“Auditing preparedness for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”
20-21 July 2017, New York, Organised by the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
• Countries are trying to fit the SDGs into their national frameworks

• Redefining SDGs for political, sectoral or silo administrative conveniences will confuse the monitoring and reporting process and compromise the transformation.

• New rationales for policy & institutional coherence and convergence must be devised.

Transformation cannot happen only within a few nations – in a globalized world transformation must be universal.

• Policy coherence for sustainable development cannot apply only to a few sectoral interventions of greening the world - must be demonstrative in international trade, humans rights, technology rights, peace, etc.
The Embedding of SDGs will go through an incubation period.

Agencies are competing for roles – fragmentation is obstructing the transition.

Realignment of national institutional structures and policy frameworks is critical.

Brave decisions for transformation are needed & transformation must be inclusive.

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Systems Approach for Convergence Planning

Planning must be
- Inclusive
- Transformational
- Convergent
- Measurable
- Accountable

Central Government

09 Provincial Councils

335 Local Authorities

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System Linkages Mapping for Implementation of SDGs

Fragmented institutional structure, duplication of roles and contradictory mandates leading to incongruent investment obstructs the transformation

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A coherent and coordinated inter-agency institutional architecture for convergence planning and integrated implementation is necessary.

Target 1.5
45 Agencies
21 Ministries

Target 13.1
31 Agencies
14 Ministries
Challenges of a Fragmented SDG Planning Process

- Cabinet Ministry on SD
- Parliamentary Select Committee on SDGs
- Cabinet Sub-Committee for SDGs / Expert Working Group (presidents secretariat)
- SD Act & SD Council / National SD policy, strategy, standards & guidelines

- or take the easy way out & let just one politically powerful agency handle SDGs as a “Project”.

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Scenario for an Integrated Institutional Mechanism for the SDGs

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Old data – MDG vs. SDG – reporting for cover-up vs. reporting for transformation
New data – planning for transformation vs. planning for political agendas
Data democracy – collecting data vs. sharing data
Data revolution – data needs for national agenda vs data needs for global agenda

SDGs
- Global Goals (17)
- Additional National Goals?

Targets
- Global Targets (169)
- Corresponding National Targets
- Additional national targets

Indicators
- Global Indicators (241*)
  - Tier 1:
  - Tier 2:
  - Tier 3

National Indicators
- Corresponding national indicator (same or different)
- Current national indicator (aggregated & disaggregated)
- Proposed national indicator (aggregated & disaggregated)

Baseline Data
- Available data for corresponding indicator
- Required new data for corresponding indicator
- National additional indicators
  - Available data
  - Required new data
Measuring Sustainability: Sustainability Compliance Standards Framework
[a composite index for measuring sustainable development plans and projects]

1. Environmental Sustainability Standards
   SCS 1: Integrate the value of Natural Capital and Conservation of Biodiversity
   SCS 2: Reduce Ecological Footprints and Enhance Ecosystem Services
   SCS 3: Conserve and Restore Forests, Parks, Wetlands, Farm Lands and Plantations
   SCS 4: Conserve and Restore Inland Fresh Water, Coastal and Ocean Resources
   SCS 5: Integrated Management of Air, Land, Water, and Natural Processes and Resources
   SCS 6: Mitigation and Adaptation Interventions towards Climate Change
   SCS 7: Adopt and Adhere to Air, Water, Soil and Noise Quality standards
   SCS 8: Prevent, Minimize and Manage Waste, Emissions and Pollution
   SCS 9: Improve Resource Efficiency, Urban and Industrial Ecology
   SCS 10: Demonstrate Respect for Environmental Justice and the Commons

2. Social Sustainability Standards
   SCS 11: Ensure Equality of Opportunity, Eradicate Poverty and Deprivation, and Advance Wellbeing
   SCS 12: Advance Happiness, Contentment and Mindfulness
   SCS 13: Strengthen Social Justice, Human Rights, Gender Equality, Community Peace and Ethnic Harmony
   SCS 14: Preserve Cultural Heritage, Values, Lifestyles and Knowledge Systems
   SCS 15: Facilitate Leisure, Recreation and Spiritual Advancement
   SCS 16: Facilitate Education, Lifelong Learning, Skills and Human Development
   SCS 17: Ensure Health, Sanitation, Nutrition, Safety, and Security
   SCS 19: Ensure Access to Justice, Decent Jobs and Economic Development Benefits
   SCS 20: Ensure Food Security and Safety

3. Economic Sustainability Standards
   SCS 21: Leads to Poverty Eradication, Income Equity, Productive Employment, and Quality of Life
   SCS 22: Promote Inclusive Growth, Green Economy, and Sustainable Enterprises
   SCS 23: Advance Sustainable Consumption and Production Systems
   SCS 25: Promote Social Responsibility, Ethical Investment and Responsible Business
   SCS 26: Assure Consumer Protection, Affordability, and Fair Trade
   SCS 27: Safeguards Small and Medium Enterprises and Support Local Industries
   SCS 28: Planned for Resilience, Sustenance & Longevity
   SCS 29: Designed for Investment, Cost Recovery, Profitability, and Continuity
   SCS 30: Integrate Environmental Economics and Full-Cost Accounting Considerations

4. Good Governance Standards
   SCS 31: Adhere to Rule of Law, Institutional Mandate, Policies & Regulations
   SCS 32: Posses Requisite Capacity, Resources, Financing and Partnerships Strategies
   SCS 33: Ability to Avoid, Mitigate, and Manage Risks and Impacts
   SCS 34: Uphold Human Rights, Labor Laws and Working Conditions
   SCS 35: Transparent, Responsive, Effective and Efficient
   SCS 36: Ensure Equitable, Inclusive and Participatory Stakeholder Engagement
   SCS 37: Generates Consensus, Public Acceptance and Community Goodwill
   SCS 38: Incorporate Accountability, Transparency, Audit and Disclosure Obligations
   SCS 39: Recourse for Acquisition, Disruption, Displacement and Resettlement
   SCS 40: Eliminate Marginalization, Discrimination and Injustice

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