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# Participation for Empowerment ESCAP-Embassy of Sweden Second Regional Workshop

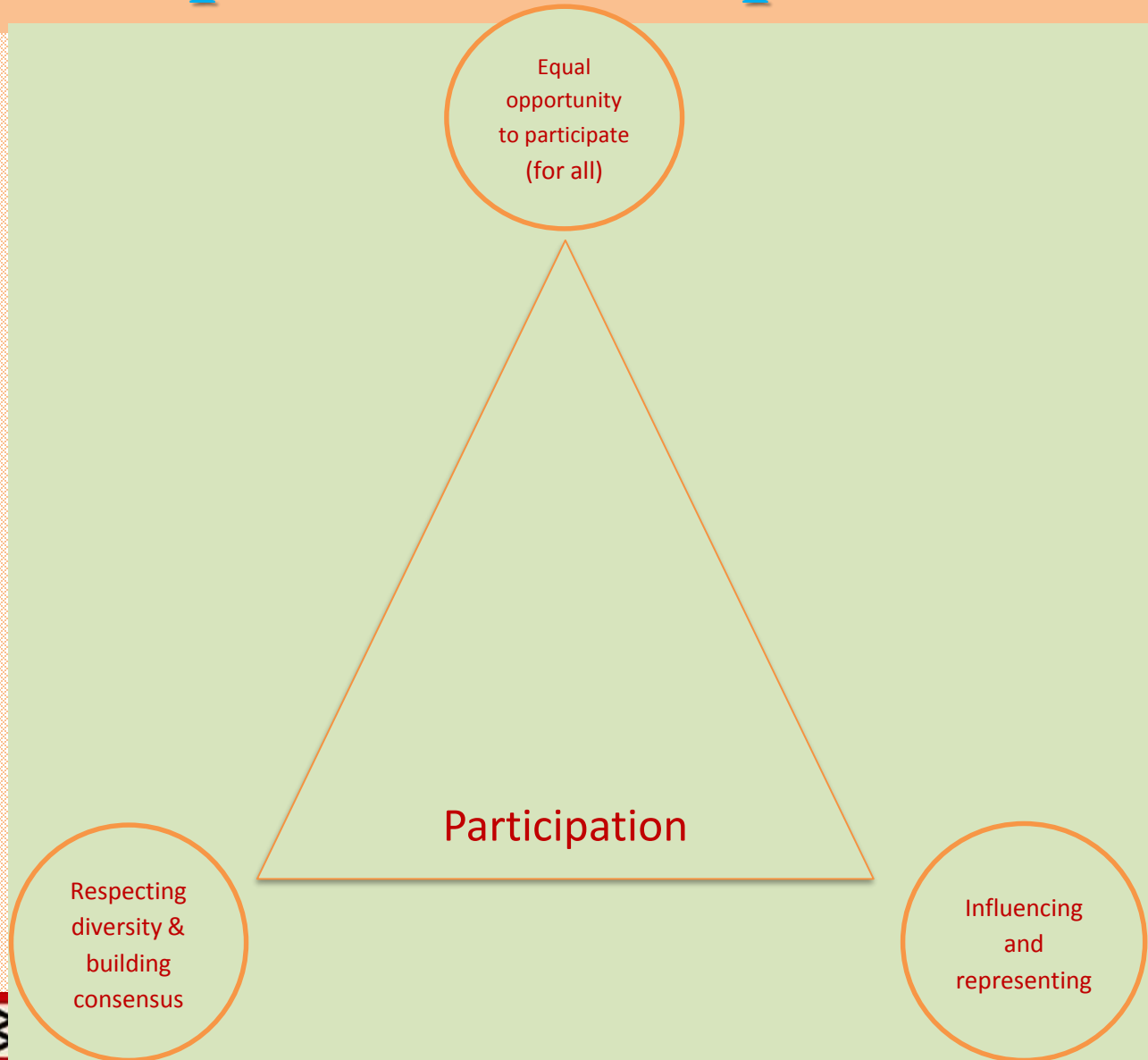
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## Equal opportunity to participate (for all)

- Equal opportunity means equality of opportunity to participate – applying the **same standards**
- For all means being inclusive of individuals and collective actors e.g. indigenous communities, local communities, minorities, women, youth, etc.

“Everyone has the right to know what SDGs are and have the right to choose the appropriate form of sustainable livelihood practices.

Equality is about the application of same standard of laws and policies to everyone, regardless of whether one is from the minority or majority communities.”

Khampanh, Laos

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## Respecting diversity

- Respecting diverse views and perspectives
- Removing barriers and building trust
- Building consensus and cooperation/  
partnership





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## Influencing

- Participation is not just taking part in something but influencing public opinion formation and or decisions

## Representation in SDGs processes

- Those furthest behind influence and have representation in the decision-making processes



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Enhance **ownership and participation** through **localizing SDGs processes** using **local languages, symbols** and **integration** of events into **local events** and **seasonal calendars**.





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“Participation is both **social and political**, involving **diverse individuals** and **collective actors**. It involves engagement in political and social processes characterized by **integration, inclusion and diversity**. Participation is where **diverse actors**, including communities, women, youth and elders, etc., freely share their views and **build consensus**. Participation is where those **furthest behind influence** and have **representation** in the decision-making processes.”

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