



ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA

**ACROSS GLOBAL, (SUB)REGIONAL, AND
NATIONAL LEVELS**

Preparatory meeting for the 5th APFSD

Apia, Samoa 1-2 November 2017

National level: Voluntary National Reviews

3 TIERS

NATIONAL

REGIONAL

GLOBAL

VNRs

- link the national and global
- are voluntary and state-led
- outline progress, share successes and challenges

PROCESS

Subregional preparatory meetings

March: Regional preparatory meetings & DESA workshops

May: Main country messages

Final reports

July: HLPF

2017 43 countries, 11 from Asia-Pacific

2018 Armenia, Australia, Bhutan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

Global level: The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

- **Global platform** for follow-up and review of the SDGs
- **Reporting structure**
 - Senior officials segment (5 days) – included a regional dimension session
 - Thematic review of progress: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
 - In-depth review of a cluster of goals: Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14
 - Ministerial segment (3 days) – included a session with RFSD Chairs
 - Voluntary National Reviews
- **2017 Highlight of discussions**
 - **PROGRESS:** National governments are strongly committed; SDGs are being internalized into strategies and planning processes;
 - **CHALLENGES REMAIN:** hunger and malnutrition; environmental stressors; widening inequality;
 - **SIMILARITIES IN VNR REPORTING:** enhance stakeholder engagement, leveraging of public and private resources; address lack of official statistics, enhance monitoring systems.

Regional level: Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

FUNCTION OF THE FORUM

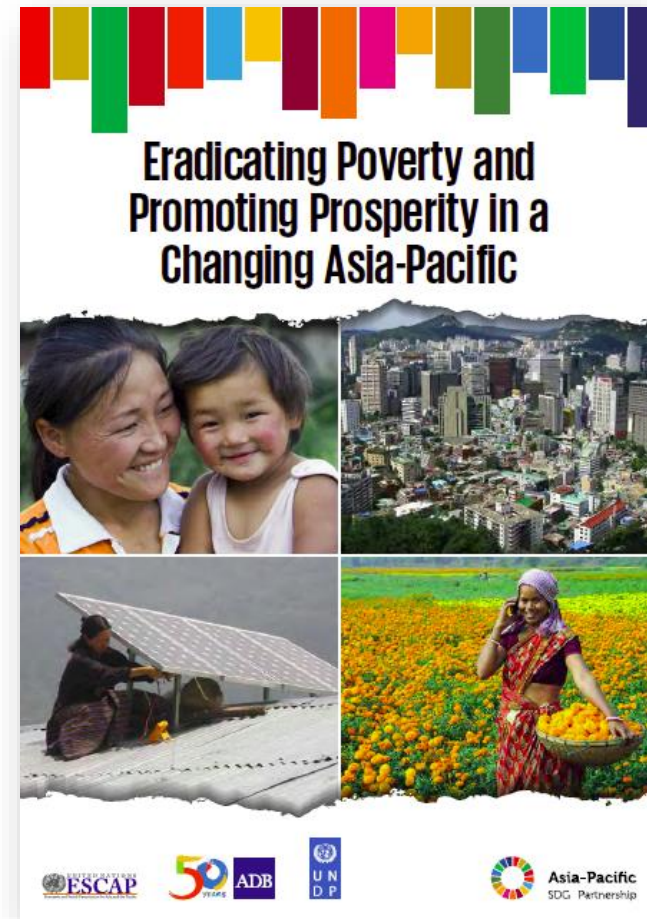
- Support preparations for the HLPF
- Support countries & enhance their capacity for implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Provide (sub)regional perspectives and advocates (sub)regional priorities; identify regional trends
 - Regional views on HLPF theme
 - Assess progress on SDGs
 - Support presentation of VNRs
- Review progress of regional road map

INCLUSIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

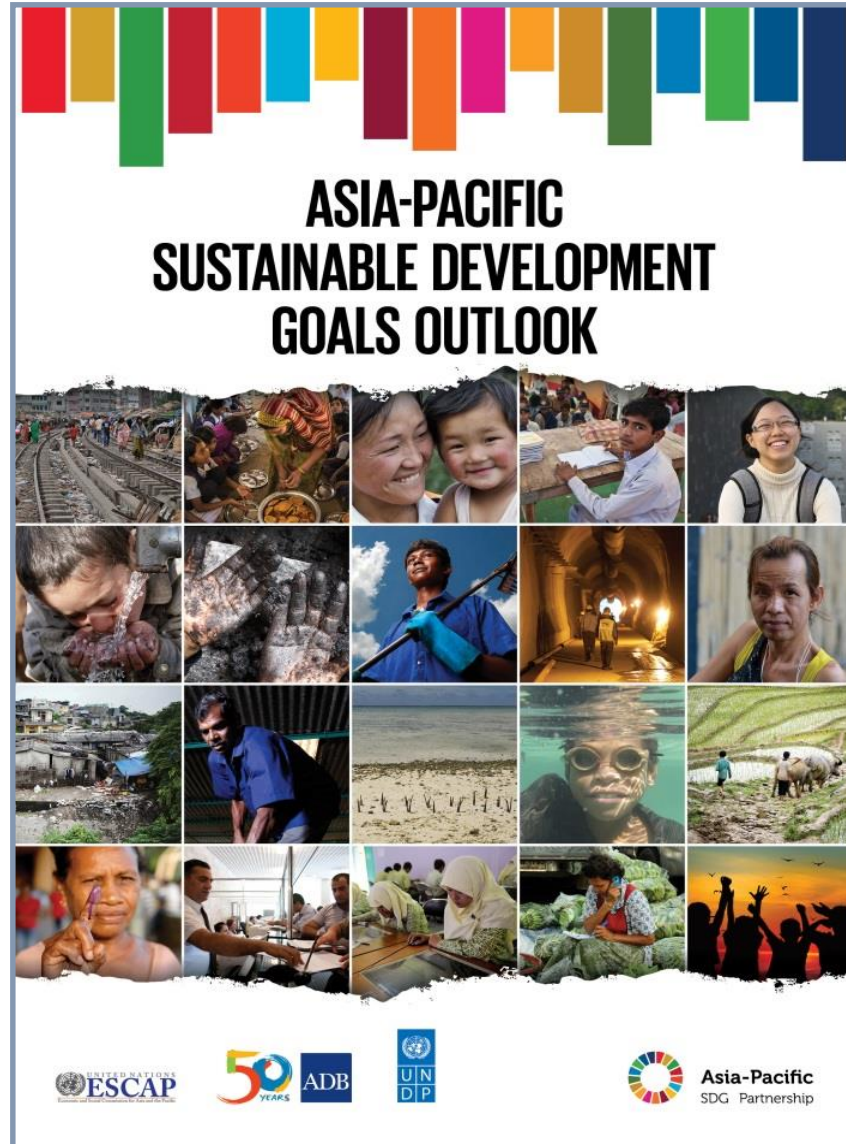
- Inter-agency support through UN RCM
- Provides space for multi-stakeholder engagement
- Considers subregional perspectives

Asia-Pacific perspectives on the 2017 HLPF theme

- **Growing risks** for the most vulnerable in the face of regional trends –rural-urban transitions; demographic change; economic integration; demand for resources;
- **Attention to the “social contract”** - Public institutions’ ability to balance and align the interests of different stakeholders - including the most vulnerable is critical
- **Structural dimensions** of poverty and marginalization to be addressed
- **Annual report**



Tracking progress of the SDGs



- Aims to develop a shared understanding of the opportunities and challenges that governments will confront
- Examines each of the 17 SDGs with a forecast analysis for achieving each one in the region
- Singles out “bright spots” and “hot spots”, provides insights about each goal and points to emerging issues
- Involved multiple-disciplinary team of 100+ experts, mainly from the partner agencies, with contributions from various UN agencies
- Not an annual report

Regional Road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific

OBJECTIVE

In line with the 2030 Agenda, the objective of the road map is to **promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development** through regional cooperation.



It will support LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, countries in conflict situations and post-conflict countries and other **countries with special needs**.



It aims to place **gender equality** and women's empowerment as a central issue of the regional policy agenda.



It recognizes that sustainable development is underpinned by peaceful and inclusive societies, addressing inequality, and by **good governance**.

A Regional Road Map for Asia and the Pacific

EXPECTATION

- strengthen regional cooperation on priority issues
- enable continued and more efficient and coordinated support
- facilitate more effective knowledge sharing

PRACTICAL MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Data and statistics
- Technology
- Finance
- Policy coherence
- North-South, South-South, international & regional partnerships

THEMATIC AREAS OF COOPERATION

WITH MULTISECTORAL IMPACTS

- Leave no one behind
- DRR & resilience
- Climate change
- Natural resource management (incl Oceans)
- Connectivity
- Energy

Sub-regional preparatory meetings for 2018 APFSD

OBJECTIVES

- Link national, sub-regional, regional and global processes
- Enhance awareness and understanding of the theme of the upcoming HLPF
- Identify ways to strengthen implementation efforts through follow up and review
- Provide sub-regional inputs
- Opportunity for peer learning

APFSD 2018

- 28-30 March 2018, Bangkok
- “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”
- 5 goals under review
- + SDG 17 (annually)



Support to VNR process

- APFSD provides opportunity for peer-learning and exchanges of experiences & best practices
 - Dedicated session on VNR
 - Workshops
 - Informal 'learning café's' on VNR process
- Targeted in-country support to VNR preparations together with other UN agencies
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Strengthening existing multi-stakeholder processes – e.g. Multi-stakeholder committees, national roundtables etc.
 - Expanding & deepening engagement in all aspects of implementation
 - Adapting quality engagement indicator sets to the national context
 - Data and statistics
 - Development of national data improvement plans
 - Templates for SDG baselines with visualizations
 - Integrated policy approaches
 - SDG integration approaches

Thank you

For information on the APFSD, road map etc. please visit:
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