Promoting synergies between the sustainable development agenda and the climate change agenda

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Sustainable development and climate change agenda are inherently linked

By looking at climate and sustainability holistically, we maximize the potential for positive outcomes of every action we take, which will lead us to the transformation that we all agree is needed.

Coherence between sustainable development agenda and the climate change agenda happens at the national level, through actions and policies.

There is growing momentum across the world to address these two agendas jointly – governments, businesses, communities, etc.
SDGs as a linked system of goals and targets

Source: David Le Blanc, "Towards integration at last? The SDGs as a Network of Targets“, Rio+20 Working Paper 4
An integrative framework for NAPs and SDGs (NAP-SDG iFrame)

- Following a development first approach, the framework looks at the SDGs, national goals/targets, and those from other frameworks (e.g. Sendai) to define a strategy for adaptation;

- The framework is being applied at the NAP workshops this year to guide countries on their formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

Under the technical examination process on adaptation, the technical expert meeting on adaptation this year in May looked at “integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction”
The framework takes an integrated approach towards country-driven and country-specific descriptions of systems that should be managed to achieve adaptation and contribute towards achieving SDG targets.

- Combination of SDGs and climate risk factors help in selection of systems, e.g., for food security, the systems would include crop production, distribution, affordability, strategic food reserves over time as well as nutritional value.

- These component systems can be assessed for sensitivity to climate change, taking into account interlinkages to the SDGs, from which adaptation actions can then be developed, prioritized and implemented.

- After implementation, outcomes would accrue adaptation benefits as well as sustainable development benefits – both of which can be monitored and documented in reporting.
ELEMENT B. Preparatory elements: using the NAP-SDG iFrame

Development Context:
- Characterize the development context: identify development-adaptation themes and goals/objectives for the NAP

Map Climate Change to the SDGs:
- Characterize climate change - SDG linkages and targets, incorporating other frameworks (e.g., national, regional development, Sendai)

Identify SYSTEMS for assessment:
- Frame systems for assessment to address key risks, SDGs and appropriate national development goals and targets

Assess climate risk and vulnerability to identify adaptation strategies

Appraise and cost adaptation strategies and options

Compile Adaptation Priorities:
- List of key risks and adaptation strategies and options

Climate change risks:
- Analyze past, present and future climate risks for each System

Synergy and Tradeoff Analysis:
- Assess tradeoffs and synergy between priority adaptation strategies and options including consideration of adaptation pathways over time
Characterization of SDGs to national development – Bhutan 2016

Guidelines for Preparation of 12th Five Year Plan

2018-2023

1. Macroeconomic Stability Ensured
2. Economic Diversity and Productivity Enhanced
3. Poverty Eradicated & Inequality Reduced
4. Culture & Traditions Preserved & Promoted
5. Healthy Ecosystem Services Maintained
6. Carbon Neutral, Climate and Disaster Resilient Development Enhanced
7. Quality of Education and Skills Improved
8. Water, Food and Nutrition Security Ensured
9. Infrastructure, Communications and Public Service Delivery Improved
10. Gender Equality Promoted, Women and Girls Empowered
11. Productive and Gainful Employment Created
12. Corruption Reduced
13. Democracy and Decentralization Strengthened
14. Healthy and Caring Society Enhanced
15. Livelihood, Safety and Sustainability of Human Settlements Improved
16. Justice Services and Institutions Strengthened

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