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2023 SDG ACTION WEEKEND – SIDE EVENT

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

“REGIONAL ACTIONS TO SUPPORT SDG LOCALISATION AND BUILD RESILIENCE”

Organisers : Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations
Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations

Date : 16 September 2023 (Saturday)

Time : 14:15 – 15:45

Venue : Conference Room 5 (CR-5), United Nations Headquarters, New York

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Today, the world faces inter-related global crises that has disrupted much of our livelihoods. While recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change is affecting our environment and geo-politic conflicts are further widening inequalities, heightening vulnerabilities, and constraining financial resources and most significantly, has hindered progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

Localisation, anchored on the principle of multilevel governance and multi-stakeholder collaboration, is recognized as a key approach to collectively propel us towards greater inclusion and sustainability. Local and regional governments have a key role to play in this process as 65% of the SDG targets are linked to their work and mandates.

In this context, we acknowledge that multiple challenges faced today, stretched far beyond borders, and can only be tackled by joint efforts. Hence, strengthening multilateral cooperation, regional partnerships and actions across regions are vital in building resilience against future shocks and delivering scaled-up actions on the 2030 Agenda.

Empowering regions will also yield concrete global outcomes, as the comprehensive nature of the 2030 Agenda requires cross-cutting agenda and regional cooperation. Action is needed across all levels of governance, to localise the SDGs, considering local, national, and regional contexts to mobilise the engagement of all stakeholders, and leveraging the support of the UN system.

The side event will focus on regional efforts taking into account local, national and regional contexts to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda, highlighting how policies, transformative actions and partnerships can support governments in SDGs localisation and build local resilience. It would also highlight the actions taken to close gaps and improve the well-being of people farthest behind as well as promote inclusivity and gender mainstreaming efforts thus contributing to stability and resilience globally.

The event will also highlight best practices and lesson learned on how intergovernmental regional platforms, multi-lateral governance, national and regional fora, progress and efforts on SDGs can be leveraged to build momentum and partnerships to contribute to the Decade of Action.

OBJECTIVES AND FOCUS

- i. Lessons learned in navigating challenges, brought about by local, national and regional efforts to build resilience and accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs.
- ii. Shared solutions as to how regional and sub-regional cooperation and partnerships can contribute to accelerating the delivery of the 2030 Agenda.
- iii. Critical measures and region-specific normative guidance that can accelerate local actions, enhance data collection and support national, sub-national, cities and local authorities to report on its SDGs progress.

- iv. Importance of enhanced partnerships through intergovernmental, multilateral governance and regional organisations to achieve the SDGs.
- v. Game-changing initiatives and actions to build resilience and deliver the 2030 Agenda.

PROGRAMME

14:15-14:20 OPENING SESSION

Remarks by

His Excellency Dato' Dr Ahmad Faisal Muhamad

Permanent Representative of Malaysia

Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, New York

14:20-14:25 PANEL SESSION INTRODUCTION

Moderator

Ms. Norliza Hashim

Chief Executive Officer

Urbanice Malaysia

Ministry of Local Government Development of Malaysia

14:25-14:45 PANEL SESSION 1

Regional and National Cooperation Towards SDG Localisation

Panel:

Mr Luqman Ahmad

Deputy Secretary General (Macro)

Ministry of Economy Malaysia

Ms Renata Rubian

Co-Chair Local2030

UNDP Asia Pacific

Dr Bernadia Iriwati Tjandradewi

Secretary General

United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)

MS Celeste Connors

Executive Director Hawaii Green Growth

Co-Lead Local2030 Island Network

14:45-15:00 DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

15:00-15:10 HIGH LEVEL REMARKS

Her Excellency Madam Maimunah Mohamad Sharif
Executive Director
UN-Habitat

15:10-15:25 PANEL SESSION 2

SDG Local Actions and Multi-level Cooperation

Panel:

Her Excellency Dr Vivi Yulaswati
Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources
Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia

Dato' Haji Abd Hamid b Hussain
Mayor of Sepang, Malaysia
Sepang City Council, Malaysia

Ms Nana Urakami Inaguma
Researcher
United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

15:22-15:40 DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

15:40-15:45 CLOSING SESSION

Remarks by

Her Excellency Ambassador Noor Qamar Sulaiman
Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam
Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations, New York

FORMAT

The event will be held in an in-person setting. It will involve an opening segment, two moderated panel discussions, and closing reflections from moderator and host. The first panel will focus on regional and national actions, and the second panel session will discuss on SDG localisation practices.

REGISTRATION

This event is open to all registered participants of the 2023 SDG Summit – Member States, local and regional governments, UN entities and civil society representatives.

LANGUAGE

English

ORGANISERS

Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations; and
Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

Ministry of Economy of Malaysia;
Ministry of Local Government Development of Malaysia;
UN-Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP);
Local 2030;
United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC); and
URBANICE Malaysia.