

**Asia Regional Meeting
Kathmandu, Nepal
24-26 September 2019**

Title of session:

Session 8.1 a: SDG Localisation: parallel sessions looking at different aspects of implementation of the 2030 Agenda; session on Sharing pilot initiatives/experiences in the region around CSO-LA cooperation

Objective(s):

To hear examples of current initiatives that illustrate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at local level in Asia, and share insights on what is working and what could be done better.

Expected results:

- A better understanding of ongoing specific initiatives for SDG implementation
- A summary of lessons learned regarding CSO-LA cooperation in terms of SDG implementation
- An examination of the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships as a tool to empower development actors and encourage the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at local level

Background:

There is an increasing awareness that no major progress will be achieved without speeding up the implementation of the SDGs at local level. On the one hand, different levels of governance (national, regional and local) need to learn to work better together. On the other, public institutions, the private sector and civil society cannot afford to work in silos anymore.

Four years after the agreement of the new global agenda is a good moment to examine how initiatives are taking shape, their rationale and impact. Asia offers countless examples of challenges and solutions, covering virtually every SDG, from employment and decent work, education and gender, to climate change and how to build better partnerships between different actors, such as local government, communities, civil societies organisations, business and trade unions, at local level. This session is an opportunity to share examples and experiences.

Methodology:

Session flow as follow:

- A brief presentation of 3 local initiatives and panel discussion amongst the moderator, panelists and floor
- The floor will open to the participants for further interventions
- Wrap up of the session

Key questions:

- What are the (initial) challenges you have found to support the implementation of the SDGs at local level?



- Is your project/initiative managing to address/overcome those challenges? How?
- Which specific SDGs are being supported through your project?
- What are the concrete results so far of your initiatives? (in relation to the SDGs)?
- What is the role of partnership in your initiative? What are the main difficulties and advantages that partnership has fostered?
- One of the main concerns of most actors in the sector is how to access finance, particularly at local level. What are the main sources of finance to support your initiative? Was it difficult to access it?
- Were you able to report / share your initiatives to official SDG reporting and monitoring processes? If so, how? If not, why?
- What are the sustainability mechanisms / strategies in place in terms of policies that support your initiative? Finance? Regulation?
- What is the capacity to continue delivering services and results?