

**First National Consultation (NC1) on
Synthesis of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) and the Sustainability Outlook (SOM)**

22-23 August 2017

Venue: Water Center, Ulaanbaatar

Objective: Review the first drafts of EPR and SOM and initiate identification of integrated policy options and leverage points for mainstreaming the SDGs into national development planning and simultaneously support implementation of international MEAs in Mongolia.

Participants: government officials from the MoET, Ministry of Finance (MoF), National Development Agency (NDA), and other key government agencies. The national consultation process engages relevant government agencies, UN-organizations, academia, NGOs, business and other stakeholders to ensure collective views and ownership of the assessment outcomes. The national consultations would also reflect on the ways to address the current commitments to internationally agreed goals from a wide spectrum of government sectoral stakeholders. About 50 participants.

Input: ToT materials and outcomes in two languages (bounded in a folder), results of RSEA, zero drafts of the RSEA, SOM chapters 1-3 and the EPR.

Expected outcome: Compiled views and inputs of national experts, stakeholders and peers to the first draft EPR and SOM provided and used for further work and the development of “Pathways document”

Consultation Methodologies: National Consultation will be an interactive workshop, utilizing the outputs of the previous ToT workshop, the draft EPR and SOM, in order to develop, in a participatory way, messages and contents of the “Pathways document” in relation achieving commitments of international MEAs and implementation of Agenda 2030. Participants will use systems thinking process and tools for identifying linkages and key high impact leverage points for policy intervention with support from impactful investment schemes.

Tentative Programme

Day 1. Overview and methodologies for Synthesis of EPR and SOM

- Welcome remarks by MoET and NDA
- Sustainable Development Vision of Mongolia (NDA)
- Overview of Mongolian Commitments to Multilateral Environmental Agreements and SDGs (Academy of Sciences)

Session 1: Overview of SOM and EPR

- S1.1 *ESCAP:* Overview of macro-economic perspectives and recent economic and social developments of Mongolia
- S1.2 *MoET and NDA:* methodologies of development of integrated EPR and SOM based on ToT recommendations. Overview of SOM Chapters 1-3 and results of perception based RSEA. Expectations: to reflect on the RSEA questions, using available data and compare perceptions vs. factual performance
- S1.3 *ECE:* Review of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) for Mongolia

Outcomes S1:

- First draft EPR and inputs to SOM to be developed after NC1 before 10 September
- Substantial contributions from all participants/peers to SOM chapters are ensured
- Insight into Mongolia's environmental performance and SD baseline (perception vs. reality)

Break at 10:30-11:00 hrs.

Session 2: Quantitative and Qualitative SDG profiling and integration of EPR and RSEA

- S2.1 Group assignment on the review the Goals and Targets, available indicators within 3MEAs and reflection on the EPR /RSEA findings (by ESCAP)
- S2.2 Group Discussions (instruction with 3 questions to follow): Participants in six groups (based on HLPF clustering of SDGs) would profile SDGs and MEAs and identify peer institutions for review processes (NSO to facilitate).
- S2.3 Group presentations and wrap up by MoET and NDA

Outcomes of S2:

- Set of Goal statements based on the targets within each goal that they feel are the most important for Mongolia to achieve its SDV 2030, and then
- Scoping the range of insights, hotspots, brightspots and emerging issues for each SDG (or cluster of SDGs (three-dimensional and based on stat data statements, up to 4 statements in each).
- Aligned respective SDG Goals with 3 MEA targets for Mongolia
- List of Institutions-Peers, ready to map SDG readiness and implementation (to meet 3 MEAs)

Lunch at 13:00-14:00 hrs.

Session 3: Formulation of SOM Statements, Tracking SDGs and Interaction Scoring

- S3.1 *ESCAP*: strategic collaboration and partnerships for SDV, SDGs, MEAs, based on EPR and RSEA. Methodologies on tracking SDG attainment from regional perspectives. SDG target interaction scoring for understanding relationships and trade-offs. Intro of scenario-building process.
- S3.2 *Group Assignment to*: (a) leverage policy entry points, (b) respective scenario-building process for identification of the high impactful policy levers (adding scoring technique), (c) Finalize crafting four draft goal statements of SDGs to achieve SDV and 3 MEAs in selected thematic priorities, using integrated policy framework.
- S3.3 Group presentations by 6 Rapporteurs and submission of worksheets to MoET

Break 16:00-16:30 hrs.

- S3.4 Summary of recommendations on SDGs tracking methodology, policy levers for 3 MEAs in 4 thematic priorities, roadmap for scenarios (inputs to Sessions 5-8)

S3.5 Wrap-up by MoET and NDA

Outcomes of S3:

- Identify potential tradeoff and insights into mitigating potential negative impacts and unintended consequences of goal implementation and achievement (somewhere else)
- Recommendations for scoping the Leverage Points for each SDG in alignment of each of 3MEAs.

Day 2. Implementation of 3 MEAs with an integrated policy framework through inter-sectoral collaboration for SDG readiness

Session 4: Planning next steps for implementation of 3 MEAs to ensure SDG-readiness, scenario-building

S4.1 Visualizing and operationalizing the four integrated policy frameworks, using effective tools, such as: impact investment, databases and remote sensing tools, etc. (by NDA and ICT and Remote Sensing Center)

S4.2 Group Work following the worksheets

Outcomes of S4: Strategies and list of integrated policies for means of implementation of each MEA

Break at 10:30-11:00 hrs.

Session 5: Ctd. Scenario building and Institutional Arrangements

S 5.1 Ctd. Group Work on institutional set up and strategies

S5.2 Ctd. Group Work to map out institutional strategies (pathways/roadmaps) to support SDG implementation and achievement of SDV 2030

Lunch 13:00-14:00 hrs.

S5.3 Group presentations from Session 4 and 5

Outcomes S5: Recommended strategies for aligning with institutional mandates to implement integrated policies for 3 MEAs implementation and for SDG-readiness

Session 6: Systems Mapping of Leveraging Policies for Elicited Themes of Cross-Sectoral Intervention

S6.1 Group work: advancing the sector based system mapping using integrated thematic priorities at the practical level

S6.2 Group Work: to overview the linkages with cross-cutting environmental and economic perspectives,

S6.3 Group presentation

Outcomes S5: Sector-based systems maps that lay foundation for analytical presentation of SOM Chapters 3 and 4

Break 16:00-16:30 hrs.

Session 7: Synthesis of EPR, RSEA and SOM and the way forward for Pathways

S7.1 Wrap up on outlines/contents of the second draft SOM, EPR, Pathways

S7.2 Wrap up on process and the work plan for national peers to complete SOM development

Outcomes S7: Timeline and list of contributors and peers to SOM

Session 8: Wrap up of NC by MoET and NDA, ESCAP and ECE. Closing