

Technical Consultation: Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Implementation in Europe and Central Asia

4 September: Session 5

- Outline -

Session 5: Coherent Sectoral Policies and Coordination

Objective of the Session:

The 2030 Agenda's transformative nature requires collaboration across sectors at multiple levels of government. With a strong emphasis on policy coherence, the Agenda offers opportunities and poses challenges to governments and stakeholders. The implementation of the SDGs requires new modes of collaboration and innovative systems that facilitate and incentivize cross-sectoral action across different ministries, agencies, levels of government, and non-governmental stakeholders.¹ With an emphasis on the food and agriculture related SDGs, this session focuses on the importance of coherent policy approaches in addressing the cross-cutting nature of the SDGs. Further, it elaborates on the role that inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogue, collaboration and coordination can play.

Key Messages of the Panel:

- Examples of how the development of sustainable food and agriculture policies requires the integration of cross-cutting aspects such as climate change or gender.
- Institutional structures and capacity needs for supporting coherent policy development.
- The role of coordination, e.g. in enabling inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogue.
- Good practices, challenges and recommendations in developing coherent policies that foster effective implementation of the SDGs.

Questions²

¹ United Nations Development Programme, Institutional and Coordination Mechanisms: facilitating integration and coherence for SDG implementation, March 2017, p.2.

² These are suggestions to questions, relevant to the referenced theme of the session. Depending on how the panel discussion development, they should only be asked if relevant in real time.

- What institutional structures are required to achieve policy coherence and promote coordination among government departments and other key stakeholders in developing a plan to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda?
- Did inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogue (where applied) contribute to stronger and sustained collaboration across ministries/with stakeholders?
- Were sub-national stakeholders e.g. local- or regional authorities engaged in the approach?
- Were any tools applied in integrating the SDGs into planning or policy development activities?

Scene setting presentation:

- Tackling the three dimensions of sustainability: an introduction to the importance of policy coherence, *Sumiter Broca, Senior Policy Officer, FAO*

Panelists:

- *Mr Aslan Musabekov, Chief Specialist, Strategic Planning and Regional Development Unit, Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyzstan*
- *Ms Mane Tapaltsyan, Deputy Head of the Agriculture Programmes Implementation Department, Ministry of Economy, Armenia*

Moderator: *Sumiter Broca, Senior Policy Officer, FAO*

Guidance Note

- The Moderator will set the scene with a brief presentation and introduce the panel members
- The panellists will make short opening statements (max 10 minutes – if panellists would like to use a power point presentation, this should be of max 3 slides) with main highlights related to the key messages above.
- Following the opening statements, there will a moderated discussion with Q&A from the moderator and the audience.
- The session will conclude with key statements (max 5 minutes – without any power point presentation) from the panellists.