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# Session 14A: Review of national evaluation systems and capacities in Asia Pacific for evaluating progress towards SDGs

a joint UNDP UNICEF initiative



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& PROGRESS  
in the **SDG ERA**

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# Integrating the 2030 Agenda – Building Blocks

Aligning strategies and plans with 2030 Agenda

Setting up institutional arrangements for horizontal/vertical coordination and policy coherence

Integrating 2030 Agenda into budgets

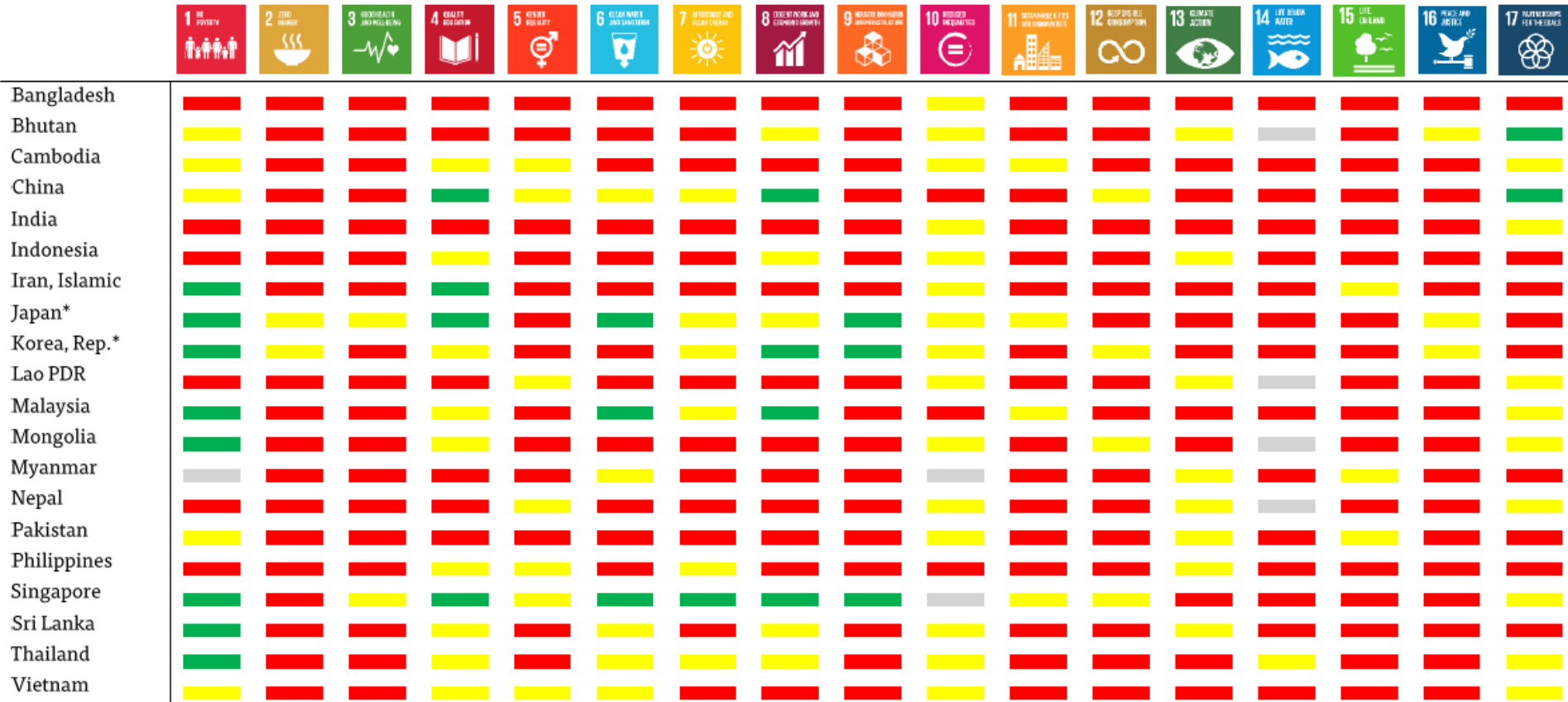
**Assessing data availability and capacities of data systems to monitor and evaluate progress, adapting/ establishing M&E Systems**

From planning to action: prioritizing and sequencing – identifying SDG ‘accelerator interventions’

Financing for sustainable development



# SDG DASHBOARD FOR COUNTRIES IN EAST AND SOUTH ASIA



Source: SDSN - SDG Index (<http://www.sdindex.org/download/>)



# Strengthening National Evaluation Capacities

Multiple regional and global fora focusing on

NECD:

- **GA/RES/69/237**
- **NEC commitments & Bangkok declaration**
- **EvalPartners Parliamentary Forum**
- **Global Evaluation Agenda** developed by EvalPartners and in partnership with UN agencies....
- **Identify NEC/NES emerging practices** for the review, follow-up and evaluation processes of the 2030 Agenda
- Joint **UNDP UNICEF initiative** to distil key **success factors, trends, lessons learnt** and identify areas other countries could learn from (country case studies and synthesis)



# Country Case Studies - Focus

## Review and analysis of:

- **Evaluation policies**
- **M&E systems**
- **Use of resources for evaluation**
- **When evaluations inform policies**
- **Evaluation culture**
- **Ownership and champions for localizing SDGs**

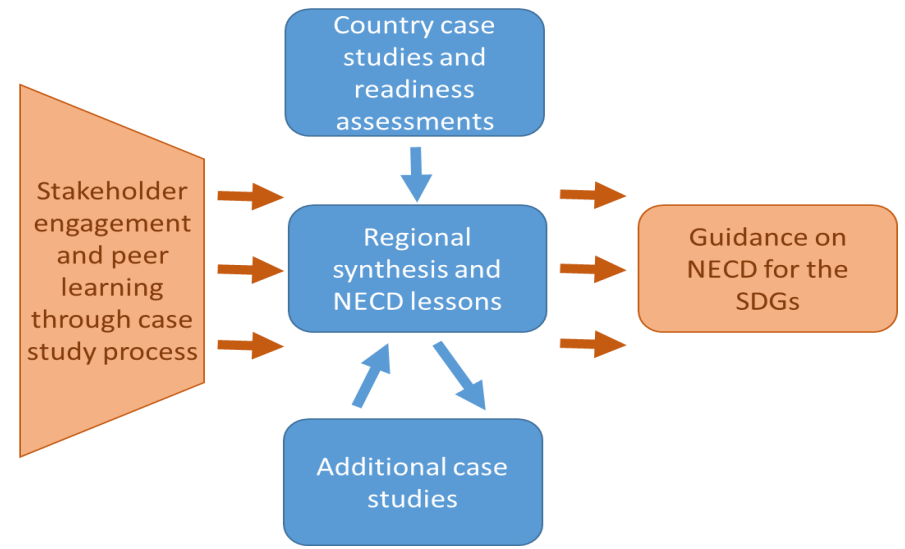
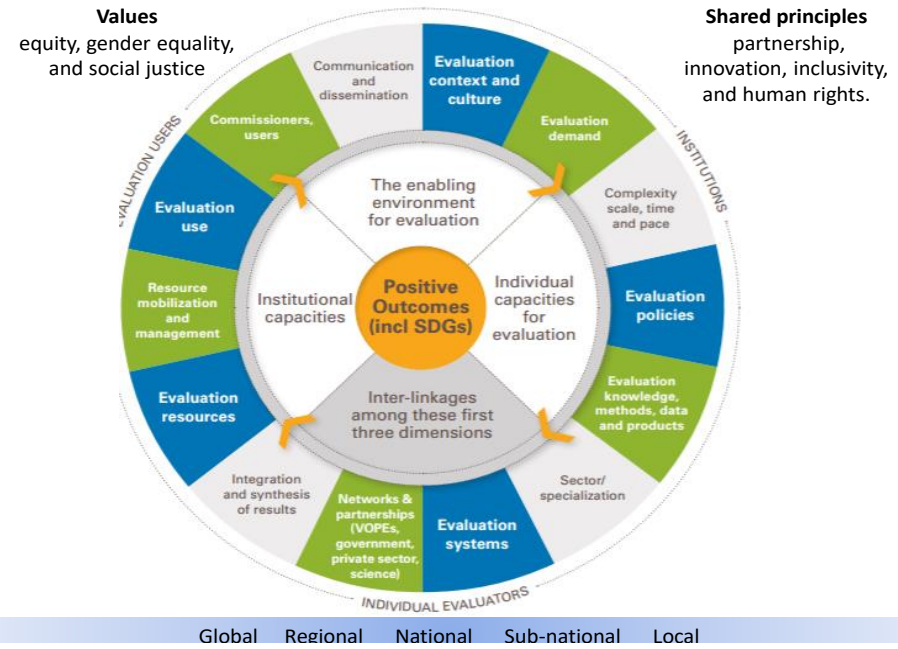
## Key successes and areas for improvement:

- **Legislation / budget/ institutional set up**
- **Mechanisms for mainstreaming of evaluation at national & (where relevant) sub-national level**
- **Mapping demand & supply side**
- **Mechanisms for partners engagement**



# Objective of the Review

- Generate knowledge to guide NECD for 2030 Agenda
- Identify national evaluation systems successes and lessons
- Foster peer learning
- Inform global, regional NECD guidance through the production of readiness assessments at the country level.



# Country Case Studies

## – ‘Readiness’ for Evaluating Progress towards SDGs

- What **M&E systems** are in place to monitor, review and **evaluate implementation of 2030 Agenda**?
- How do evaluations **inform adjustments to strategies, resource allocation and policies**? Is this changing in light of 2030 Agenda?
- What evaluation **methods/ tools** are government/ other stakeholders using to evaluate policy choices to **support integrated approaches**?
- What **equity-based evaluation methods/tools** are being used? Could be scaled up to monitor commitment of **‘leaving no one behind’**?

**Recommendations** to strengthen national evaluation capacity for the SDGs.





# Peer Review and Partnerships

## Peer Review

ADB, UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women

## Current Partnership

UNDP & UNICEF

## Interest from

UNESCO, UN Women, UNFPA, WFP...





# Next steps

## **Publish the first phase report**

Finalize country case studies

Develop regional synthesis report

## **Develop a phase II-**

Philippines, Mongolia...other countries in the Asia Pacific as well as in other regions

## **Expand partnership to bolster the initiative**

