

The SDGs in Action: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Inclusive Prosperity in a Changing World

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Panelists at 'The SDGs in Action: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Inclusive Prosperity in a Changing World, HLPF Side Event organized by UNDG (Photo: Freya Morales/UNDP)

'The SDGs in Action: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Inclusive Prosperity in a Changing World,' a high level side event organized by the UN Development Group, in conjunction with the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 2017), discussed how countries at various stages of development, including those faced with complex situations such as violent conflict and fragility are accelerating efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The theme of the HLPF, 'Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world' challenges the UN and Member States to hold true to the 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first.



Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDG Chair and UNDP Administrator highlighted on the need to pursue an integrated approach versus "cherry-picking" priority areas, where the UN can help identify synergies and trade-offs in different country contexts to determine interventions that yield benefits across several SDGs.

"The critical importance of leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first: here the UN can help countries better understand and address inequalities in all their forms".

Voices from Nigeria and Timor-Leste show-cased examples and best practices to address the challenges and commitments for delivering the promise of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, despite the fragility and conflict context.

H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, Senior Special Assistant on the SDGs to the President of Nigeria emphasized the country's commitment to the 2030 Agenda, "Nigeria parliament remains engaged and committed on delivering the promise of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The government is committed to end the current humanitarian crisis and ensure synergy at all levels of government to leave no one behind."

Mr. Roberto Oliveira, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Timor-Leste expressed "We need to continue to pursue peace to attain the 2030 Agenda. Goals- 5, 16, 17 are backbones of our development. Integrated planning, budgeting and monitoring is needed alongside transformative partnership for eradicating poverty."

India shared examples of action on the ground with wider participation and active engagement at the local level, for all citizens to understand, be a part of planning and implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. Jitendra Shankar Mathur, Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, India raised "Challenge that is being addressed for 2030 Agenda now is how to make it more personalized? Participation and support, involvement of people is essential. Need to include all the people with massive awareness generation, campaigns to reiterate issues and bring out living examples."

Panelists and participants at the event, with over 200 attendees, agreed on the need for inclusivity, sustained political commitment and national ownership alongside the need to have gender equality, and integrated planning, budgeting and monitoring.



Dr. Alaa Murabit, UN SDG Advocate strongly advocated on the need to have gender equality on the ground and the need to invest more on the global development agenda such as building cities that are sustainable, tackling hunger and poverty — where every citizen has the opportunity to education, health care and income and is able to have the feel of living in a safe and secure world.

"Without women and girls the 2030 agenda is not going to see the light of the day, it is a non-negotiation. Women and girls have to be the architects of national plans and budgets."

Concluding the event, Mr. Achim Steiner reinforced that evidence-based debates about development help measure progress, so actions can be prioritised that really zoom in on reaching the SDGs, rather than going with the idea of cherry-picking.

The side-event also marked the launch of the UNDG [SDG Acceleration Toolkit](#). The toolkit is the most recent offer of the UNDG aimed at supporting countries in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The online compendium of analytical tools and methodologies aims to help identify catalytic actions across SDGs.

More information

Press Release:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/07/18/implementation-of-2030-agenda-has-to-be-inclusive-participatory-and-bottom-up.html>

www.undg.org/events/the-sustainable-development-goals-in-action