

CONCEPT NOTE

[Webinar Series on Stakeholder Engagement](#)

Module 1: An Introduction to Stakeholder Engagement in the 2030 Agenda

UNESCAP, Environment and Development Division

“One of the fundamental prerequisites for the achievement of sustainable development is broad public participation in decision-making.” - Agenda 21

Background

Stakeholder engagement is at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In order for the SDGs to truly be successful, governments must work with diverse sectors of society to ensure that all stakeholders are included in the process of implementing, monitoring, and reviewing policies related to sustainable development. UNESCAP, in partnership with the [International Association for Public Participation \(IAP2\)](#), has been working to help build the capacity of governments in the Asia-Pacific region so they can engage key national stakeholders towards the successful realization of the 2030 Agenda in their respective countries.

As part of these efforts, a series of webinars will be produced as to provide further technical support to governments, stakeholders, and others in the region and beyond. Each webinar will help increase knowledge of participation and ensure a better understanding of the mechanisms and means of meaningful engagement. Some guiding questions for the series includes:

- What are barriers to participation and how can they removed?
- How do you build trust in society in order to bring all stakeholders together around the actualization of the 2030 Agenda?
- How is engagement institutionalized and made more meaningful?
- And more . . .

The series will be divided into several modules, each a maximum of **60 minutes** in length. The modules will cover a variety of themes.

Introduction

The process of formulating the 2030 Agenda was one of the most inclusive in the history of intergovernmental negotiations at the UN. It certainly lived up to the legacy of Agenda 21, and the precedents it set for ensuring that all stakeholders in society are included in the work of creating, implementing, and reviewing sustainable development policy. As the world moves quickly towards the year 2030 and the sustainability deadlines set by the agenda, it is critical that governments and stakeholders work together in partnership to further ensure progress is made on achieving the goals and targets of the framework.

This first installment of the webinar series will provide an introduction to stakeholder engagement in the 2030 Agenda, a bit of history, and specific references to the sections and text of the agenda where stakeholder engagement plays a particularly important role. Participants will gain knowledge of key concepts related to stakeholder participation in formulating, implementing, and reviewing policies

related to sustainable development and the SDGs, and obtain a better understanding of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process.

All are invited to participate, especially representatives of governments and civil society organizations engaged in work around sustainable development.

Date

19 September 2018, 16:00 Bangkok time

**Link for participation to be shared with all who register as well as online.*

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introduction (5 minutes)**
- 2. Substantive segment (25 minutes)**
- 3. Discussion and Q+A (25 minutes)**
- 4. Wrap up (5 minutes)**

Presenters

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Registration

Use the following link to register for this webinar:

<https://goo.gl/forms/r68t33e43YyfyEwj1>

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