



# UN ESCAP Embassy of Sweden

Second Regional Workshop  
Empowering People for a Sustainable Future

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## Introduction and objectives:

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## *Why are we collaborating?*

provide **EVIDENCE**  
on impacts and  
value of  
participation

develop a  
**SHARED  
UNDERSTANDING**  
on the gaps and  
priorities for  
improving  
participation

strengthen  
**REGIONAL  
DIALOGUE** as a  
basis for regional  
cooperation on  
public  
participation



# Participation

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*The freedom to **participate in political activity, community life, to access public resources and services and to contribute to decisions that impact an individual***



# Empowerment

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*An expansion of freedom of choice and action, increasing control of  
resources  
and decisions that affect one's life*

# Objectives

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- Identify evidence on how participation can contribute to sustainable development.
- Develop a shared understanding on the impact and added value of participation, and how it can support the implementation of the SDGs.
- Discuss the role of regional cooperation in creating an enabling environment for participation.



# Programme

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Keynote speech on **the role of participation to achieve the Agenda 2030.**

Talk show will discuss different perspectives on the **role played by participatory processes in creating a sustainable future.**

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words to action**

Inspiring change  
through  
participation

Deep dive  
discussion

DAY 2

Empowering  
people for a  
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Knowledge into  
action: The ten  
year challenge to  
save the planet

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**Session on Regional cases of successful participation.**  
The Embassy and ESCAP will introduce **the preliminary findings of their recent study on the topic of participation**, followed by three presentations on regional initiatives illustrating **stories from the field**

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**Fishbowl discussion:** an opportunity for each of us to share our perspectives and discuss the importance of participation through four parallel groups discussing the **2030 Agenda, LNOB, Strategies and Dimensions, and interconnections with SDGs**

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Participatory exercises followed by a  
Keynote speech on **Empowering People for a  
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What would you do if you had 10 years to avoid catastrophic environmental scenarios? Group discussions will try to come up with **actionable recommendations to address some of the most urgent emerging issues related to SDGs 2, 6, 13, and 15, in the context of other goals related to gender, inequality, and peace & justice.**

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