SIDE EVENT

Social Entrepreneurship: A Pathway for Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies

Venue: Engagement Space, 1st floor, UNCC
Date: Friday, 30 March 2018
Time: 09:30-10:30
Organizers: Social and Community Enterprises Constituency of Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM), Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission on Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Oxfam and Government of Sweden

Background

The 2017 Asia Pacific Roadmap for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda identified social entrepreneurship as one of the opportunities for regional cooperation. Social entrepreneurship can be a broad framework for public-private-people partnerships. Social entrepreneurship initiatives have provided models for the provision of sustainable livelihoods and quality social services to marginalized sectors, demonstrated strategies for effectively engaging, building the resilience and transforming the lives of the poor while also showing pathways for innovations towards sustainable development. Critical to the success of the SDGs is the promotion, replication and scaling up of these successful social entrepreneurship models.

The Fifth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) scheduled on March 26-30, 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand will engage member States, United Nations bodies, other international organizations, major groups and other stakeholders in highlighting regional and sub-regional perspective on the theme, “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”.

The AP-RCEM Social and Community Enterprise Constituency, the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia and UNESCAP are co-organizing a side event that aims to highlight how social enterprises/social entrepreneurship could be made a pathway for transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.

Scope

The main feature of this side event is a Talk Show on “Social Entrepreneurship: A Pathway for Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies”. It will engage participants on how social entrepreneurship (SE) could be a pathway towards the acceleration and achievement of the SDGs
focusing on goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, and 17. It will showcase different innovations and models of social entrepreneurship that have effectively engaged the poor and marginalized as stakeholders in contributing to the attainment of these goals.

Using these successful models as take-off, the talk show shall explore the features of a policy environment and ecosystem that would assist the process of replication, scaling up and innovation towards making social entrepreneurship significantly contribute to SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17.

As part of the Pavilion of Partners during the 5th APFSD, the organizers of this side event will also be exhibiting social entrepreneurship (SE) models, products, publications/ information/education materials and services relevant to the theme of the talk show and the SDGs under discussion. The organizers will also provide an audio-visual area where an ongoing initiative to promote the benchmarks for transformational partnership in agricultural value chains and women’s economic empowerment will be featured. A sign-up sheet shall be provided to promote networking with participants who are willing to receive further information and engage with the social enterprise sector towards accelerating the achievement of the SDGs.

The target participants of this side events include:

a) Member state representatives who have potential and current interest in SE such as Thailand, Philippines, Korea, Nepal, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Singapore.

b) United Nations bodies’ representatives who have potential and current interest in SE such as UN Women, UNDP, UNIDO, UNEP, UN Co-Lab, UN Habitat and UNESCAP.

c) Other multilateral agencies and donors who have current and potential interest in SE such as Oxfam, Sida, CIDA, Australian Aid, JAICA, KOICA and the British Council.

d) Members and partners of AP-RCEM and ISEA.

e) Other interested stakeholders who have potential and current interest in SE.

Key Questions

- What are social enterprises/ social entrepreneurship?
- What are the various social entrepreneurship models in Asia-Pacific that are engaging the poor and marginalized as stakeholders in transformation towards resilient and sustainable societies?
- What are the features of a policy environment and ecosystem that would assist the process of enabling social enterprises and social entrepreneurship to contribute significantly to the acceleration and achievement of the SDGs?

Panelists/discussants

Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi, Bina Swadaya Foundation
Dr. Marie Lisa Dacanay, Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia
Ms. Patwira Narasri, WFTO-Asia
Simon Brown, VSO Bangladesh

Moderators

RCEM SCE Constituency


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