



# REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

SUPPORTING POLICY COHERENCE FOR ACCELERATING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE 2030 AGENDA



## AGENDA | 2-4 OCTOBER 2017

### DAY ONE - MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER

09:00-09:45 **Welcoming Remarks**  
Ola Almgren, UN Resident Coordinator, Philippines

**Opening Remarks**  
Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon  
National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines

Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator,  
Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

**Overview of Regional Knowledge Exchange**  
Michaela Prokop, Regional Programme Advisor 2030 Agenda, Bangkok Regional Hub, UNDP

09:45-11:00 **SESSION I: Taking Stock/Overview of Progress**  
*Session I will provide an overview of progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda.*

**Moderator:** Nik Sekhran, Director, Sustainable Development, UNDP

- **Taking Stock – Making Progress Towards Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific (Asia Pacific SDG Partnership ADB/ UNESCAP/UNDP)**  
Smita Nakhoda, Senior Policy and Planning Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and  
Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, United Nations  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- **Report Back from HLPF 2017**  
Shinobu Yamaguchi, Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International  
Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- **Implementation Challenges of the SDGs in a LDC Context – the Case of Nepal**  
Dr. Swarnim Wagle, Vice-Chairman National Planning Commission, Nepal
- **Taking Stock – Perspectives from Civil Society**  
Paul Divakar, Chairperson, Asia Dalit Rights Forum, India

Discussion

11:00-11:30 **Break (group photo)**





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11:30-12:30

## **SESSION II: Integrating the 2030 Agenda into National Strategies – Lessons Learnt and Next Steps**

*Countries have started to align their national development strategies to the 2030 Agenda and to integrate the SDGs into their national plans and policies. Session II will discuss the lessons learnt so far focusing on the challenge of operationalizing integrated approaches/ policy coherence across sectors, between tiers of government and over time.*

**Moderator:** Andrew Parker, Senior Advisor, UNDP Philippines

- **Integrating the 2030 Agenda into National Strategies – The Experience of the Philippines**  
Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines
- **Integrating the 2030 Agenda and other Global Frameworks into National Strategies – Lessons from the Pacific**  
Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa
- **SDG Integration in Myanmar: Evidence and Principle-based Approach**  
U Than Zaw, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Myanmar

Discussion

12:30-13:30

**Lunch**

13.30–13.45

**\*\*\*\*\* Post-lunch Innovation Wake-Up \*\*\*\*\***

**MyWorld2030 - Laura Hildebrandt, Campaign Manager, UN SDG Action Campaign**

13:45-15:00

## **SESSION III: Supporting Policy Coherence - 2030 Agenda/ SDG Coordination Mechanisms**

*Session III will provide an overview of various dimensions of policy coherence (horizontal, vertical and over time) and the building blocks required for a coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It will then discuss the role of institutional coordination mechanisms to support policy coherence and multi-stakeholder engagement. It will provide examples from several countries and discuss emerging good practices.*

**Moderator:** Francine Pickup, Deputy Country Director, UNDP Indonesia

- **Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – Building Blocks for Policy Coherence**  
Ebba Dohlman, Senior Advisor, Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, Office of the Secretary-General, OECD
- **Country Examples and Civil Society Perspective**
  - **Indonesia**, Amalia Adininggar Widyasanti, Director for Macro Planning and Statistics, BAPPENAS, Indonesia
  - **Pakistan**, Zafar Ul Hassan, Chief Poverty and SDGs Section, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Pakistan
  - **Civil Society**, Beckie Malay, Co-Chair, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), Philippines

Discussion





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15:00-15:30

## Break

15:30-15:45

## SESSION IV: Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

*Session IV will discuss the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement for accelerating progress towards the SDGs through focusing on some key partnerships. It will feature examples and lessons learnt to strengthen the engagement between governments and civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.*

### Overview/ Introduction of Session

Nick Booth, Programme Advisor, Governance, Conflict Prevention, Access to Justice and Human Rights, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

15:45-16:45

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Please note: Day III will include a separate session on the role of the private sector and private sector financing in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.*

### Session IV A Civil Society

Facilitator: Marjorie Pamintuan,  
Asia Pacific Research Network

- Jyotsna Mohan, Asia Development Alliance (ADA)
- Elenita Dano, ETC Group
- Representatives from governments (tbc)
- Heike Alefsen, UNDG

### Session IV B Development Partners

Facilitator: Smita Nakhooda,  
ADB

- Shinobu Yamaguchi, Japan
- Vickram Cuttarree, World Bank
- Joanna Pinkas, DFAT
- Ebba Dohlman, OECD
- Francine Pickup, UNDP Indonesia

### Session IV C UN Partnerships

Facilitator: Andrea Cuzyova, Regional  
Coordination Specialist, Regional UNDG Asia-  
Pacific Secretariat

- Katinka Weinberger, ESCAP
- Nathalie Bouche, UNDP
- Keping Yao, UNOPG, UNDESA (tbc)
- Daniela Gasparikova, UNDP Mongolia (tbc)
- Other UN partners/ UNCT members

16:45-17:15

## Plenary Discussion

Facilitator: Nick Booth, Programme Advisor, Governance, Conflict Prevention, Access to Justice and Human Rights, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

18:30

## Reception

Introduction by Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator, Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

Jules Guiang, Co-founder of the 2030 Youth Force and Founder and Board Chairman of the National Alliance of Youth Leaders, Philippines





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## DAY TWO - TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER

08:30-08:45 **Recap of Day I**

08:45-10:15 **SESSION V: Integrated Approaches to Support SDG Acceleration**

*Session V will provide examples of integrated approaches and how they can support the identification and implementation of so-called 'accelerator interventions'.*

08:45-09:00 **Overview of Integrated Approaches and SDG Accelerators**

Nik Sekhran, Director, Sustainable Development, UNDP

09:00-10:15 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Session V A**  
**Gender Equality as an 'Accelerator'**

**Facilitator:** Koh Miyaoi, Regional Gender Advisor, UNDP

**Speakers:**

- Marium Jabyn, State Minister, Ministry of Gender & Family, Maldives
- Chua Choon Hwa, Undersecretary, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia
- Radhika Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Nepal
- Hou Mirmita, Director, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia
- Ugyen Tshomo, Chief Programme Officer, National Commission on Women and Children, Bhutan
- Heru Parasetyo Kasidi, Advisor, Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia
- Dinorah Gradaneiro, Director, Women's Network Rede Feto, Timor-Leste

**Session V B**  
**Integrated Approaches**

**Facilitator:** Nik Sekhran, Chief of Profession, Sustainable Development, UNDP

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Subrata Sinha, Regional Environmental Affairs Officer, Asia and Pacific Office, UN Environment
- Annie Sturesson, Stockholm Environment Institute
- Karin Fernando, Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka
- Doljinsuren Jambal, Director, Department of Policy and Planning, Mongolia, Integrated Water Sector Pilot

10:15-10:45 **Break**





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## **SESSION VI A: Localizing the Agenda – From National to Sub-National and Vice Versa**

*Session VI A will focus on the importance of vertical policy coherence and of localizing the 2030 Agenda.*

**Moderator:** Sumeeta Banerji, Assistant Country Director & Head Democratic Governance, UNDP India

**Overview of Importance of Localizing SDGs at Sub-National Level while Ensuring Policy Coherence,** Patrick Duong, Regional Programme Advisor, Local Governance and Decentralization, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

### **Panel presentations:**

- **Functions of Provincial and District Authorities in Delivering the SDGs – Lessons and Tools from Pakistan,** Shakeel Ahmad, Assistant Country Director & Chief, Development Policy Unit, UNDP Pakistan
- **SDG Prioritization to Leave No One Behind,** Dr. Celia Reyes, Philippine Institute on Development Studies, with James Gamao, Mayor from Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Philippines
- **Localizing the SDGs: The Key Role of Fiscal Transfers,** Roger Shotton, Director, Local Development Associates

Discussion

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## **SESSION VI B: Localizing the Agenda in Small Island Developing States**

*This session will focus on the specific challenges of localizing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs for SIDS. It will focus on policy coherence between global and regional frameworks (2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Pacific Regional Roadmap and the Framework for Pacific Regionalism) with country national development plans or frameworks. The session will also include experiences of SIDS in localizing the 2030 Agenda and the 2030 Agenda and the added benefits and specific challenges of aligning national development plans with regional and global sustainable development frameworks.*

**Facilitator:** Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa and Chair of Pacific SDG Task Force

### **Presentations:**

- **Localizing the 2030 Agenda in the SIDS Through Regional Efforts: Key Elements of the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development,** Portia Domonatani Dugu, Forum Compact Research Officer, Strategic Partnerships & Coordination Programme, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat
- **Localizing the SDGs in Papua New Guinea (title tbc)**  
Grace Mick, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea
- **Localizing the 2030 Agenda in SIDS: Palau's Aspirations with the SDGs,** Charlene Mersai, National Environment Coordinator, National Environmental Protection Council, Bureau of Budget and Planning, Ministry of Finance, Palau
- **Localizing SDGs for a Dispersed Population,** Nasheeth Thoha, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Maldives
- Vani Catanasiga, Research and Development Officer, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)

Discussion



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12:30-13:30

**Lunch**

13:30-13:45

**\*\*\*\*\* Post-lunch Innovation wake-up \*\*\*\*\***

**Data driven development and SDG platforms – Anjori Pasricha, SocialCops**

13:45-14:45

**SESSION VII: From Short- and Medium-Term to Long Term Planning and Budgeting**

*Session VII will discuss the importance of considering the long-term impact of policy decisions and investments on the well-being of future generations.*

**Moderator:** Kelvin Chai, Advisor, UNDP Global Centre for Public Service Excellence  
Singapore

### Presentations

• **TN50 – A Malaysian Aspiration**

Abdul Halim bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director, Distribution Section, Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

• **Overview of Long-term Thinking and Planning in Singapore – Government Foresight and Scenario Planning**

Dawn Yip, Associate, Civil Service College, Singapore

### Discussion

14:45-15:15

**Break**

15:15-16:45

**SESSION VIII: Integrating 2030 Agenda into Budgets – Linking Planning and Budgeting**

*This session will look to draw from experiences in integrating the sustainable development agenda into the budget.*

**Moderator:** Sophie Kemkhadze, Deputy Country Director, UNDP Nepal

### Presentations:

• **Philippines and SDG Budgets: Linking Performance to Results**

Undersecretary Laura M. Pascua, Department of Budget and Management, Philippines

• **Developing a Climate Responsive Budget: Lessons from Nepal**

Kewal Prasad Bhandari, Joint Secretary and Head of Budget Division, Ministry of Finance, Nepal

• **Mainstreaming SDGs into the National Budgeting and Budget Monitoring Process**

K.D. Ruwanchandra, Director General National Budget Department, Sri Lanka

• **Risk-informing SDG Investments – Lessons from the Pacific Risk Resilience Project**

Gregoire Nimbtik, Director for Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination, Vanuatu





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## **Parallel to SESSION VIII: VNRs and SDG Reports**

*This session will provide an opportunity for countries reporting to the HLPF in 2018 and preparing SDG reports to learn from the experience of those that submitted VNRs in 2017.*

**Moderator:** Hannie Meesters, Policy Specialist, Agenda 2030 and SDGs, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

### **Discussion contributions by:**

- Nguyen Le Thuy, Deputy Director General of Dept. of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment (DSENRE), Deputy Director of Sustainable Development Office, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam
- Aishath Saadh, Deputy Director General, Sustainable Development Goals Division, Maldives
- Amalia Adininggar Widyasanti, Director for Macro Planning and Statistics, BAPPENAS, Indonesia
- Dr. Denison Jayasooria, Principal Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), National University of Malaysia (UKM)
- Daya Sagar Shrestha, NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN), Nepal
- Wanun Permpibul, Clamte Watch Thailand, Thailand (tbc)
- Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

### **Note for Day III:**

- Representatives from the Ministries of Finance are requested to attend Day III of the Regional Knowledge Exchange.
- Representatives from National Statistics Offices will attend the International Conference on SDG Statistics from 4 to 6 October (as per concept note and logistics note).
- Representatives from Planning Ministries/ Agencies and SDG focal points, UNDP country office and other participants will either attend Day III of the Regional Knowledge Exchange or the first day (4 October) of the International Conference on SDG Statistics (space constraints permitting).





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## DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER

Day Three is focused on how countries are promoting coherence in terms of their financing of the SDGs across both public and private sectors, as well as international and domestic sources of financing. Building on the first two days, participants will share experiences on strengthening integrated national financing frameworks and financing innovations at country level.

Day Three is co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), a country-led platform chaired by the Government of Bangladesh focused on regional dialogue, cooperation, and sharing of country knowledge and experiences on development finance and cooperation.

As such, the day's discussions are also an opportunity for regional consultations on the work of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), of which the Government of Bangladesh is a co-chair.

08:30-08:45

**Recap of Day II**

08:45-09:00

**SESSION IX: Opening Remarks: Financing Agenda 2030 and the SDGs**

### Opening Remarks

Fatima Yasmin, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh as Chair of AP-DEF and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation

09:00-10:00

**SESSION X: Integrated National Financing Frameworks for 2030 Agenda**

Session X will allow countries to share experiences in taking forward the Addis Ababa Action Agenda coming from the Third International Conference on Financing for Development with a focus on Integrated National Financing Frameworks for Sustainable Development.

**Moderator:** Daniela Gasparikova, Deputy Resident Representative, Mongolia

**How are countries taking forward Integrated Financing approaches in Asia-Pacific?** Tom Beloe, Governance, Climate Change Finance and Development Effectiveness Advisor, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub and AP-DEF Secretariat

### Country presentation:

Assistant Secretary Editha Tan, International Finance Group of Department of Finance, Philippines

10:00-10:30

**Break**





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10:30-12:00

## SESSION XI: Leveraging Finance from the Private Sector for 2030 Agenda

*The objective of the first part to the discussion is to share insights on how development partners have articulated a role in leveraging private sector investment for Agenda 2030 and also to hear perspectives from the private sector on their own initiatives to strengthen alignment with Agenda 2030.*

**Moderator:** Jaco Cilliers, Chief of Regional Policy and Programme, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

Presentations to include:

- **The Role of the ADB in Mobilising Private Finance for Agenda 2030**  
Lars Johannes, Senior Results Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- **Australia's approach to private sector engagement for the 2030 Agenda**  
Mat Kimberley, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy in the Philippines
- **Private Sector and SDG Reporting**  
Bonar Laureto, Executive Director, Philippine Business for Environment

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:00

## SESSION XI: Leveraging Finance from the Private Sector for 2030 Agenda (cont.)

*The objective of the second part to the discussion is for participants to learn from different initiatives to leverage private sector finance for the 2030 Agenda. Participants will choose the initiative they wish to learn more about (through sign-up sheets provided in the morning) and the discussions will then be conducted in parallel. Initiatives have been chosen given their innovative nature. Session XII will further facilitate discussion of the innovations that countries are aiming to achieve in financing the SDGs. Initiatives for discussion will include:*

- **The Role of Remittances in Implementing the SDGs**  
Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director of SANEM, Bangladesh
- **The Role of Business in Implementing Agenda 2030 Experience from Papua New Guinea**  
Douveri Henao, Executive Director of the Business Council of PNG, as well as the Chairman of the Digicel Foundation
- **Experiences with Innovative Finance Instruments - Examples from Indonesia**  
Francine Pickup, Deputy Country Director, UNDP Indonesia
- **Impact Investment and the 2030 Agenda**  
Richa Natarajan, Vice President, Unitus Capital
- **The Role of Civil Society in Private Sector Financing Partnerships**  
Yodhim Dela Rosa, Regional Coordinator, Reality of Aid Asia-Pacific & CSOs Platform for Development Effectiveness Asia Secretariat



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14:00-15:00

## SESSION XII: Innovations in Financing for the SDGs at Country Level

*In groups (determined by country groupings), participants will each share one key reform/innovation around financing the SDGs they would like to see taken forward. Groups will then identify potential South-South cooperation opportunities around priority innovations for financing SDGs at country level. Each group will have a moderator and a graphic facilitator as resource people.*

15:00-15:30

Break

15:30-17:00

## SESSION XIII: Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

*Following on discussions around financing the SDGs, this session will focus on the role of effective development cooperation in this agenda. The Global Partnership Joint Support Team will provide an overview of the ongoing work and key milestones, with a focus on the implication of Agenda 2030 and Financing for Development commitments at country level and on adapting the scope of monitoring.*

### Presentation GPEDC Joint Support Team:

- Yuko Suzuki, Global Policy Advisor on Effective Development Cooperation, UNDP & UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team for GPEDC
- Alejandro Guerrero, Monitoring Team Coordinator, UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team for GPEDC

### Perspectives from:

- Yodhim Dela Rosa, Regional Coordinator, Reality of Aid Asia-Pacific & CSOs Platform for Development Effectiveness Asia Secretariat
- Portia Domonatani Dugu, Forum Compact Research Officer, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

17:00-17:30

## SESSION XIV: Closing

- Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator, Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
- Undersecretary Rolando G. Tungpalan  
National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines



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