussion</p>	
18.00 – 18.30	<p>Session 11. Strategising for APFSD</p>	
18:30 – 18.45	Closing Remarks:	

- Assistant Professor Dr.Pirongrong Ramasoota |Vice President for Social Outreach and Global Engagement, Chulalongkorn University
- Thailand HLPF Alliance
- Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism

List of Workshops

Peoples' Workshop 1.0: Systemic Issues

1.1. Peoples' Rights and Trade: Mega-FTAs and the Agenda 2030

organised by: People over Profit, Asia Pacific Research Network

The SDG 17 of the UN A2030 acknowledges the need for global cooperation, including on trade, to achieve sustainable development. However, new mega-FTAs being negotiated are oriented not according to sustainable development but big businesses' interest for markets and profit. The workshop will look into how the existing trade framework in the region impacts peoples' rights and surface recommendations for advancing SDGs through people-centered trade and development agenda.

1.2. 2030 Agenda: A Global Tool to Secure Territorial Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Organised by: Indigenous Peoples Constituency, Women Constituency, Fisherfolk Constituency, International Land Coalition (ILC) Asia - members of Commitment 5 "Secure Territorial Rights for Indigenous Peoples"

This workshop brings together ILC-CBI 5 members, Indigenous Peoples, Fisherfolk and Women constituencies to talk about current development system, its impacts to their territories and threats to the survival of marginalized and discriminated groups in the Asian region. The discussion will include efforts and initiatives of the groups to overcome the challenges and alternative they have to strive towards sustainable development.

1.3. Connecting the Dots - Linking Sexual and Reproductive Justice with the Achievement of Sustainable and Resilient Societies

Organised by: APA, with IPPF Saro, WGNRR, ARROW, and APCOM

This workshop will build on the synergies between the different sustainable development regional processes and explore how an intersectional approach can deepen and strengthen accountability and empower the diverse constituencies of AP-RCEM. In order to achieve sustainable and resilient societies, critical barriers such as stigma, discrimination, violence and inequality must be eliminated. As it cuts across all areas of sustainable development, the realization of SRHR for all is critical to the overall success of Agenda 2030.

1.4. Technology Assessment Platform in Asia-Pacific: Integrating Technology Justice in the 2030 Agenda

Organised by: Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group), Science and Technology Constituency

Technology Assessment Platform (TAP) is a critical mechanism for communities and civil society to advance Technology Justice by interrogating solutions to development challenges, assessing impacts of technologies

and promoting participation in decisions on technology development and deployment. Advancing Technology Justice through TAPs can help overcome systemic barriers to achieving community resilience and sustainable societies such as corporate control, labor dislocation and marginalization of community innovations associated with the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The Workshop will allow participants to experience TAP by scrutinizing key technological solutions to the challenges in food, agriculture and nutrition in the region.

1.5. Inclusive Policy Making: The role of academes in supporting civil societies in addressing systemic issues.

Organised by: Center for Peace and Conflict Studies - Chulalongkorn University, Thailand HLPF Alliance.

The workshop will invite different academic institutions and civil society to discuss about the role of the academes in the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda, and to identify best practices and approach on how academic institutions able to support civil societies to ensure inclusive policy making and addressing systemic issues.

Peoples' Workshop 2.0. Peoples' Priorities on Sustainable Development

2.1. Can people's everyday actions take cities towards inclusive and sustainable human settlements? : locally found small ways to achieve SDG 11

Organised by: Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA)

This workshop introduces the relationship between existing everyday practices commonly found among ordinary citizens and how SDGs can build on these if the lens of promoters of sustainability can be turned onto everyday operations of the city. The participants will be asked to share their ground level experience on how citizens knowingly and unknowingly take part in building inclusive human settlements.

2.2. Achieving the SDGs through Integrated Ecosystem Management: Building on synergies across gender issues, water, land and biodiversity

Organised by: Gender Water Alliance, Global Forest Coalition, Krisoker Sor (Farmers' Voice)

2.3. Just and Equitable Transition for Sustainable Development Goals: a new, gender-just, economic, political and social relationships in the world free from climate change

Organised by: Climate Watch Thailand, APWLD, Green South Foundation, Thepa-Pattani Citizens Networks

Climate change poses the largest threat to human rights and human existence. To address it, we need to profoundly and radically transform our neoliberal model of development that has framed the global economic and political order in the last three decades. We want to hear ideas on how can energy transition be implemented in a just and equitable manner? What elements are required to build a Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future? Where have you seen shifts that both prevent or address climate change and deliver more gender equitable power in the region? - How do we converge spaces to co-create and collaborate for a sustainable and resilient economy?

2.4. Tapping the potential of social solidarity economy in ensuring inclusive economy development in cities (SDG 11) and among forest based communities (SDG15)

Organised by: Asian Solidarity Economy Council, Home-net Thailand, Malaysian CSO-SDG Alliance, Bina Swadaya, Indonesia Ripess Philippines

The SDGs provides a holistic approach to development planning drawing a balance between economic growth, social development agenda for the people and environmental sustainability. In addition, we recognize how imperative it is to adopt a human rights approach to development in cities (SDG 11) and the very interior -where forest based communities reside. (SDG15). In this workshop the partners from ASEC - Asian Solidarity Economy Council will highlight the changing policy environment in four ASEAN countries - Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia - as well as illustrate innovative practices.

2.5. Inclusion of Dalits and other Excluded Communities in Sustainable Development Goals.

Organised by: Asia Dalit Right Forum, Nagorik Uddyog (Bangladesh), Human Development Organisation (Sri Lanka), Samata Foundation, Dalit NGO Federation (both Nepal), PILER (Pakistan), Rural Development Centre and National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (both India)

'Leave No One Behind' in the preamble of the Sustainable Development Goals document ensures that everyone including the most marginalized communities would be effectively included in the development. This however has been diluted throughout the process of progress of the SDG agenda, where communities who are structurally and systemically excluded have failed to be addressed in the national, regional and international level. One of the most vulnerable communities is caste and descent based discriminated groups, including the Dalits (South and South-East Asia), Burakumin (Japan) and Al Akhdam (Yemen). These communities have faced intergenerational exclusion in and have been prone to violence and lack of access to justice and development. This Workshop aims at addressing issues of 215 million people in Asia as well as all the similarly discriminated communities and their intersectionalities to have effective and dynamic inclusion and participation in this holistic developmental model.

2.6. The Interlinkages Between the Goals: How community vulnerabilities translate into enterprise-led solutions to transform our world'

Organised by: SDG TransLab, Yunus Center AIT, Global Sustainability Solutions, Center for Environment and Development

The SDG TransLab, an action-research laboratory for enterprise-led solutions to achieve the SDGs, looks to provide to CSO partners a session that brings the scientific analysis of the systems of sustainable development down to a level that is usable and valuable to the realities on the ground. This workshop aims to analyse the indivisible whole of the SDGs and impress the inter-relations between communities,

vulnerabilities and SDG targets and the potential of CSO's to foster enterprises that can transcend traditional demarcations, enterprises that have the potential to bring transformation.

Peoples' Workshop 3.0. Accountability to the Peoples'

3.1. Peoples' Driven Accountability Methods

Organised by: APWLD, The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)

States have recognised the systemic causes of human rights violations and erosion of sustainable development, they have reiterated their promises to fulfil their human rights obligations. However, inequalities within and among countries, between men and women, and between rich and poor are ever more deepening and an overall backlash against human rights in the world and the global climate catastrophe leaves narrower space to hold states accountable. This workshop will share and facilitate exchange amongst participants on the different methodologies and approaches by which communities have held their governments and other institutions accountable. Some of the examples shared will include the Indigenous Navigator Initiative, Feminist Participatory Action Research and Participatory Action Research that has been carried out by various organizations locally, nationally and regionally.

3.2. 2030 Agenda: New Processes and Forms Accountability: challenges and opportunities

Organised by: Forum of Women's NGO Kyrgyzstan

One of biggest challenge in development is lack of accountability of States, Parliaments, aid providers. Sustainable development requires effective level of accountability and it is necessary to strengthen role of CSOs. Role of civil society organizations is strengthened if CSOs are invited to design reporting mechanism with political, technical and financial indicators on implementation of human rights-based approaches at all levels of development and development finance assistance. This workshop is aimed to exchange of ideas and best practices; discussion and development of recommendations on joint actions and follow up and to strengthen accountability and discussion of Accountability on institutionalized participation of civil society organizations.

3.3. Safe, Informed and Inclusive: Achieving Universal Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Age of SDGs

Organised by: The Asia Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) is a basic human need and right, and conversations around SRHR and its critical intersections are vital. This workshop aims to unpack SDG 3 and SDG 5 in relation to young people and women's SRHR. We will also examine trends and gaps with regards to reporting on the implementation status

and specific targets around SRHR. The workshop will be concluded with key recommendations in terms of improving the review and monitoring mechanisms for SDG 3 and 5.

3.4. Probing the state of Sustainable Development in the context of Conflict and Militarism in Asia-Pacific

Organised by: Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness

This workshop seeks to critically examine donor's changing aid allocation and accountability in the context of development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific. It will assess how their decreasing ODA commitments vis-a-vis their increasing military aid further aggravate the living conditions of poor countries as well as hinder the aspirations of the sustainable development goals. It will develop CSO advocacy and key messages in regard to monitoring conflict and militarism towards an effective and accountable development cooperation in the region.

3.5. Opportunities for CSOs in the development of regions

Organised by: Nash Vek Public Foundation with NGO's of Central Asian sub-region

Opportunities for CSOs in the development of regions. Your region does not develop as you would like it to be? Do you have ideas and want to be useful to your country, region, world? At the workshop "Opportunities for CSOs in the development of regions" together we will develop ways to sustainable development of the regions. You have the opportunity to make your contribution now. Let's see the picture of the future together.

3.6. Localising Accountability Mechanism in the Era of 2030 Agenda

Organised by: Chulalongkorn University and Thailand HLPF Alliance

Peoples' Workshop 4.0. Power of Peoples' Movement

4.1. Defending People's Environmental Rights in Asia Pacific: A workshop on the state of environment defenders in the region

Organised by: Center for Environmental Concerns, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Indigenous People's Movement on Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL), Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment

This workshop on the state of environmental defenders in Asia Pacific in time for the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and with UN Environment's new policy on environmental defenders, is a much needed interface among human rights and environmental groups in the region to consolidate and unite on solidarity activities and campaigns that could help raise further the issue in international spaces and engagements, and towards attaining an enabling environment in the region built on genuine democracy and social justice.

4.2. Sustainable Cities and Communities grounded in Development Justice: Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Movements in the Asia Pacific

Organised by: Network of persons with Disability Organizations (NPdO), Asia Pacific Women with Disabilities United (APWWDU)

This is a workshop organised by PWD movements invested and committed to the growing movement of development justice. The workshop focuses on SDG Goal 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities and grounding these in basic provisions of the CRPD. It engages participants to look into how their countries are faring in terms of achieving this goal while being inclusive and mindful of the needs, realities and rights of persons with disabilities and in particular for women and children with disabilities. It maps out enabling or challenging practices at the national, regional and global levels. It shares recommendations based on concepts of inclusion, gender analysis, universal design and accessibility as basic principles and guide posts by the PWD movement in shaping sustainable cities. All of these contribute towards PWDs genuine inclusion, meaningful participation and living independently and fully.

4.3. Strategies for Communicating Our Movements Effectively

Organised by: APWLD, Communication Working Group of APRCEM

This workshop aims to build capacity of grassroots movements, civil society organisations and human rights defenders to bridge the gap between movements and issues they work on and media advocacy. The workshop will teach them tactics for strategic media advocacy, pitching news stories, making journalists allies, using social media and creating media campaigns to amplify their voice and agenda.

4.4. The Poor are Powerful: Understanding the Occupations of Idle Homes by the Homeless and Bridging Solidarity

Organised by: KADAMAY, People over Profit, APRN

A workshop to introduce and dissect the recent historic occupation of idle homes led by Kadamay in the Philippines. An organized and large-scale occupation that brought to the surface systemic problems in housing and government services. The movement brings about new questions, and horizons to addressing the struggle for adequate shelter. Globally, the phenomenon of idle homes and structures is spreading. Grassroots movements must come together to collectively address this trend and mobilize the people accordingly.