

2030 POST



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Providing access to clean drinking water for all by 2030 is one of the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6. Many countries in Asia and the Pacific have yet to achieve this target, more than 260 million people across the region still lack this basic need.

A girl quenches her thirst in Surkhet, a district in Nepal's mid-western region, where UNDP-funded water schemes have provided a host of communities with clean drinking water.

COMING TOGETHER FOR THE 2030 AGENDA

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

Welcome to our second knowledge exchange, on our collective journey to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Over the next few days we will examine how far have we come in implementing Agenda 2030, and explore how we can tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

There are promising advances. Countries have started to put in place institutional arrangements necessary to support the implementation of the agenda. Several countries in Asia and the Pacific submitted their voluntary national reviews at the High Level Political Forum, in July this year. I believe this second Regional Knowledge Exchange – which brings together over 200 participants from over 40 countries in the region – will bring forth new ideas and provide valuable insights.

If we want to achieve prosperity for people and protect the planet, it is evident that we can no longer work in silos. We must better coordinate and collaborate to achieve a higher level of policy coherence across multiple sectors and actors. I believe with your commitment, along with our civil society partners and the private sector, we can accomplish that so no one is left behind.



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Welcome

Welcoming Remarks

Ola Almgren, UN Resident Coordinator, Philippines

Opening Remarks

Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon

National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines

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Assistant Administrator, Director of the Regional Bureau
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Overview of Regional Knowledge Exchange

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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.

- Overview of Progress
- Report Back from HLPF 2017
- Implementation Challenges of the SDGs in a LDC Context – the Case of Nepal
- Taking Stock – Perspectives from Civil
- Civil Society respondent Society

Presentations from: Philippines, Samoa and Myanmar

Presentations from: ADB/ UNESCAP/ UNDP Japan, Nepal and Malaysia

Day 01

SESSION I: Taking Stock Overview of Progress

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

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

SESSION IV: Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

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.

- Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development
- Country examples and civil society perspective

Presentations from: OECD with Indonesia, Pakistan and Philippines

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 stakeholder in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Session IV A: Civil Society
Session IV B: Development Partners
Session IV C: UN Partnerships

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

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

Panel presentations and discussion

Session V A: Gender Equality as an 'Accelerator'
Session V B: Integrated Approaches

Speakers from: Maldives, Malaysia, Cambodia, Bhutan, Indonesia, Tonga, UN Environment, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sri Lanka and Mongolia

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

Day 02

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Plenary Discussion

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

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

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

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION V: Integrated Approaches to Support SDG Acceleration

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

PARALLEL SESSIONS VIII VNRs and SDG Reports

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Presentations from: Malaysia and Singapore

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

Presentations from: Philippines, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu

Day 03

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

SESSION X: Integrated National Financing Frameworks for 2030 Agenda

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

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

SESSION XIII: Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

SESSION XIV: Closing

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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.

Country presentation from: Philippines

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.

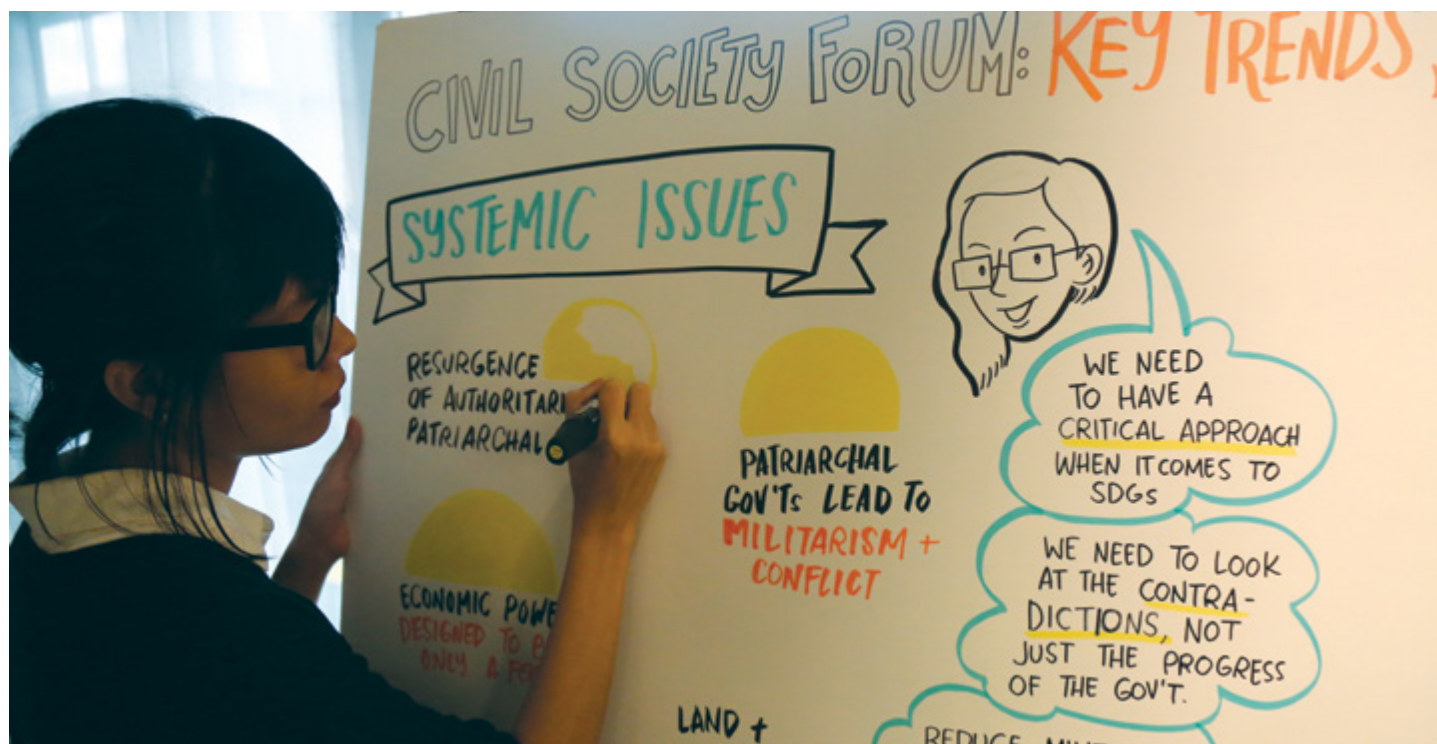
Presentations from: Unitus Capital, Government of Australia, Asian Development Bank

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 on adapting the scope of monitoring.

Closing Remarks

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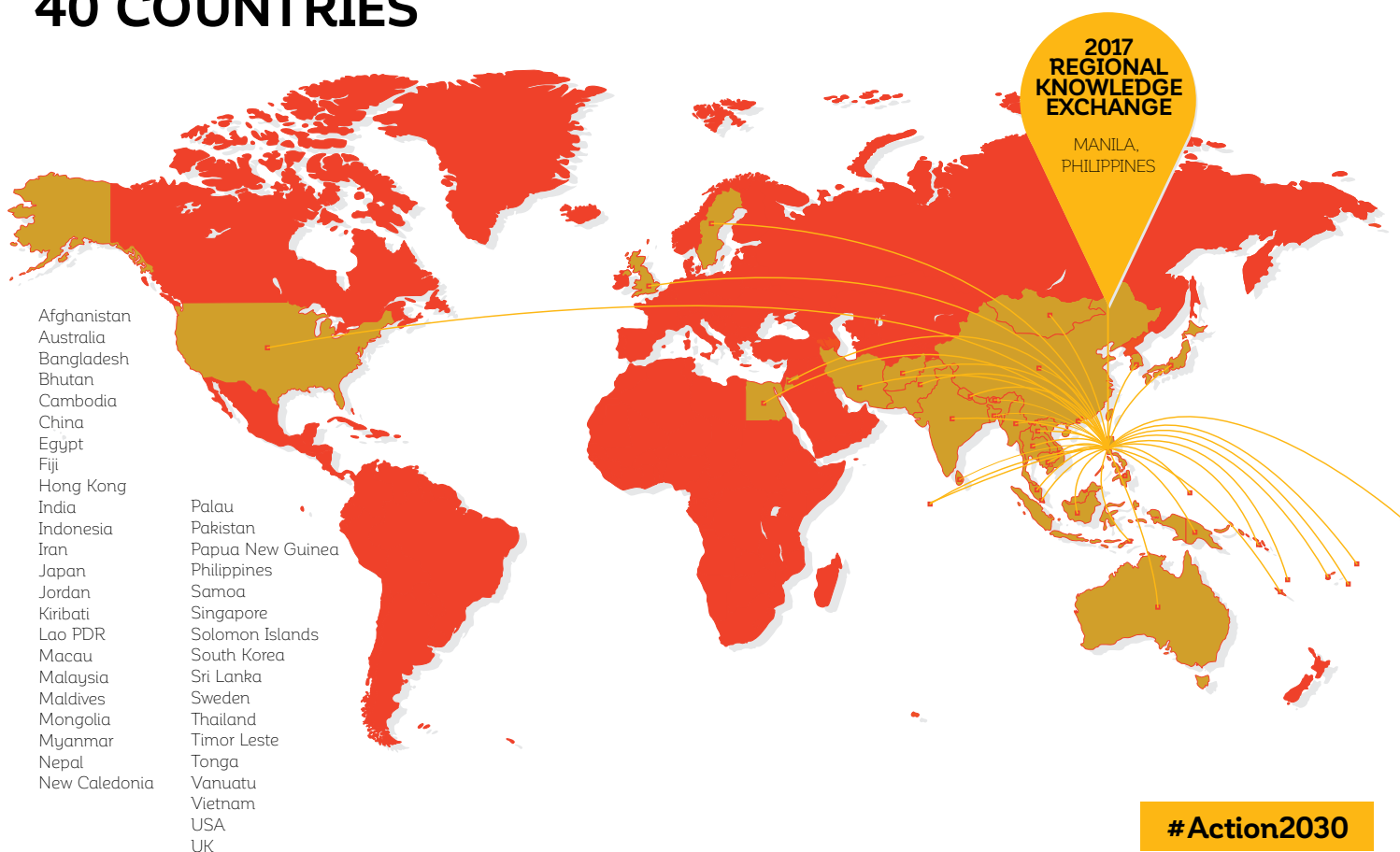
Undersecretary Rolando G. Tungpalan
National Economic and Development Authority,
Philippines



CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

The Civil Society Forum brought together 50 civil society representatives from across Asia and the Pacific to discuss the importance of inclusive and meaningful engagement, in the 2030 Agenda. It looked into trends, successes and challenges, and helped to identify knowledge, gaps and needs within civil society, on their engagement with governments, other stakeholders, and the private sector. A series of recommendations for governments, UN/UNDP, and relevant stakeholders will be presented at the *Regional Knowledge Exchange*.

FROM WHERE WE COME TOGETHER 40 COUNTRIES



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