

Asia Regional Meeting

Crowne Plaza Kathmandu-Soaltee
Kathmandu, Nepal
24 – 26 September 2019

#PFDAsia

AGENDA	
Tuesday, 24 September	
8:00-8:45	Registration
9:00-9:45	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific • Aaron Cedaroy, Coordinator for Migrants and Diaspora Constituency, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness • H.E. Veronica Cody, Ambassador, European Union Delegation to Nepal • Puspa Raj Kadel, Vice-chairman, National Planning Commission
9:45-10:15	Session 1: Understanding the Policy Forum on Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Frost, Programme Manager, Commonwealth Local Government Forum and PFD Task Team Member • Antonio Fernandez de Velasco, Team leader, Dialogue and Policy, Civil Society, Foundations Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission <p>Objective: Provide an overview of the PFD and how it works</p>
10:15-10:45	Session 2: The EU Communication “Connecting Europe and Asia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Frisch, Senior political economist, Development Cooperation Coordination Division, European External Action Service <p>Objective: Provide an overview of the communication, with a focus on aspects of interest to the PFD and the 2030 Agenda</p>
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break and official photo
11:15-12:30	Session 3: Our host country Nepal: a closer look at work toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chakra Pani Achayra, Undersecretary, National Planning Commission of Nepal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jitram Lama, Chairperson, NGO Federation of Nepal • Dhawal S.n.J.B. Rana, Mayor of Nepalgunj Sub Metropolitan city • Maniram Singh Mahat, Executive Director, Town Development Fund <p>Objective: <i>To learn from the experience of Nepal, including past and current challenges and opportunities, and have a better understanding of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the country, including priority areas and specific examples.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ovidiu Mic, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to Nepal</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:45	<p>Session 4: Update on EU Regional Programmes in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Lixi, Team Leader, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission • Renato Mele, Team Leader, Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission <p>(via video conference)</p> <p>Objective: <i>To understand existing EU policies and programmes in Asia</i></p>
14:45-15:45	<p>Session 5: Regional progress toward the global development agenda: how are we faring?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific • Wardarina, Programme Officer, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development • Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific • Sita Sumrit, Assistant Director and Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender, Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) <p>Objective: <i>Describe the regional status of commitments to the global agenda, looking at specific SDGs in order to share challenges and best practices. This session will introduce the regional experience in order to set the stage for looking at national and local level implementation and examine how progress has been made to “leave no one behind.”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mags Catindig, Program Manager, Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas</p>
15:45-17:45	<p>Session 6: Interactive session on national progress toward SDGs</p> <p>Objective: <i>Engage participants in commenting on challenges, solutions and overall national progress toward the 2030 Agenda in an interactive session. This will be used to compare to the working groups of past regional and global PFD meetings in which participants summarized main challenges,</i></p>

	<p>solutions and next steps toward SDG achievement and leaving no one behind. World café will be used to allow for a short and active session.</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is there still political commitment to support the 2030 Agenda at national level? 2) Are SDGs integrated in national level? 3) Are there effective channels for participation of different actors? 4) What financial instruments are available to support the implementation of the SDGs? <p>Coffee will be served</p>
17:45-18:15	<p>Conclusions of the day/time for groups to write up conclusions and group by topic for feeding into day 2</p> <p>Mags</p>
19:00	<p>Networking dinner</p>
<p>Wednesday, 25 September</p>	
9:00-11:00	<p>Session 7: National progress and voluntary national reporting processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cielito V. Perez, Research, Databank, Information & Communications Coordinator, Center for Women's Resources • Wahyuningsih Darajati, Senior Planner, Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency, Republic of Indonesia • Urantsooj Gombosuren, Chairperson, Centre for Human Rights and Development, Mongolia <p>Objectives: Hear a summary of Day 1's work on national level progress and challenges. This will serve as an introduction to the panel discussion on one national level mechanism for engagement and accountability: voluntary national reporting processes.</p> <p>Focus on national level action and monitoring of progress toward the 2030 Agenda. This session will look at the recent SDG national reporting processes in the region as one entry point for multi-stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Moderator: Arunsiri Phothong, Programme Officer, Cooperation Sector, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand</p>
11:00-11:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 8.1: SDG Localisation: parallel sessions looking at different aspects of implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Session 8.1a: Sharing pilot initiatives/experiences in the region around CSO-LA cooperation</p>

- **Govind Kelkar**, Senior Adviser, The Landesa Center for Women's Land Rights
- **Gomer Padong**, Director, Philippine Social Enterprise Network
- **Nelson Legacion**, City Mayor, City Government of Naga, Philippines
- **Arun Shrestha**, Technical Advisor, Capacity Development Support to Governance, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Moderator: **Ziad Abdel Samad**, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development

Session 8.1b: SDG implementation in fragile contexts

- **Aaron Cedaroy**, Coordinator for Migrants and Diaspora Constituency, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness
- **Maalini Ramalo**, Director, Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas
- **Margarita de la Cruz**, Executive Director, Guiuan Development Foundation

Moderator: **Marlène Siméon**, Director, PLATFORMA

Objective: *Identify existing practices and initiatives for implementing the SDGs at the local level, looking at decentralisation, including: 1. Sharing pilot initiatives/experiences in the region around CSO-LA cooperation); and 2. SDG implementation in fragile contexts.*

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:00

Session 8.2: SDG Localisation: plenary

Objective: *Short report back from the parallel session discussions.*

15:00-17:00

Session 9.1: Enabling Environment: update on the situation since the last PFD regional Asia meeting

Objectives: *Based on feedback from previous PFD meetings, validate what EE factors are current today in Asia. Discuss mechanisms to create an enabling environment that will promote just, productive, sustainable, and inclusive development.*

The session will be interactive. Table participants will focus on challenges (e.g. structural barriers), opportunities and concrete ways forward. Outcomes should include a list of relevant factors and points on needed changes to enhance the working context to reach the SDGs.

Themes:

- 1) Do CSOs and LAs have the right to undertake their activity, free from intrusion or interference, to accomplish their proposed objectives?
- 2) Do they have access to funding from national and international sources?
- 3) Are there laws that respect and encourage freedom of association and freedom of expression?
- 4) Do they actively engage in dialogues both nationally and internationally?

Coffee will be served

17:00-17:45	Session 9.2: Enabling Environment: plenary
	<p>Objective: Report back form the working groups to clarify challenges and potential concrete solutions for promoting a more enabling environment</p> <p>Moderator: Tanya Cox, Director, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)</p>
17:45-18:15	Conclusions of the day
Thursday, 26 September	
9:00-11:00	Session 10: Tackling climate crisis: Advancing Environmental Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanun Permpibul, Executive Director, Climate Watch Thailand • Ghanshyam Pandey, Mayor, Tulsipur Sub Metropolitan City, Nepal • Chuthatip Maneepog, Project Manager, Earth Foundation • David Molden, Director General, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development <p>Objective: To look at the impact of climate crisis in the region, and how it affects the implementation of global commitments for just, equitable and sustainable development including SDGs and the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>Moderator: Tashi Pem, Country Director, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Bhutan</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break/ final document inputs
11:30-12:30	Presentation of outcomes document/regional declaration
12:30-13:00	Wrap up and final remarks
13:00-14:00	Lunch