Learnings from VNR Process and Follow up Action by Sri Lanka

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How we did our VNR

• Undertaken through a Task Force chaired by the Secretary in charge of Sus Dev that included national level stakeholders, and an Institutional Consultant – the Institute of Policy Studies

• Consulted a wide range of stakeholders and the Synthesis report of HLPF 2018 recognizes Sri Lanka VNR process as exemplary for stakeholder engagement. We still continue to consult stakeholders.

• The VNR Process identified the current status, opportunities, challenges and way forward with respect to each SDG
Current Actions

• At present, the Sustainable Development Council along with stakeholders is engaged in the following three main activities
  – Preparation of National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development with national targets
  – Preparation of SDG mainstreamed Public Service Delivery Strategies for all Ministries including Departments and Statutory boards
  – Development of a Digital Data and Communication Platform to facilitate evidence based decision making, SDG progress tracking and stakeholder engagement
Cabinet Memorandum

Understanding the importance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for the development of the country, our commitment towards the global efforts to create a sustainable developed world, and the need for every government organisation to act as an arm of one government, I propose;

1. For every national government ministry to have a common vision of “Sustainably Developed Sri Lanka”. The meaning of Sustainable Developed Sri Lanka is described in the attached concept note.

2. For every provincial council to have a vision of “Sustainable developed Sri Lanka and a ...... (relevant province name) Province”

3. For every ministry (including the affiliated agencies) to prepare their SDG mainstreamed public service delivery strategies that spell out the thrust area for each government agency under its purview, goals of each organisation, and strategies for achieving such goals and submit to the cabinet of ministers for information. Sustainable Development Council is to be consulted for any consultation.

4. For every government agency to identify the projects and programmes under the strategies identified.

5. To prepare the National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development along the lines of the Concept paper and the Outline attached.
Process of SDG mainstreamed public service delivery

1. Sustainable Development Council prepares Draft National Policy and Strategy in compliance with SDGS and forwards it to Cabinet for approval.

2. Cabinet approves the Draft National Policy and Strategy and forwards it to Parliament.

3. Parliament approves the National Policy and Strategy and forwards it to Sustainable Development Council.