ACROSS GLOBAL, (SUB)REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS

ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA

South and South-West Forum for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

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I. The High-Level Political Forum - HLPF

Global platform for follow-up and review of the SDGs

**2017** Eradicating poverty & promoting prosperity in a changing world

**2018** Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

**Progress:** National governments are strongly committed; SDGs are being internalized into strategies and planning processes;

**Challenges remain:** hunger and malnutrition; environmental stressors; widening inequality; public & private resources must be leveraged; lack of official statistics, data and effective monitoring systems; access to science and technology must improve.
II. Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

**FUNCTION OF THE FORUM**

- Support preparations for the HLPF
- Support countries & enhance their capacity for implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Provide regional perspective, identify regional trends, share best practices and lessons learned
- Support follow-up and review, assess progress and enable peer learning related to HLPF themes
- Support presentation of VNRs, review progress of regional road map

**INCLUSIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

- Inter-agency support through UN Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism
- Provides space for multi-stakeholder engagement
- Considers subregional perspectives on the themes addressed by the Forum
VI. ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2018:

- 28-30 March 2018, Bangkok
- Theme: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
- 5 goals under review
- Discussion on goal 17
- Support to VNR Preparations
III. APFSD : A Regional Road Map

**EXPECTATION**
- strengthen regional cooperation on priority issues
- enable continued and more efficient and coordinated support
- facilitate more effective knowledge sharing

**PRACTICAL MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION**

- Data and statistics
- Technology
- Finance
- Policy coherence
- North-South, South-South, international & regional partnerships

**THEMATIC AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH MULTI SECTORAL IMPACTS**

- Leave no one behind
- DRR & resilience
- Climate change
- Natural resource management
- Connectivity
- Energy
IV. Sub-regional preparatory meetings for APFSD

**OBJECTIVES**
- Enhance awareness and understanding of the theme of the upcoming HLPF
- Identify ways to strengthen implementation efforts through follow up and review
- Link national, sub-regional, regional and global processes
- Provide sub-regional inputs
- Opportunity for peer learning

**SESSIONS**
- The Process (VNRs, HLPF, APFSD)
- The substance (2018 Theme, Goals, Resilience)
V. The VNR process

- link the national and global
- are voluntary and state-led
- outline progress, share successes and challenges
- guidelines for presentation at HLPF
- (sub)regional frameworks facilitate
- **ESCAP: workshops and sessions to support VNR countries**

**2017** 43 countries, 11 from Asia-Pacific

**2018** Armenia, Australia, Bhutan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

**Process**

Subregional preparatory meetings → Regional preparatory meetings & DESA workshops → Main country messages → Final reports → July: global preparation & HLPF
VII. Subregional implementation

**KEY QUESTIONS**

- How can global, regional and subregional processes better support implementation?
- How can the UN system and subregional organisations better support implementation?
- What sub-regional cooperation mechanisms exist and can be adapted? - Who are the main players to be involved?

**NEXT STEPS**

- Outcome of discussions to feed into APFSD 2018
- SDG Help Desk – development of support services
- Technical assistance for implementation – integration, stakeholder engagement, sectoral support (e.g. trade)
Thank you

For information on the APFSD, road map etc. please visit: http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd4/

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