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Civil Society Reports: Countries under review at 2017 High Level Political Forum

Guiding Questions for a Template for CSO engagement for Voluntary National Review
at the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

This template aims to identify what mechanisms are in place for government engagement with the SDGs, civil society, local governments, and current initiatives from all actors in realizing the SDGs at a national and international level.

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A. State of national government's preparation for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs – domestic and international

- 1. Which ministry (or other institution e.g. in the Prime Minister's office) is now leading or in charge of the planning for the domestic implementation of the SDGs in your country?**

Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department.

- 2. Does your government have a policy framework on SDG implementation? How does this relate to existing or other policy frameworks as national development plans?**

The government is mapping the 11 Malaysia Plan on the SDG framework and will prepare the subsequent 12 and 14 Malaysia Plans based on the SDG framework.

- 3. Is there parliamentary/congressional scrutiny of the framework? If so please list the relevant committee and its activity**

Malaysia has set up the National SDG Council which is chaired by the Prime Minister; and the National Steering Committee chaired by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU). It includes the relevant ministries, CSOs, and the private sector. The Steering Committee is assisted by 5 clusters which is made up of 17 sub-working groups based on the 17 SDG targets.

- 4. Are local governments in your countries actively engaged in the 2030 Agenda / SDGs? If so, how**



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The EPU is organizing a road to the state and local levels inform and advocate for the implementation of the SDGs at state and local levels. A few local councils are taking initiative to implement some aspects of the SDGs.

B. CSO engagement with the government in the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

5. Is the full text of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs available in your local languages? Which language(s)? Who translated it?

Work is still being done at the federal level in English. It will probably be translated by the EPU when it goes on a roadshow to the state and local levels.

6. Was there any invitation to public consultation on the voluntary national review at HLPF? If so, who was invited?

Yes, the EPU has organised 2 national symposiums as well as set up the National Steering Committee to consult and get feedback from all ministries and, CSOs and the private sector in the preparation of the VNR.

7. Have there been any other ways in which civil society has been able to contribute to the implementation, monitoring or review, including national reporting at HLPF?

CSOs has submitted papers for the VNR and contributed input for the subsequent preparation of the subsequent Malaysia Development Plans based on the framework of the SDGs.

8. Has your government invited CSO representatives to be a member of its delegation to participate in the HLPF 2017 and/or make a presentation at the VNR?

Not yet.

9. In case you say “YES”, has your government provided financial support for this participation?

C. CSO national coalition-building for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

10. Is there any CSO national platform or network focusing on the SDGs?

A SDG-CSO Alliance has been set up to coordinate the SDG work with the government as well as among themselves.

11. Are there national platforms that work on specific goals or targets?

Yes, the National SDG Steering Committee.



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12. Have you had a regular policy dialogue with relevant government ministries during the preparation and since the adaption of the 2030 Agenda?

Yes, there has been meetings at the National SDG Steering Committee and a number working group meetings on the clusters and targets.

D. CSOs own implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs

13. How far are CSOs developing their own plans on implementation of the agenda in your country?

Yes, the CSOs are aligning their operations with the SDGs and planning to implement them in collaboration with the government.

14. Are there particular case studies of effective delivery by CSOs already underway?

There is some work being done in the gender, environmental and poverty eradication areas.

15. Are there challenges to prevent CSO delivery of this agenda in your country?

Some CSOs are perceived as not friendly to the government and have not been invited to the government meetings.

16. What is the engagement of other stakeholders like the private sector in the national implementation plan? Is there a broader partnership across sectors for implementation? Have any challenges or opportunities been identified in terms of broader partnerships?

Some private sector bodies have voiced support for the plan but solid action has still to be seen.

17. Is there any clear national plan in terms of funding the delivery of the 2030 Agenda?

The government will be funding the implementation of the Malaysian Plans that will be based on the SDG framework. The government may outsource some of these work to CSOs to implement.