

IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP 15-16 NOVEMBER 2016, KUALA LUMPUR

BACKGROUND

On 25 September 2015, during the 70th session of the General Assembly, United Nations (UN) Member States adopted the outcome document (A/RES/70/1¹) of the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda titled *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, and decided on the new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Malaysia along with other Member States, committed to implement this action plan by acting in collaborative partnership with all stakeholders to free humanity from poverty and want. They pledged to leave no one behind, and to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path.

The 2030 Agenda was developed out of a most participatory and widespread consultation process, over a period of two years, taking into account the voices of peoples from across the globe. Indeed, the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of the Prime Minister's Department with the support of the UN Country Team (UNCT), organised participatory consultations across the country on the post-2015 agenda in 2014. The national consultations informed both the 2030 Agenda the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (11MP).

The 2030 Agenda builds on the Millennium Development Goals and aims to complete what they did not achieve. The Agenda, which came into effect on 1 January 2016, is integrated and balances the three dimensions of sustainable development, i.e. the economic, social and environmental. It has also been shaped by the outcomes of major UN conferences and summits in relation to sustainable development, such as the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Beijing Platform for Action.

The 17 sustainable development goals and 169 targets are very ambitious, transformative, wide in scope, and applicable to all countries taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, and respecting national policies and priorities. These global goals are indivisible, integrated, equity focused, child-friendly. They commit stakeholders (governments, parliaments, scientific and academic community, civil society, private sector, international community and the UN system) to work in partnership to promote peaceful, just and prosperous societies that put people first and ensure sustainability of the planet for generations to come.

Its implementation requires an integrated approach to sustainable development. It also requires collective action at all levels, guided by the principles of 'leaving no one behind', and supported

¹ <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N15/291/89/PDF/N1529189.pdf?OpenElement>

by the concrete policies and actions outlined in the outcome document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa² (13-16 July 2015). Successful implementation also calls for better focused support of the UN development system.

Malaysia, like other Member States, has committed to engage in systematic follow-up and review at the various levels, acknowledging the importance of quality, accessible, timely and reliable disaggregated data, and the need for a robust, voluntary, effective participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework. The intergovernmental High Level Political Forum³ (HLPF) plays a central role in overseeing the follow-up and review processes at the global level and facilitates sharing of experiences and provides political guidance and recommendations for follow-up.

Malaysia participated in the recent HLPF held in New York from the 11-20 July 2016 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and announced its commitment to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda by formulating a National SDG Roadmap; setting up a high level committee with membership from government, private sector and civil society to oversee implementation and monitoring of SDGs; and strengthening the data requirement for the SDGs.

The 11MP, developed by EPU to guide the country in achieving high-income and advanced status by 2020, is centred on people, particularly the bottom 40 percent of the population, and aligned to the SDGs. The 11MP and future national development plans will be the vehicle through which Malaysia will implement the 2030 Agenda. EPU has mapped the outcomes of the 11MP to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to ensure effective implementation, follow-up and review for the first five years of the 2030 Agenda.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this 2-day Workshop are to launch a whole-of-government and multi-stakeholder process for implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda); and to engage federal, state and local government agencies, civil society organisations, private sector, think tanks and academia in the process from the outset and consult them on the following:

² <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd3/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/07/Addis-Ababa-Action-Agenda-Draft-Outcome-Document-7-July-2015.pdf>

³ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/about>

I) Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia: Developing a Roadmap

The Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development (the economic, social and environmental). How to achieve the interrelated SDGs leads to the question of what is the best way for the governments to implement the 2030 Agenda. With 17 goals and 169 targets, policy makers are confronted with the task of identifying interlinkages, prioritizing interventions, and sequencing actions, distilled at the national and local level. In defining sustainable development investments, governments need to estimate not only spending requirements and the macroeconomic implications of financing them, but also the potential social, economic, environmental rewards and pitfalls. Balancing implies trade-offs between each of the three pillars as well as between goals and targets. The integral and indivisible backdrop of the 2030 Agenda proves a renewed platform for nexus thinking across all SDGs and targets. This session will look at Government's analysis of the national development context, including development gaps in relation to the SDGs. It also will present a mapping of the 11MP, as the first five-year roadmap to implement the SDGs, against the SDG goals and targets and discuss the interactions, tradeoffs and synergies to inform prioritization and sequencing of development action.

- Presentation of analysis of Malaysia's development context as it relates to the SDGs, looking at economic, environment and social pillars, and the extent to which the 11MP integrates core SDG principles of leaving no one behind, sustainability, and accountability.
- Presentation of SDG Mapping of 11MP against the SDGs
- Discussion: Interactions, trade-offs and synergies amongst SDG goals, targets, indicators.

II) Localisation

Localization of Agenda 2030 refers to the process of defining, implementing and monitoring strategies at the local level for achieving global, national and subnational sustainable development goals and targets. This involves facilitating the development of concrete mechanisms, tools, innovations, platforms and processes to effectively translate the development agenda into results at the local level. For a federal system like Malaysia, the relationship between the central and local units and the functional assignments between these two levels are complex. This session will present the national vision to achieve better state level results and look at the implications of policy, legal and institutional arrangements for SDG implementation at the local level with a view to identifying appropriate policies and mechanisms for local stakeholder participation.

- Presentation on current and possible structures and processes for horizontal and vertical coherence.
- Ensuring priorities of the local population can be incorporated into national plans and in local level planning.

III) Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Malaysia has decided to volunteer to the HLPF 2017, as part of a larger national reporting and mid-term review of the 11MP. This session will look at the national data ecosystem, and particularly (i) Types of disaggregated data required, innovative and new sources of data for the SDGs, including crowd sourced and citizen generated data; (ii) Development of baseline data where they do not yet exist; and (iii) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting processes and use of various forms of impact assessments at national and sub-national/local levels e.g. district levels.

- Steps towards ensuring a robust system of monitoring and reporting on the 2030 Agenda using the SDG Indicator Framework complemented by national indicators.
- Role of evaluation in the 2030 Agenda.

IV) Means of Implementation - Building Partnerships and Promoting Action on the 2030 Agenda

A successful sustainable development agenda requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. Inclusive partnerships, built upon principles and values, a shared vision, and shared goals that place people and the planet at the centre, are needed at the global, regional, national and local level. The effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires genuine broad-based involvement of partners and multiple stakeholders across all areas of SDG implementation.

- SDG landscape in Malaysia: What are private sector and civil society including youth, doing in support of the SDGs?
- How can we foster fruitful partnerships among government, civil society, private sector and other actors at national, state and local level?
- What are key elements for an effective SDG advocacy strategy in Malaysia to create awareness and ensure broad ownership and promote action by all at all levels?
- Presentation and discussion of Governance arrangements for the SDGs

TARGET AUDIENCE

This Workshop is targeted at government officials of line ministries, agencies, commissions and relevant authorities at federal, state and local levels. It is also targeted at civil society, the business community, academics, the scientific community, technologists and innovators, think tanks and international organisations. This session will look at key elements for an effective SDG advocacy strategy in Malaysia to ensure broad ownership and promote action at all levels. It will explore partnerships between government, civil society, the private sector and other actors at national, state and local levels.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes following this *“Implementing the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia: Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Workshop”* are as follows:

1. Identification of key components of the framework for a national SDGs Roadmap for implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia that integrates the principles of leaving non-one behind, sustainability and accountability.
2. A robust governance structure that is participatory and inclusive to oversee and guide implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the 2030 Agenda.
3. Elements of a strategy for localising the SDGs at national, state and district levels; and reaching those furthest behind first.
4. Initial identification of SDG Accelerators, derived from understanding of synergies and tradeoffs among goals and targets, to inform prioritization of the national implementation roadmap.
5. Outline of an SDGs Advocacy Strategy to promote ownership, partnerships and action by state and non-state actors to attain the SDGs by 2030.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

Day 1: Localisation of the SDGs and Defining the Implementation Roadmap for 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

Time	Agenda	Proposed Speakers
09.00 am	Registration & Networking	
09.25 am	Welcoming Remarks (10 mins)	<i>RC a.i.(TBC)</i>
09.35 am	Opening Address (15 mins)	YB Minister of EPU (TBC)
Session 1: Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia: Developing a Roadmap		
9.50 am (60 mins)	<p>Presentation of national context and SDG Roadmap (20 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment between the SDGs and the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (11MP); and • Integrating core SDG principles of leaving no one behind, sustainability and accountability. <p>Discussion on: (40 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of the Mapping & SDG Gap Analysis. • Key components of the framework for a national SDGs Roadmap for implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia. • Governance structure for implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia 	<p>Moderator: EPU</p> <p>Presenter: EPU</p> <p>Discussants: (based on clustering)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy & Equality – Academician (Prof Azlan) 2. Education – MOE 3. Health – MOH 4. Environment – Yasmin Rasyid, EcoKnights
10:50 am (20 mins)	<i>Coffee Break and Networking</i>	

Session 2: Prioritizing Implementation Actions – Understanding trade-offs and synergies amongst SDG goals and targets.

<p>11:10 am (70 mins)</p>	<p>Panel discussion: Prioritizing Implementation Actions – Understanding trade-offs and synergies amongst SDG goals and targets.</p> <p>Presentation on health interactions, trade-offs and synergies amongst SDG goals and targets e.g. in relation to urban systems, water, energy, land and climate. (20 mins)</p> <p>Presentation on Integrated Approaches to Modelling (15 mins)</p> <p>Discussion on: (35 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactions, trade-offs and synergies amongst SDG goals, targets and indicators. • Identifying accelerators and prioritization of national SDGs Roadmap 	<p>Moderator: Emeritus Prof. Dr Mohd. Nordin Hasan (TBC)</p> <p>Dr Jose Siri, Research Fellow, UNU-IIGH</p> <p>Mr. Pedro Conceicao, Director, Strategic Policy, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP New York</p>
<p>12.20 pm (85 mins)</p>	<p><i>Lunch & Networking</i></p>	

Session 3: Localisation of the 2030 Agenda

<p>1.45 pm (75 mins)</p>	<p>Panel Discussion on Localisation of the 2030 Agenda and Reaching those Furthest Behind First.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and reaching those furthest behind first (10 mins) • Implementing the SDGs at state and local levels: Ensuring inclusive 	<p>Moderator: UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub</p> <p>Panelists: Assoc. Prof. Dr Madeline Berma, UKM</p>
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	<p>national coordination and vertical and horizontal policy coherence and integration of the 2030 Agenda at all levels (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender equality by 2030 (10 mins). Lifting up Vulnerable Communities (10 mins) <p>Discussion and Q&A (35mins)</p>	<p>State EPU Director of Melaka</p> <p>Ms. Cecilia Ng, Independent Researcher, Women in Development</p> <p>Mr. Chang Yii Tan, Independent Consultant</p>
3.00 pm (30 mins)	<i>Coffee Break & Networking</i>	
Session 4: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		
3.30 pm (90 mins)	<p>Panel Discussion: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting; and Strengthening the Data Ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting on the 2030 Agenda at Global, Regional, National and Sub-national levels. (20 mins) Data gap analysis (20 mins) Filling the data gap: newer types of disaggregated data required, innovative and new sources of data for the SDGs, including crowd sourced and citizen generated data. (20 mins) <p>Discussion and Q&A (30 mins)</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Pedro Conceicao, Director, Strategic Policy, UNDP New York</p> <p>Mr. Riccardo Polastro, Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF</p> <p>DOSM</p> <p>Dr Kenneth Simler, Senior Economist, World Bank</p>
5:00 pm	Wrap up (15 mins)	
5.15 pm	End of Day	

Day 2: Building Partnerships and Promoting Action for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Proposed Speakers
9.00 am	Recap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2 (15 mins)	Facilitator
Session 5: Participation, Transparency & Accountability for the SDGs		
9.15 am (60 mins)	Panel Discussion on Promoting Participation, Transparency and Accountability for SDG Achievement Open, Inclusive, and Accountable Governance: The Heart of the 2030 Agenda Role of Audit Departments in ensuring transparency and accountability Private Sector Sustainability Reporting on Progress Against the SDGs Discussion and Q&A	Moderator: TBC Panelists: AICHR (TBC) National Audit Department UN Global Compact (TBC)
Session 6: Fostering Partnerships and Promoting Action on the 2030 Agenda		
10.15am (45 mins)	Panel Discussion on Creating Spaces for Engagement, Fostering Partnerships and Promoting Action on the 2030 Agenda Partnership with Civil Society– By SDG CSO Alliance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Civil Society doing? How can civil society contribute to SDG achievement? Partnership with Business for the SDGs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is business doing across Asia Pacific? 	Moderator: TBC Panelists: YBhg. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria, Co-Chair of the SDGs CSO Alliance Mr. Tony Gourlay, Global Initiatives – Responsible Business Forum, Singapore (TBC)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can Malaysian business contribute to SDG achievement? <p>Partnership with Youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are youth doing in Malaysia? How can Malaysian youth help deliver the SDGs? <p>Creating space for women's engagement to help deliver the SDGs</p> <p>Discussion on enhancing collaboration and innovation for the SDGs</p>	<p>Datin Kathleen Yeoh, YTL Foundation (TBC)</p> <p>Dr Mohd Lutfi Fadil Lokman, UN Young Leader, Co-Founder, Hospital Beyond Boundaries</p> <p>Ms. Zainah Anwar, Director/Co-Founder, MUSAWAH (tbc)</p>
11.00am (15 mins)	<i>Coffee Break and Networking</i>	
Session 7: Building Awareness & Promoting Action on the 2030 Agenda		
11.15 am (45 mins)	<p>Panel on Building Awareness & Promoting Action on the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Presentation on Increasing Awareness on the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Promoting Action and Innovation on the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Discussion and Q&A (25 mins)</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms Marianne Clark-Hattingh, Representative, UNICEF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr Henry Tan, Chief Operating Officer Astro Malaysia Holdings Berhad</p> <p>Dr. Shariha Khalid Co-Founder, Managing Director, Scope Group</p>
Session 8: Next Steps for Malaysia Towards Effective Implementation and Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda		
12.00 am (45 mins)	<p>Bringing it all together (15 mins)</p> <p>(a) Key elements for Malaysia's Roadmap for SDG implementation;</p>	<p>Mr. Pedro Conceicao, Director, Strategic Policy,</p>

	<p>(b) Ensuring effective and participatory institutional coordination arrangements at national and local levels;</p> <p>(c) Journeying towards a robust Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting framework; and</p> <p>(d) Building greater ownership and promoting action on the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>Discussion on next steps for Malaysia towards effective implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda (30 mins)</p>	UNDP New York
12.45 am (10 mins)	Closing Remarks (10 mins)	EPU
1.00pm	End of Workshop	
1.00 pm	<i>Lunch and Networking</i>	

