Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme 2019

“Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

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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

Inclusion

Equality
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
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

- **Protect Rights**
  - SDG Targets 5.6, 5.a, 5.1, 8.8, 1.4

- **Eliminate harmful norms and practices**
  - SDG targets 5.3, 8.7, 10.3

- **Ensure Participation**
  - SDG targets 5.a, 8.5, 9.2, 4.3

- **Enhance resources and capabilities**
  - SDG targets 5.5, 16.7
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.