

Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (APRCM) Statement¹
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Thank You President for this opportunity. I present this statement on behalf of the APRCEM. The APRCEM’s main guiding force is a call for development justice, which demands five transformative shifts; redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice and accountability to the people.

The APRCEM believes that the post 2015 agenda, perhaps for the first time, offers the UN and the HLPF an opportunity to address systemic failures and meaningfully integrate economic, social and environmental objectives of the development. The science and the society tells us that failure to do so, may not give us another chance to make up for this last opportunity! To do this HLPF must cultivate itself as an independent, transparent and inclusive institution that provides motivation and force for the implementation of the SDGs. Towards this end we recommend the following;

1. The HLPF must use its hybrid structure to ensure policy coherence and overcome the differences between the developed and developing countries and attract highest political commitment. It must also create harmony among the institutional objectives of the UN, the World Bank & the IMF and the WTO.
2. Establish a fair, transparent and effective review and follow up mechanism based on human rights commitments, which integrates accountability at all levels rather than only creating different levels of reporting.
3. Review should include impact of non- state actions on sustainability including those of the Private sector, IFIs, Trade, Technology and investment measures and UN agencies on the sustainability.
4. The review should not only be a fault finding exercise but must support MOI looking at filling the gaps in institutional and legislative capacity, incentivizing follow up, and remove obstacles to safe and appropriate, gender sensitive and economically viable and equitable technologies.
5. It must follow the principle of non- regression and ensure widest possible participation of the major groups in its diversity and must encourage this practice at regional and national mechanisms.

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