

NATIONAL DIALOGUE

OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW (VNR)

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WHAT IS VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW?

- As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven.
- These national reviews are expected to serve as a basis for the regular reviews by the high-level political forum (HLPF), meeting under the auspices of ECOSOC. As stipulated in the 2030 Agenda, regular reviews by the HLPF are to be voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and involve multiple stakeholders.

WHAT IS VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW?

- The voluntary national reviews (VNRs) aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- The VNRs also seek to strengthen policies and institutions of governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- This review platform is dedicated to compiling information from countries participating in the voluntary national reviews of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

WHY CSOS NEED TO ENGAGE IN VNR?

- **CSOs** plays an important role in bringing the people's voices from the grass root levels for the national and global debates.
- **CSOs** act as catalysts for critical global and national agendas, and assist in bringing citizens' voices to national debates and the development of national strategies.
- **CSOs** play a critical role working with governments in delivering services, generating research and evidence, holding governments accountable to their commitments, and advocating for change, including around the SDGs.
- The SDGs are a **shared agenda** for all of us.

STATUS REPORT IN ASIA ON VNR

- **2016:** Philippines, S. Korea and China presented their VNR report (6)
- **2017:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Iran presented their VNR (10)
- **2018:** Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Vietnam, Lao PDR and Singapore (5)
- ADA made [10 countries VNR/Voluntary report status](#) for these countries , which analyses the level of engagement of the CSOs in the VNR process.
- Later, in 2018, ADA along with Asia Democracy Network (AND) and other partners organised Busan Democracy Forum in Busan, South Korea on January 22-23, and one of the important highlight of the session was [CSOs engagement analysis in Asia](#)

CSO'S ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

Three types of Engagement with the government upon the experiences so far:

- **Highly engaged and collaborative:** Nepal, Bhutan
- **Moderate Engagement:** Indonesia, Bangladesh, Malaysia,
- **Occasional Engagement:** India, Philippines, Thailand,

WHAT CCC CONTRIBUTES TO SDGs?

- Awareness-raising on SDGs to CSOs and stakeholders
- Engaging with Government and other stakeholder to contextualize SDGs to CSDGs
- Capacity-building to CSOs and stakeholders
- Research and advocate for enabling environment for CSOs
- Financing for Development (Resource Mobilization)
- Inclusive partnership for sustainable development
- CSO governance towards the implementation of CSDGs
- As CCC is the Co-convener of ADA and Steering Committee member of ADN, will represent the voices on SDGs of civil society in Asia region to regional and global events/platform.

WAY FORWARD

- There is a need to strengthening the alignment of CSO programming at the national level with the SDGs, and building in the integration of different (but related) goals and targets across their respective programming.
- Providing additional data to track progress on SDG implementation. CSO-run, citizen-based monitoring programs collect data on progress around SDGs.
- Creating/Strengthening networks to reach citizens and share tools and experiences. Most CSOs have a large constituency and membership covering the whole country and/or specific regions.

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