

Session 1:

Adapting the SDGs to the National Context

Early Successes, Challenges and Lessons Learned

Discuss early successes, challenges and lessons

1. Mainstreaming A2030 in national/sector SD vision, strategy/plan/agenda and budget
2. Mapping/Firming up indicators and addressing data gaps; establishing M&E system
3. Designing/Creating/Strengthening SD institutional & governance mechanisms
4. Building awareness and ownership; encouraging actions at national and grassroots levels
5. Identifying innovations in any or all 4 areas

Mainstreaming immediately proceeded in almost all countries

- Genuine desire to implement A2030
- Assistance of UN and other development institutions
- Lessons from MDG process (e.g. Phil & Uganda Plans)
- Stakeholder participation and awareness building becoming an SOP
- Existence of critical issues to rally behind (e.g. Ebola crisis and collapse of iron ore prices in Sierra Leone; mining in Lao PDR,)

Data, indicators, M&E

- Data assessment/mapping processes
- Strengthening national statistics systems
 - Capacity building (e.g. tools for Uganda: National Standard Indicator Framework, the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and the Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy)
- Preparation of SDG-oriented Statistical Development Plan in Philippines

Coordination mechanisms and processes have been set up

- Estonia: HL Inter-ministerial WG for coordination; SD Commission for monitoring
- Philippines: MS Oversight Committee
- Finland: NCSD led by the PM
- Japan: SDG Promotion HQ headed by the PM; Senior Officials Steering Committee
- Sweden: Inter-ministry; Steering groups in ministries; National Multi-stakeholder Committee to dialogue with locals and stakeholders to produce action plans

Some Innovations

- No new SD plan for Estonia (Sustainable Estonia 21, 2005 to 2030); formulating sector strategies and action plans for these strategies
- Leadership from the top: strong commitment and active PM in Uganda National SDG Task Force with working groups
- Retreat of Cabo Verde Cabinet and senior officials led by the PM to translate the SDGs into concrete results
- Additional goal for Lao PDR; focus on SCP, CC and all environmental goals of Vietnam
- Philippine Statistical Development Plan

Challenges

- Integrating SDGs into national and local plans
- Financing/Budgeting strategies and actions to attain SDGs
- Collecting data and statistics efficiently for 237 indicators
- Forging commitments and encouraging concrete actions with stakeholders especially at the grassroots level

Thank you.
