



CONCEPT NOTE

HIGH-LEVEL NATIONAL FORUM ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Ulaanbaatar

Background

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) expired in 2015, and its successor, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, was adopted by Resolution A/70/L.1 at the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the basis of proposals received from both developed and developing countries.

Articles 75, 78, and 79 of the Resolution state that countries should define the SDGs and its objectives and criteria at the national level, implement them through national development policy and planning processes, and conduct regular multi-stakeholder performance evaluations. Countries are implementing these goals in accordance with their distinct national characteristics through development policy and planning processes.

The State Great Hural (Parliament) made revisions to the 'Law on Development Policy and its Planning and Management', developed 'Vision 2050', a long-term development policy document and respectively enacted them in May 2020. These legal documents play a historically significant role in bringing the developmental framework of Mongolia to a markedly new level and gives the country the opportunity to progress along with global developmental trends.

In September 2019, the Secretary-General of the United Nations called on all segments of society to focus the Decade of Action on the following three levels. These include:

1. **Global efforts and activities** to provide leadership, resources and smart solutions for the implementation of the SDGs;
2. **National efforts and activities** to make the necessary transitions within government, city, and local government policies, budgets, institutions, and legal framework;
3. Includes the **efforts and activities of individuals** for necessary change involving the private sector, trade unions, youth, civil society, science, the media and other stakeholders.

Like other countries, Mongolia needs to intensify the implementation of the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs by 2030. As progress towards the achievement of the SDGs

has waned as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to make every effort to accelerate its implementation and maintain our current speed of progress. In the case of Mongolia, steps are being taken to implement the SDGs by way of addressing the potential risks faced by the post-pandemic recovery and in the processes of the Decade of Action.

The Subcommittee on Sustainable Development Goals of The State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia is responsible for implementing the SDGs in legislation and developmental policy and planning documents. Resolution No.10 of the Government of Mongolia, dated January 13, 2021 expanded and reorganized the composition of the National Committee for Sustainable Development, which includes representatives from line ministries, the private sector, civil society organizations and the United Nations. In addition, a working group was established to introduce a multi-stakeholder platform for sustainable development to ensure institutional and policy coherence and to direct the resources needed to achieve the SDGs.

Pursuant to the '*Guidelines for Refining the Legislation of Mongolia until 2024*' Resolution No. 12, approved by the State Great Hural, dated January 22, 2021, the Government of Mongolia is responsible for the development and submission of State Great Hural draft resolution on the '*National Target and Indicators of Mongolia's Sustainable Development Goals*'. The Government is currently developing this draft with the participation of multi-stakeholders and is preparing to submit it to the State Great Hural during the Autumn Session of 2021. Adoption and implementation of the SDGs, developed in accordance with Mongolia's country-specifics, will further enable economic, social and environmental progression by 2030, allow the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SDGs, and will support sustainable social and economic growth and development in the post-pandemic period. In addition, it is important to identify ways to improve multilateral cooperation and the strengthening of partnerships to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the forum is to ensure multi-stakeholder engagement, exchange of views and strengthen cooperation in overcoming the negative effects of the pandemic, accelerating economic recovery and intensifying the implementation of the Decade of Action for the SDGs to be achieved by 2030.

The forum will discuss the progress and obstacles to achieving the SDG as well as international best practices, approaches and solutions to intensify implementation during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the participation of policy makers and decision makers.

The forum will also present a multi-stakeholder platform for sustainable development, an effective regulatory mechanism to monitor and accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.

PARTICIPANTS

1. Members of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia
2. Representatives from Governmental Organizations
3. Civil Society Organizations
4. Representatives of the Private Sector
5. Representatives from Academia

6. International Organizations

7. Media

FORMAT OF THE FORUM

The Forum will be organized in a hybrid meeting format, including in-person and online participation.

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