

Overview of national activities related to SDG implementation across the Asia-Pacific region

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Overview of Session 1

- Session will comprise of three components
 - Presentation of the status of SDG implementation activities in the region
 - Reactions and Comments from the floor on activities taken thus far by countries in the region
 - Panel discussion where we will probe a little more on why countries have adopted certain approaches

Stocktake of SDG related activities

- Information provided is based on the 19 background questionnaires provided by countries
- Information collected divided SGD implementation activities in to the following areas:
 1. Establishment of an SDG Coordination Mechanism
 2. Activities involving incorporating SDGs in to NDPs
 3. Mapping activities between SDGs and NDPs
 4. SDG related reports being produced
 5. Other activities

1. SDG Coordination Mechanism

- Most countries have a fully established SDG Coordination Mechanism (with different names)
 - If not established:
 - A lead agency has been identified (Bhutan)
 - Use existing mechanism within Planning Ministry (Cambodia)
 - In process of establishing one (Kazakhstan & Sri Lanka)
 - Using existing MDG coordination mechanism but will expand (Philippines)
- Lead agency differs significantly across countries
 - Ministry of Economy
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Ministry/Dept of Environment
 - Prime Minister's Office
 - Ministry of Planning

1. SDG Coordination Mechanism

Structure as to how the SDG Activities are being coordinated in country

- Common approach is to establish thematic working groups/sectoral groups:
 - 3 Sector working groups (Eco, Social, Environment) - Azerbaijan
 - 4 Working groups according to pillars (Social, Eco, Environment, Mol) – Indonesia
 - Establishing sector working groups/committees – Maldives
 - 5 Working committees (Inclusivity, Well-being, Human Capital, Environment and Natural Resources, Economic Growth) – Division within NSO assigned to a WC – Malaysia
 - Established working groups in each Line Ministry/Agency to tackle SDGs – Kyrgyz Republic
 - 3 Sub-committees addressing “Implementing SDGs”, “Understanding and Evaluating SDGs”, “Developing Information Systems to Support SDGs” - Thailand

2 & 3. Adopting SDGs in to NDPs

Azerbaijan: Identified relevant SDG – drafting action plan to Mainstream

Bangladesh: Aligning the SDGs with their 7th FYP

Bhutan: Currently mainstreaming SDG Goals and Targets in their next FYP (2018-23)

Cambodia: Drafting CSDG frame work which will be integrated in to 2019-23 NSDP

China: Integrating 2030 Agenda in to overall national plans. 13th FYP (2016-20) already has a commitment to the 2030 Agenda

Indonesia: Mapping SDGs to both their medium (2015-19) and Long term (2010-25) NDPs

2 & 3. Adopting SDGs in to NDPs

Iran: Developing national indicator set for SDGs

Kazakhstan: Have both a short term (1 yr) and long term plan (3 yr) for incorporating SDGs in to NDP

Kyrgyzstan: Starting developing a Concept Strategy 2040, and mid term strategy which will incorporate SDGs

Malaysia: Ongoing work involves implementing SDGs over 3 phases – (2016-20), (2020-25), (2025-30)

Maldives: More sectoral approach – gradually mapping SDGs in sectoral plans

Mongolia: Have Mongolia Sustainable Development Vision 2030 – links National Program and SDGs

2 & 3. Adopting SDGs in to NDPs

Myanmar: Started accommodating components of SDGs (children, vulnerable groups) in National and Sector Plans

Nepal: Planning Commission currently mainstreaming SDGs into existing national plans

Philippines: Integrated SDGs in to PDP 2017-22 (inclusion covers Tier I and some Tier II), as well as some sectoral plans (Nutrition, Health)

Sri Lanka: Enacted Sustainable Development Bill in Parliament – moving on to Preparation of National Policy and Strategy on SD

Thailand: Mapping SDGs to NDP (including Line Ministry sector plans) and in process of incorporating SDGs in to 2nd TSMP official stats

Viet Nam: Have developed the VSDG (selection of priority areas) – has 179 indicators

4. SDG related reports produced

- Whole range of different reports being produced or in production:
 - First National SDG Reports (+ baselines for some)
 - National Plans on SDG implementation (SDG Roadmaps)
 - SDG Gap Analysis Reports or Data Assessment Reports
 - VNR reports & RIA reports (UN supported)
- Will collate and put up on our website attached to this conference

5. Other SDG related activities

Progress of SDG Development in the Pacific

- Working as a region:
 - Established a Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG), supported by the Pacific SDGs Taskforce
 - Countries, Pacific regional agencies, other agencies, CS, Private Sector
 - Tasked with developing a Pacific SDGs Roadmap
 - Comprising a set of Pacific Headline Indicators (PHIs)
 - Contains priority indicators for the Pacific
 - Addresses the SDGs, SAMOA Pathway and Framework for Pacific Regionalism
- Also doing their own thing nationally

5. Other SDG related activities

Other activities countries are undertaking

- Updated NSDS to include a chapter on Post-2015 Agenda (Philippines)
- Commenced work on baselines (few countries)
- Translation of SDGs in to local language (Maldives)
- Looking to run SDG awareness programmes for school children (Maldives)
- Developed 4 SDG Metadata Indicator Books (Indonesia)
- Undertaking an SDG needs assessment and costing (Bangladesh)
- Conducting new surveys and producing new indicators (Indonesia & Maldives)
- SDG awareness workshops – Private Sector, Civil Society

Discussion time

The conference may wish to discuss the following issues:

1. What they liked about what other countries have been doing?
2. The degree of variation in the respective approaches – why so different?
 - Advantages
 - Disadvantages
3. Do we need more harmonization?