

UN HLPF Side Event

Accelerating the SDGs Monitoring and Implementation actions using SDG 16+, Date: 7 July 2021, 7.30 – 9.30 AM New York time



Short Description

SDG 16+ breaks new ground in approaches to sustainable and inclusive development. On one hand, it uplifts the human rights agenda and introduces a unique light to the fact that sustainable development cannot be achieved without defending civil and political rights. At the same time, unlike many other thematic areas of the 2030 Agenda, governance becomes a new domain in official statistics with few international standards defining its measurement.

In recent years, several initiatives have emerged to support Member States in their SDG 16+ monitoring and reporting efforts. This workshop will bring together a multi-stakeholder group of experts from all regions to address critical challenges pertaining the monitoring of SDG 16+. In the course of this meeting, participants will exchange experiences, success stories, obstacles and opportunities to address gaps in the production and usage of data to monitor SDG16+ and will explore opportunities for collaboration.

Strategic value and Expected Outcome

Coming to the end of the first cycle of SDG implementation, only a few countries and statistical offices have experience in producing governance data or in establishing the type of inclusive systems needed to monitor and report on governance, peace and security indicators. There is also a vast missed opportunity to use data and information produced for other relevant reporting processes, including for human rights mechanisms, to report on issues related to Peace, Justice and Inclusion (SDG16+) apart from citizens led data, which needs to be explored and recognized by the government and ADA will launch regional report based on 12 countries situation analysis on SDG 16 plus (2015-2020).

The main outcome of this side event would be: 1) Shared understanding on SDG 16 Plus CSOs led Citizen's Data, 2) Exploring national and regional level indicators of SDG 16+, 3) Joint Advocacy Plan at national, regional and Global level, 4) exchange experiences, success stories, obstacles and opportunities to address gaps in the production and usage of data to monitor SDG16+

Participants

This side event will bring together a experts from government, civil society and the UN institutions to address critical challenges pertaining to the monitoring of SDG 16+.

Host - National Planning Commission of Nepal with Asia Development Alliance

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Co-Hosts - United Nations Resident Coordination Office of Nepal, NGO Federation Nepal, Nepal SDGs Forum, Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network and Forus, Govt. of Malaysia, CSO SDG Alliance of Malaysia, KCOC, KOICA

Programme:

Opening Remarks, Representative of Govt. of Nepal (7 mins)
Hon. Prof. Dr Puspa Raj Kadel, Vice-Chairperson of NPC, Nepal

Panel - I , Integrating SDG 16 Plus with Human Rights at global level (35 minutes)

Moderator – Anselmo LEE

Panellists

John Romano, Global Coordinator, Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network

Deirdre De BURCA, Advocacy Co-ordinator, Forus

Katherine Liao, OHCHR

Sara Beysolow Nyanti, **UNRC Coordinator of Nepal (tbc)**

UNDP - Southern Voices research Report (tbc)

Opening Question

- **Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network:** How the recently launched SDG16+ Civil Society Toolkit could be beneficial for the civil society and other right holder groups?
- **Forus:** Having worked on enabling environment for civil society over many years, why do you think addressing SDG 16 plus is relevant for CSOs everywhere? (5 mins)
- **OHCHR:** How effectively does SDG 16 + address human rights issues from OHCHR's perspective ? (5 mins each speaker)
- **UNRC :** UN Contribution of SDG16 Acceleration in Nepal

Second Question:

- How relevant and important will SDG 16 Plus be in terms of advancing progress in the areas of peace, governance, accountability, transparency, and civic space by 2030? What are the key challenges and opportunities? (3 mins each speaker)

Q&A from the Floor (10 mins)

Closing panel 1 - Dr Netra Timsina- CSO Leader and President of Nepal Red-Cross Society (3 Minutes)

Panel -II , Assessing the Regional and National trends of SDG 16 Plus over past 5 years and relevance and importance of SDG 16 Plus in Post COVID-19 Recovery Era

Moderator - Denison Jayasooriya, CSO Alliance for SDGs in Malaysia (60 mins approx)

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Welcome and CSOs Role on Accelerating SDGs 16 Plus in Nepal – **Mr. Jit Ram lama, President, NGO Federation of Nepal** (3 Minutes)

Q-1 Monitoring and Implementation of SDGs 16 Plus at the regional level , what are the main trends and recommendations? - ADA (5 mins)

What are the challenges in the monitoring and implementation of SDG 16 Plus in your countries ((5 mins each)

Speakers (5 Mins each)

Hon Min Bahadur Shahi - Member, Spoke Person n of NPC and Focal Person of SDG 16

Hon Maria Chin Abdullah - Member of Parliament, Malaysia & Deputy Chair All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on SDG (APPGM SDG)

KOICA

Govt. of Japan

Q-2 What is the role of CSOs in monitoring and implementation of SDG 16 Plus - 5 mins each
Speakers

Dr Padma Prasad Khatiwada- Vice Chair of Social Welfare Council of Nepal

Mr Jerald Joseph - Human Rights Commissioner, Malaysia

Representative from KCOC

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Could you please share 3 key recommendations to accelerate SDG 16 plus action in your country (2 minutes for each panellist from Govt and CSOs)

Q&A from the Floor - 10 minutes)

Vote of Thanks and Way Forward- Representative from ADA