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The Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Bangkok presents its compliments to the United Nations – Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, and has the honour to refer to the letter of Her Excellency Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP dated 4 November 2015 requesting members countries of ESCAP to response to questionnaires on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, the Royal Embassy of Cambodia would like to forward herewith the responses to questionnaires from the National Committee for ESCAP of Cambodia.

The Royal Embassy of Cambodia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations – Economic and Social Commission for Asia the Pacific in Bangkok the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Responses to Questionnaires - Cambodia

Answer to Question 1:

There is commitment of its individual state to review and follow-up the progress of its progress with the framework of the 2030 agenda. Through this HLPF will bring issues and solutions towards the ECOSOC and Generally Assembly and other relevance stakeholders in accordance with the existing mandates, building on their work in order to boost implementation.

Answer to Question 2:

There is a need for clear guidance on how to present the progress of the SDGs of each country by including the items, indicators or issues to be reviewed.

Answer to Question 3:

HLPF (High Level Political Forum) is important body, represented by high ranking decision makers; thus, HLPF shall work hard, obtaining political will for effective linkage and helps coordination of the arrangements of conferences and processes on LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs.

Answer to Question 4:

Sure, the General Assembly is highest organ of the UN, and composed of representatives of States. Its guidelines adopted by State representatives are influential and significant for ECOSOC and HLPF.

Answer to Question 5:

The HLPF compile the inputs from the forums to design the plan strategy for financing development.

Answer to Question 6:

All themes are interrelated; therefore, reviews should be on all 17 goals together, however, the time space of review should be longer so that State has quite enough time to fulfill goals and be ready to submit reports for review.

Answer to Question 7: Inputs are outcomes, summary of discussions. All of inputs should be consolidated, and representative of each platform should be invited with others to present inputs to HLPF.

Answer to Question 8:

HLPF should focus on theme arising from common challenges faced by States in fulfilling SDGs.

Answer to Question 9:

4 years between two meetings are appropriate since it needs enough time for review preparation.

Answer to Question 10:

Yes, they should discuss the same issues.

Answer to Question 11:

Statistics are important for designing proper action plans and strategy. Given UN Statistical Commission is universal body helping all updating data, this body will be important for HLPF work by circulating regularly relevant data related to implementation of SDGs.

Answer to Question 12:

Between the meetings and review, other meeting on updating new and emerging issues should be held; however, if it will incur much budget, any mechanism for this purpose should be considered.

Answer to Question 13:

One mechanism to overall coordinate with all stakeholders, including CSs, to help work of HLPF needs to be set up.

Answer to Question 14:

It should not be longer time space since all 17 SDGs are global issues as well; one regional development affects the other, sharing experience and best practices within short period is strongly welcome.

Answer to Question 15:

This can be done through workshops or capacity development programs.

Answer to Question 16:

There should be a clear format or guidance for reporting. Training on data collection and analysis to evaluate the progress of the implementation of the SDGs is needed.

Answer to Question 17:

Guidelines have to be simple and clear to surface comprehensive achievements, challenges faced by State. A core set of issues should be included to ensure there is a uniform way of presentation in the report from each country.

Answer to Question 18:

Each country progress must be reviewed and discussed as different countries have different issues and progress.

Answer to Question 19:

National reviews will be important for the whole process given that State is a key implementer of the SDGs; therefore, the review shall be serious and comprehensive and thereto attention should be drawn.

Answer to Question 20:

Outcome from national reviews should contain achievement, challenges and way forwards.

Answer to Question 21:

Outcomes of all regional review should be consolidated in simple manner which will be easy for consideration at HLPF.

Answer to Question 22:

Technical assistance to the implementing and evaluating officials in each country is important so that each country is able to produce standardized and comprehensive report.

Answer to Question 23:

Similar to answer 7.

Answer to Question 24:

UN System should use effectively its country office or agency to partly support national implementation of SDGs domestically.

Answer to Question 25:

UN system, including the Secretariat, should take double efforts to make review be conducted in a coherent and effective manner since the SDGs covers many themes and involve great numbers of stakeholders, nationally and internationally.

Answer to Question 26: N/A