

# Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme 2019

“Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

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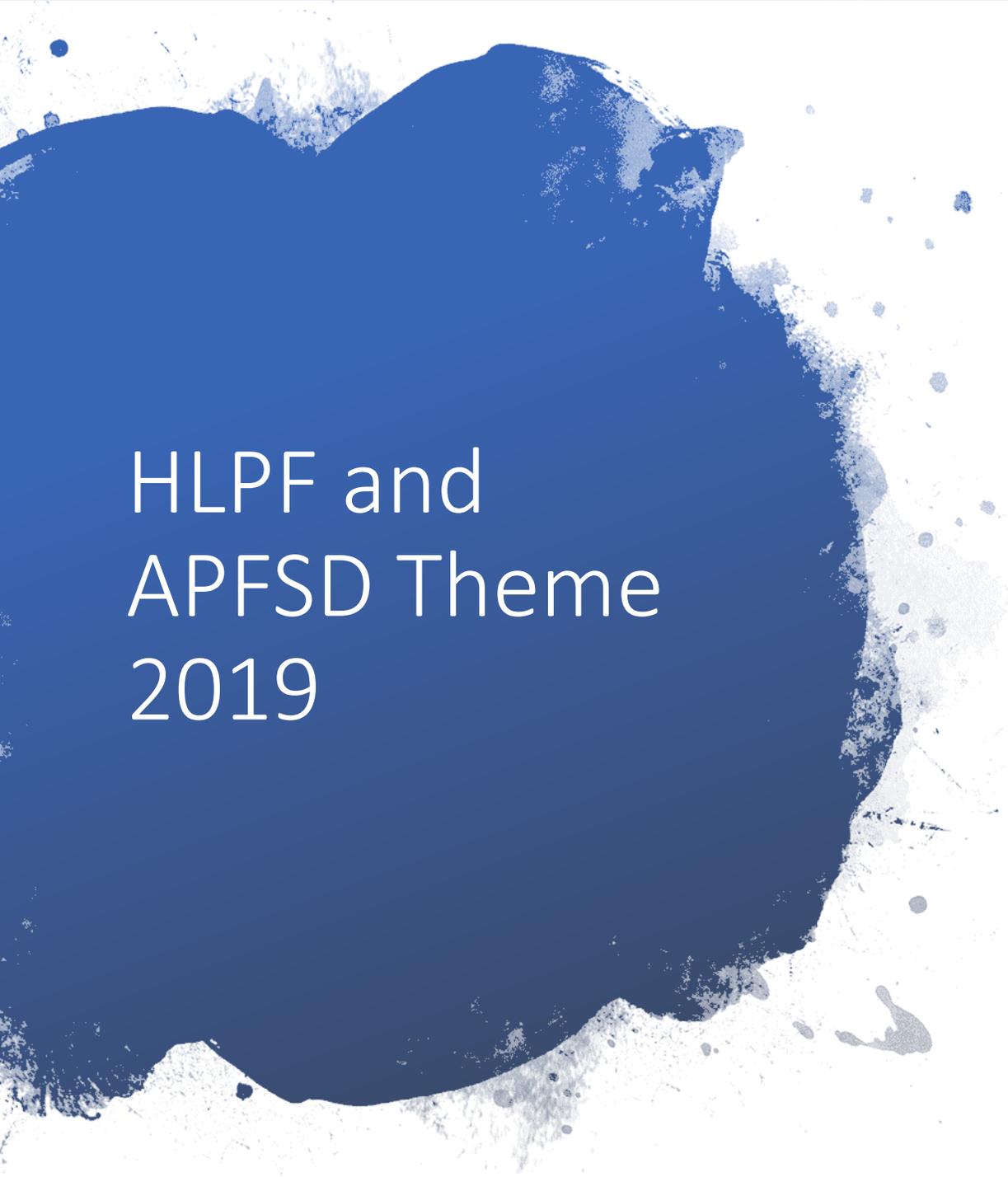


**Transformation towards  
sustainable and resilient societies  
in Asia and the Pacific**



# Regional theme report 2018

- Produced by the Asia-Pacific SDG partnership (ESSCAP, ADB and UNDP)
- discusses the complex landscape of risks and resilience in Asia and the Pacific
- points to the implications of selected megatrends in the Asia-Pacific region
- how resilience is related to targets and indicators of the sustainable development goals
- focusses attention on four types of inter-related resilience capacities, providing examples of efforts to strengthen each
- illustrates a three-step approach to incorporating resilience into policymaking by means of a case study on food systems
- draws conclusions for innovative policymaking

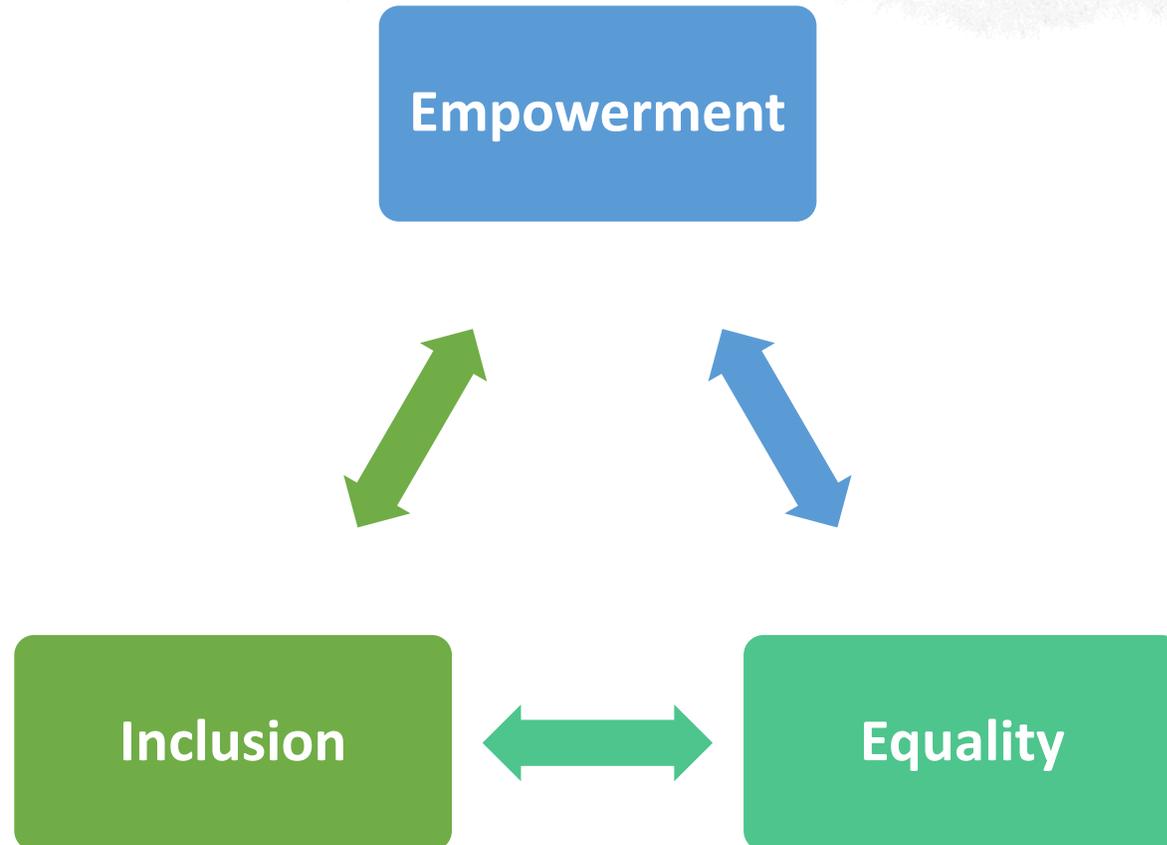


HLPF and  
APFSD Theme  
2019

# **Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**

**A framework for discussion**

# Three central concepts of the HLPF 2019 theme



Empowerment

- Expansion of freedom of choice and action, increasing control over resources and decisions that affect one's life

Inclusion

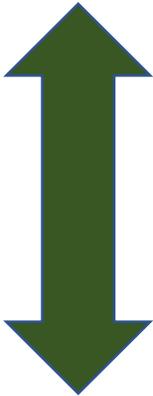
- Ensure *no one is left behind*

Equality

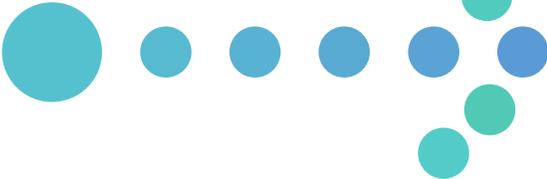
- Address enormous disparities of opportunity, wealth and power

Relationship between empowerment, inclusion and equality  
articulated most comprehensively in SDG target 10.2

Inclusion



Empowerment



# Vulnerable groups

women and girls

Children & youth

Informal workers

persons with  
disabilities

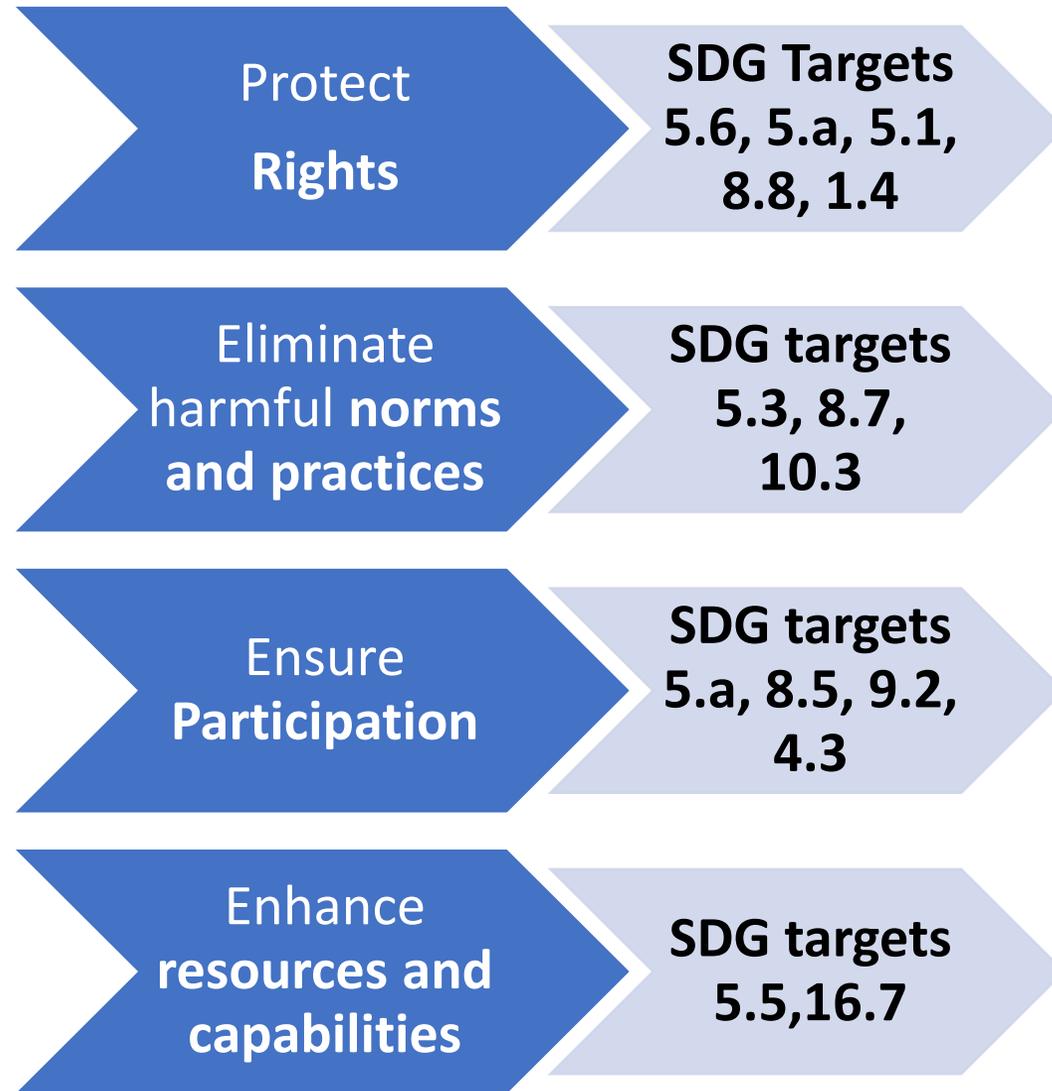
people living with  
HIV/AIDS

older persons

indigenous  
peoples

refugees, internally  
displaced persons  
and migrants

**Four components of an empowerment and inclusiveness approach – derived from relevant SDG targets**



**Empowerment and inclusiveness approach can be applied to promote equality of outcomes in SDG implementation**





# Review of the cluster of goals for 2019

# Questions for review of the goals

- What are the **linkages** between the assigned SDG and empowerment/ inclusiveness/equality? (Please provide specific cases/ examples highlighting the linkages.)
- Who are the **groups** concerned (to be empowered, to be ensured their inclusion and equality) in achieving this SDG goal?
- What are the **barriers** and systemic issues related to empowerment of vulnerable groups and ensuring inclusiveness and equality in connection with this SDG?
- How the **challenges** could be addressed? What are the **policies / strategies** to respond at local, national and (sub)regional levels?
- Which **national policies** are conducive to implementing the Goal and could empower people and ensure inclusiveness and equality?
- How does **your organization** promote the empowerment of people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality, and what is a key learning from the work?

**Please base discussions on **specific examples or case** studies which showcase challenges and solutions in empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality.**