Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme 2019

“Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

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Summary of the SDG partnership report 2018

• 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

Initial framework from ESCAP
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 in SDG target 10.2
Vulnerable groups

- women and girls
- children
- youth
- persons with disabilities
- people living with HIV/AIDS
- older persons
- indigenous peoples
- refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants
Four components of 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 several SDG areas

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Questions

- How does your entity understand empowerment?
- How does your project/programme support empowerment, inclusion and equality? How does that in turn strengthen the ability of people to contribute to and/or accelerate progress on specific SDGs (especially the ones in focus, SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17)?
- Who is being empowered by the project/policy?
- What are the barriers and systemic issues related to empowerment of vulnerable groups and ensuring inclusiveness and equality?
- What is a key learning from your project on how to promote the empowerment of people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality?
- Which national policies are helpful when it comes to empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality?
Questions for Group Work

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