Dear All,

Thank you very much for your participation in the SDGs Action Week planning meeting held on 8th September. The virtual meeting has been useful in terms of introducing SDGs Action Week 2020 and sharing of ideas and possibilities for celebration during the SDGs Action Week from 16-26 September 2020.

An important takeaway of the meeting is that all the organizations and stakeholders that have plans to organize some kind of event will share them timely with NGO Federation of Nepal (Secretariat of Nepal SDGs Forum), then an integrated calendar will be prepared, and the events will be organized in a coordinated and coherent way.

Please go through the following information for details:

Background

Global SDGs Action Week is a shared commitment of partnership between government, civil society, business, academia and the UN system to push action on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially during the UN General Assembly High-level Week. Nepal SDGs Forum has been coordinating and organizing SDGs Action Week in collaboration with National Planning Commission (NPC), United Nation Development Program (UNDP), UN Agencies, bi-lateral and multilateral agencies, development partners, CSOs, major groups and stakeholders.

Proposed days for celebration: 18th-27th September 2020 (Nepal context)
Main event: 25th September 2020
Proposed slogan of this year: #Turn It Around Accelerating localization of the SDGs through action for people, planet, peace, prosperity and partnership to revive from the pandemic.

Main Organizers:
National Planning Commission (NPC), United Nations Resident Coordination Office (RCO), United National Development Program (UNDP), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Association of International NGOs (AIN) and Nepal SDGs Forum
Organizing Partners
- UN Agencies
- Development Partners
- Federations, Networks, Alliances, CBOs, INGOs/NGOs, Majors Groups and Stakeholders

Major Joint Collaborative Events on Action Week (18th-26th September): #Turn It Around Mobilizations

18th September: Opening of Global SDGs Action Week: Message sharing on all media (Social and Main Streams), handover of CSOs' demand letter

19th September: Constitution Day: Celebration by sharing key message: Formulation of policies and plans to implement fundamentals rights provisioned in the constitution for achieving 2030 Agenda; Discussion with parliamentarians and politicians for better understanding of SDGs and its localization.

21st September: International Peace Day: Organize candle lighting for peace, virtual meeting and discussion, message sharing and organize virtual SDG 16 Plus Forum to discuss on peace, human rights and democracy.

22nd September: Social Service Day: Celebration across the country in collaboration with Social Welfare Council (SWC), cases study and media mobilization, social service prize distribution etc.

25th September: 5th Anniversary Celebration by organizing National People's Assembly on SDGs: Key message to localize SDGs with actions, discussion with authorities of local governments, sharing of best practices, raising people's voices from major group and stakeholders, social media mobilizations, SDG 2 CSOs' Analysis Report Launching, report sharing about COVID-19 impact analysis, submit demand letter to government.

26th September: International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Mark this day to raise voices and disseminate key messages to the developing and developed nations of the world urging them to stop investment on nuclear weapons, and to support developing/least developed countries for achieving SDGs.

27th September World Tourism Day: Organize discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on tourism and strategy to revive the tourism sector, or alternatives to revive tourism business.

Side Events (19-27th September): All the federations, alliances, networks, major groups and stakeholders, UN agencies, development partners and organizations will plan and organize side events during the SDG Action Week. Organizers are requested to plan different events at the local, province and national levels from 19th to 27th Sept). There are many possibilities like virtual discussion, literature and art competition, showcases, video message sharing, and progress reviews on issues related to poverty, hunger, universal health, education, gender, inclusion, inequality, climate change, water and sanitation, energy, environment,
human rights, employment, entrepreneurship etc. The events can be focused on Dalit, people with disabilities, women, children, youth, senior citizens, backward geographical regions, Madhesi, indigenous peoples, LGBTIQ and marginalized community.

**Some major issues to focus on for achieving 2030 Agenda and SDGs:**

1. SDGs Localization
2. Human Rights and SDGs
3. Climate and SDGs
4. Issues of the people left behind (Marginalized)
6. Policy coherence at all levels and intergovernmental agencies
7. COVID impact on SDGs
8. Data gaps
9. Financing and resources gaps
10. Governance and accountability
11. Post-VNR and VNR Localization
12. Participation of the people left behind
13. Census and SDGs
14. PHD and SDGs (Peace, Human Rights and Democracy)
15. Entrepreneurship, Employment and Prosperity
16. Universal health
17. Quality Education
18. Issues of Right to Food
19. UN75

**Planning Ahead (Tentative)**
- Finalize major events and plans, by September 15
- Prepare an integrated calendar, by September 16
- Draft program sharing of: Peoples' Assembly on SDGs (25th September), 12th September

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