Ensuring Participation

Japan’s Cases to develop and utilize national/local strategies to achieve SDGs

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Unique SDGs badge made by Shinsei, an CBO of people with disability in Fukushima and Yamaguchi Industry Co Ltd., a Small Enterprise in Eastern Tokyo working on environment friendly leather
Involving Civil Society Voices to National Strategy
A Case of Japan’s National SDGs Guiding Principles

Japan’s Current Governmental System to Promote SDGs

The SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles

SDGs Promotion HQs (PM Office/Cabinet Office)

Head = PM

All Ministers (Cabinet Member)

DG-Level Council

Director Level Steering Committee

Secretariat (MoFA)

“Multi-Stakeholder Process: A Difficult Challenge in Japan

How to develop “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles” in 2016

Establishing SDGs Promotion Roundtable

2016 August

1st Roundtable Meeting

2016 September

1st Draft: “Public Comment

2016 October

Involving Legislators/Parties

2016 November

Approval of Principles in SDGs HQs

2016 December
Under our strong trust with the counterpart of MoFA on their willing to grant CS voices

3 members of CS representing various issues

Establishing SDGs Promotion Roundtable

2016 August

The 3 members gathered CS voices on rural development, gender, int’l cooperation, poverty and human rights and made joint presentation

1st Roundtable Meeting

2016 September

Published “Public Comment Guidebook” to show the people how and what to write their public comments to the SDGs HQs.

1st Draft: “Public Comment

2016 October

Key political parties, both ruling and opposition, held meetings of SDGs Committee inviting the gov’t and input their opinions as legislators.

Involving Legislators/Parties

2016 November

Review and Evaluation

Approval of Principles in SDGs HQs

2016 December

Outcomes

➢ Emphasize “Human Security”
➢ Set implementation principles following the original SDGs (Universality, Inclusiveness, Participatory/Integrated Approach, Transparency and Accountability)
➢ Highest Level Involvement to the Gov’t implementation mechanism
➢ Mainstream SDGs in every gov’t policies
➢ Mainstream CSOs (NGOs/NPOs) in Stakeholder Cooperation
➢ Mention clearly about the term of follow-up and review to renew Gov’t Principles
Abstract of the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles (2016 Version)

The Gov’t renews our resolution to further accelerate our efforts on domestic/int’l issues

Japan achieved high level of development but must continue its efforts in some areas.

**Vision**: Become a leader toward a future where economic, social and environmental improvements are attained in an integrated, sustainable and resilient manner while leaving no one behind.

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Principles

- Universality
- Inclusiveness
- Participatory Approach
- Integrated Approach
- Transparency and Accountability

**System**

SDGs HQs in Cabinet Office Headed by the PM

**Mainstream**

Incorporate the SDGs into all gov’ts plans, strategies, policies

**Cooperation**

CSOs, Private Sector, Consumers, Local Gov’ts, Academia, Labor Unions

**Communication**

Promote national movement to achieve SDGs

The List of Specific Measures to achieve SDGs

Follow-up and Review on 2019
Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration to mainstream SDGs

Original SDGs Badge
A locally produced unique SDGs badge to replace boring official SDGs badge: collaboration of a CBO of people with disability in Fukushima and a Small Enterprise that produces environment friendly leather in Tokyo.

Integrated Approach of Ministry-based Fragment Programs for local development and revitalization

- Local Vitalization Cooperators (MIAC)
- Community-based integrated care system (MHLW)
- Regional Circular and Ecological Sphere (MoE)
- Area Forest Management Adviser (Forestry Agency)
- Etc.

Strengthening Capacity on SDGs in Non-Profit Sector of Japan
Collaboration with Rengo (JTUC) and JCA (Japan Cooperative Alliance) to provide better understanding on SDGs in their members (Workshops and lectures nationwide), and work together to develop their policies on SDGs implementation and promotion.

Local Resource and Capacities
How to consolidate, align and harmonize these ministry-based fragment programs for local revitalization with local resources?

Collaboration among Local Government, local CSO/CBOs, Universities, and MSMEs etc.