Asia-Pacific workshop on mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals into planning, budgetary, financing and investment processes

Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific

*Ambitions beyond growth*

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Key messages:

• Time to raise our ambitions beyond economic growth

• Asia and the Pacific needs an annual additional investment of $1.5 trillion ≈ $1/person/day ≈ 5 per cent of GDP to achieve 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• These ambitions are largely affordable with strong development partnership
For a future that we want: Investment in Sustainable Development Goals
From 17 Goals to 3 dimensions... spanning **people**, **prosperity** and **the planet** ... supported by good governance and strong partnerships.
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Annual average, 2016-2030
$ billions in 2016 constant prices

People: 669
Prosperity: 196
Planet: 590
... or $1 per person per day

It’s within reach!

- Clean energy for all: 37¢
- Protection for nature: 12¢
- No poverty & zero hunger: 43¢
- Health and education: 37¢
- Sustainable infrastructure for all: 12¢
Investing in **PEOPLE** to realize basic human rights and human capacities

- Universal access to quality education
- Universal health coverage
- Agricultural productivity
- Nutrition-specific interventions
- Social protection floor
- Targeted cash transfer
Investing in **PLANET** to secure our future through clean energy and climate action and living in harmony with nature

- **Biodiversity**
- **Energy efficiency**
- **Renewable energy**
- **Universal access to clean cooking**
- **Universal access to electricity**
Investing in **PROSPERITY** to improve access to infrastructure

- Water and sanitation
- Information and communications technology
- Transport
Investment gap varies significantly across the region, rising to 16% of GDP in LDCs and 10% in South Asia.

Similarly, Pacific SIDS face steep challenges due to high vulnerability to climate change, but results are not shown given limited data availability.
However, achieving the Goals is NOT JUST about money.

Goals whose achievement depends heavily on other factors (e.g. laws and regulations) but nevertheless benefit from other SDG investments.
Can we work on a goal plan?
Prioritizing Goals: considering both progress and investment gaps
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[Diagram showing a matrix with SDG progress and investment need axes.]
Prioritizing Goals: considering both progress and investment gaps
For a future that we want!

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