

Statement from World Vision International

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Exigencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. It is my privilege to share statement on behalf of World Vision International. World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Today, World Vision works in 23 countries across the region supported by nearly 15,000 staff. Close to six hundred (600) long-term development programmes (10-15 years in each location) benefit 1.4 million sponsored children and their families. Sustainable development could not be achieved without looking into interconnections of the economy, environment, people and governance. There is a need for a new development model ensures economic growth without compromising ecology or environmental impact. A growing body of research increasingly demonstrates the role that social accountability approaches can play in improving the lives of the poor.

World Vision believes:

- Recognition of the potential of youth and participation of young people in the policy debates and discussion would help to bring lasting change for children. We urge governments to engage youth from all social groups in the setting, monitoring and evaluating of contextually appropriate local targets
- A Strong system for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the agenda 2030 is required, including multi-stakeholder platforms to support national implementation. Regional cooperation is pivotal to achieve sustainable development.

The Regional Road Map is a great step forward. Implementation of regional road map would help to improve the well-being of millions of children in the Asia and the Pacific Region. The regional roadmap has also highlighted participation of the civil society at all levels for implementation of the regional roadmap.

I thank UNESCAP for creating space for all stockholders to work together in the development of the regional roadmap for the implementation of SDGs.