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“Participatory Approaches for Resilience – Ideas and Experiences from a Meeting of Regional Partners in the Asia-Pacific”

Venue: Engagement Space, 1st floor UNCC
Date: Friday, 30 March 2018
Time: 11:30 - 12:30
Organizers: Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok and The DO School

Background

Arranged by the Embassy of Sweden in collaboration with ESCAP, a Regional Workshop gathered many organizations, governments and companies in Bangkok 26-27 March 2018, the days just before the APFSD. The regional workshop highlighted the significance of participation when building resilience, explored successful participatory models and discussed new, innovative participatory approaches for building resilience. Together, these experts and stakeholders from the region and beyond shared perspectives and experiences from their diverse sectors.

Scope

The purpose of the Annual Regional Workshop was to provide an opportunity for participants to get to know each other’s work, in order to co-create and strategize for improved and inclusive ways of working to build resilience in the region. The aim was also to support the Asia-Pacific region and countries to implement Agenda 2030 and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, through linking to the theme of the APFSD and the Regional Roadmap for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

A lot of fresh ideas, messages, experiences and proposed ways of working toward inclusive resilience were voiced during the workshop – and many of these will be shared during this Networking Session.

The regional workshop was carried out in partnership with The DO School, a global community for people, organizational and social transformation. They facilitated an interactive workshop and created visual communication pieces which will be shown in the Networking Session.

Welcome!

Key Questions
The key questions to be discussed in this networking session are:

- Decision-making which build or influence the resilience of people is often made without involvement of the people most affected - which is not sustainable. How can this be changed so that the people affected are included in the decision-making processes?
- The Regional Workshop generated ideas, messages and commitments - how to take these forward during the coming year and into the APFSD 2019?

**Tentative Programme**

*Creative Tensions* is a format for collective conversation, expressed in movement, wherein participants reveal where they stand on an issue by where they stand in the room. Guided by a moderator and provoked by experts who approach a given topic from different perspectives, *Creative Tensions* is an eye-opening, reflective, and inspiring live experience that demonstrates the value of three fundamental concepts of human centered design — empathy, curiosity, and optimism.

The session starts with the moderator offering a verbal prompt to the room, pertaining to the topic at hand, while a "tension" representing a spectrum of possible responses is projected on a wall. The participants, including the invited speakers, move to the place in the room that reflects their particular response to the prompt. Participants distribute themselves in the room from one end to the other, each according to their personal feeling of inclusion or exclusion. At that point, the moderator kicks the conversation off by asking the invited speakers to share why they are standing where they are standing, and inviting others to move if something said changes their point of view or sparks a different line of thought.

Through this innovative format, we’ll explore the ideas, messages and insights that arose from the Regional Workshop.

**Panelists/discussants**

TBD

**Moderator**

Mr Rakesh Kasturi, The DO School

**Proposed Programme**

11:30 Welcome & brief introduction to the Creative Tensions format
11:35 Moderation Session: 1
11:55 Networking break
12:10 Moderation Session: 2

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