



# **ONE YEAR IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG: ASIA AND THE PACIFIC CSO PERSPECTIVE**

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# MODALITIES OF ENGAGEMENT: REGIONAL LEVEL

open, inclusive and flexible civil society **platform** in Asia and Pacific designed to reach the broadest number of CSOs, to harness the **voice of grassroots and peoples' movements** to advance **Development Justice** which calls redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice and accountability to the peoples.

It aims to engage with UN system across the region and beyond on the issue of sustainable development.





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## SOME MAJOR CONCERNS

- A **failure** to put in the institutional, all of government policies and mechanism required to ensure the Agenda guides national policy making
- A failure to **involve civil society** in the planning, implementation and review of the Agenda
- A failure to **address the systemic and structural barriers** that will prevent goals being realised
- A failure to address the critical Means of Implementation required to fulfil the agenda. Or as we say **MOI is MIA**

# SYSTEMIC BARRIERS

- Trade and investment treaties
- Militarism and conflict
- Corporate Capture
- Land and Resources Grabbing
- Patriarchy and Fundamentalism
- Attacks to Democratic Space



# MOI IS MIA

1. No mention on how to address the imbalanced global economic structural problems – finance, trade, tax and fiscal policies are not mentioned.
2. Goals 2 and 3 selectively address MOI with reference to recent WTO decisions but not to measuring food export subsidies from the Global North and no reference to supporting TRIPS flexibilities for affordable medicines despite the contradicting pressures from Mega-Trade agreements that threaten the target.
3. There is no reference to MOI at all for Goal 5. In addition, there is no reference to public investment in services to recognise and redistribute unpaid care, another indication of the failure of indicators to at the ambition of the target.
4. The omissions in Goal 8 relate to the substantive targets that relate to global economies that reduce labour rights. Labour rights are absent, including the rights of migrant workers, as is the Gender Pay Gap
5. Goal 10 - No references can be found to inequality of wealth and resources between states, nor of the global concentration of wealth. There is no reference to fiscal policies here or elsewhere , the target to improve regulation and monitoring of global financial markets is not addressed and safe migration addressed only in reference to remittances in 10.c
6. Finally, the MOI stand-alone Goal 17 is woefully inadequate. In relation to finance only ODA is mentioned. There is no reference to tax or debt relief targets.

# OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE REGIONAL DISCUSSION ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

## 1. Regional Roadmap on Implementing 2030 Agenda in Asia and Pacific .

- foundation and framework of action, identifying regional cooperation
- **Priority areas:**
  - **Means of Implementation** – data and statistics, technology, finance, policy coherence
  - **Thematic issues**
    - Leaving No One Behind (social development) – poverty, income disparities, gender, inclusion of marginalised group
    - Disaster risk reduction and resilience
    - Energy
    - Connectivity for 2030 agenda – infrastructure
- **Zero draft** – consultation with the CSOs from 9 – 12 November 2016
- **Finalisation at APFSD 2017**



# OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE REGIONAL DISCUSSION – ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

**2. Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, organised by ESCAP EDD, February, 2017, UNCC Bangkok** -- ESCAP will give more info about the events and CSOs engagement soon.

**3. Pacific Civil Society Organising Mechanism Dialogue**, Suva, Pacific – 6-8 February 2017

**4. CSO Forum on Sustainable Development 2017, 27-28 March 2017**

**5. Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2017**

- 29-31 March 2017, UNCC Bangkok, Thailand
- Inline with the theme of HLPF, focus on goal 1,2, 3,5,9,14, and 17
- Documents:
  - **Annual Regional SDG Technical Report** - A background document for APFSD 2017 with 3 main chapters on: urbanization, natural resources, and infrastructure. Social element is missing throughout the outline. Deadline: January 16
  - **Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific**

## **6. UNEP Asia- Pacific Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities,**

- Regional priorities issues in regards to environment
- Preparation for United Nation Environment Assembly 3 - discuss the environmental dimension of the SDGs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2017, most probably not in Bangkok
- 1,5 – 2 days CSO Forum that will be co-organised by UNEP and APRCEM before the forum.

## **7. United Nation Environment Assembly (UNEA) 3 – December 2017**