Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme 2019

“Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

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• 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
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 elements 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

* ESCAP work in progress
Empowerment and inclusiveness approach can be applied to promote equality of outcomes in SDG implementation.
Generating insights on the theme:
Questions for group work

- Who are the vulnerable 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?
- Which national policies and interventions can empower people and ensure inclusiveness and equality in the context of the goals?

SDGs for discussion: SDG 4 (quality education); SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth); SDG 10 (reduced inequality); SDG 13 (climate action); SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions)
Generating insights: Case Studies

- Empowering Local communities post-disaster
- Partnerships for addressing statelessness
Working groups

Choose your working group and note the location

- **SDG 4**: Quality education - MR G
- **SDG 8**: Decent work and economic growth - MR G
- **SDG 10**: Reduced inequalities - MR G
- **SDG 13**: Climate action - MR C/D
- **SDG 16**: Peace, Justice and Strong institutions - MR C/D

Coffee break @ 15:40 (outside MR G)
Return to plenary @ 16:00 (CR 4)