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A Framework for Localising SDGs for an Inclusive Transformation

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A Fragmented Public Delivery System for SDGs in Sri Lanka

- Lack of a **Policy Coherence** prevents proper mainstreaming
- Lack of **Institutional coherence** proper integration
- Lack of a **Monitoring, Evaluation, Follow-up & Reporting Mechanism** prevents honest stock-taking
- Lack of a **Sustainable Development Budgeting & a Financing Architecture** prevents actual commitment to transformation
- Lack of **Whole of Government** is deepening fragmentation and siloed planning
- Lack of **Stakeholder Engagement** is compromising the principle of leaving no one behind
A Conceptual Framework to Address the Principle of ‘Leave No One Behind’

- Localizing SDGs is a process to empower all local stakeholders, aimed at making sustainable development more responsive, and therefore, relevant to local needs and aspirations.

- The SDG’s can be reached only if local actors fully participate, not only in the implementation, but also in the agenda-setting and monitoring.

- If localizing SDGs is to become a success and transformation is to be achieved, a strategy to leave no one behind is central.
A Framework for Localising SDGs for an Inclusive Transformation

i. Knowledge enhancement and capacity building at local government level will enhance local leadership and drive initiative towards localising SDG’s at the sub-national level.

ii. Innovation of transformative action including developing methodologies, systems, tools, mechanisms, plans and prototyping will facilitate the advancement of the integration and mainstreaming of SDG’s into sub-national level plans, policies, strategies, programmes and activities.

iii. Cocreation and partnership driven approaches will result in collectively and commonly accepted SDGs projects and processes at the sub-national level.

iv. Accountability and transparency driven action will lead to independent monitoring, evaluation and reporting of SDG implementation at sub-national levels.
A Methodological Approach towards Implementing the Framework

Facilitate nerve centres for independent monitoring, evaluation and reporting towards ensuring accountability and transparency in implementing the SDGs.

Facilitate learning platforms for knowledge and capacity building on localizing SDGs.

Facilitate innovation labs for prototyping of local sustainability plans in the context of SDGs.

Facilitate cocreation hubs for multi-stakeholder partnership-based SDG action at sub-national level.
Prototyping local Sustainability Plans in the Context of SDGs

1. Scoping study
2. Systems analysis
3. Policy coherence mapping
4. Institutional coherence mapping
5. Local indicator framework
6. Data portal
7. Local sustainability plan
8. Voluntary local review

Learning Platforms
• Awareness on SDGs
• Training on SDGs

Cocreation Hubs
• Stakeholder mapping
• Stakeholder engagement
• Partnerships

Innovation Labs

Nerve Centres
• Monitoring
• Evaluation
• Reporting
• **Knowledge** where action-research will fuel publications, trainings and skills development

• **Innovation** where new ideas will be tested and systems designed

• **Co-creation** where partnerships for change are forged and horizontal knowledge shared

• **Demonstration** where success will be championed and expertise diffused for growth and scale.

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**SDGs Transformation Lab Through Partnerships**

- **Knowledge**
  - Knowledge for SDG embedded sustainable solutions
  - Establishing best practices
  - Facilitating innovation platforms

- **Innovation**
  - Innovation of transformative systems and models for the attainment of sustainable development
  - Fostering stakeholder partnerships

- **Demonstration**
  - Demonstration of transformative approaches for sustainable development
  - Prototyping SDG Transformations

- **Co-Creation**
  - Co-creation of partnership driven sustainable solutions

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