

# Towards Effective Implementation of SDGs

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## Outline

1. What, why SDGs?
2. Challenges for SDGs implementation
3. Introduction of IGES activities related to SDGs

# 1. What, Why SDGs?



## Global Challenges

*Developed Countries*



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*Emerging and Developing Countries*



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### The SDGs:

1. Universal

2. Transformational

3. Inclusive

- For both developed and developing countries

- Integrate three dimensions of sustainable development (Economic, Social, and Environment)

- Left no one behind (national/local governments, business, CSOs, vulnerable groups)

## 2. Challenges for SDGs Implementation



## Common Challenges

- How to operationalize a broad set of SDGs?
- How to implement goals/targets that are not time-bound or quantitative?
- Common challenges for developing countries

### 1) Lack of basic capacity and resources:

- Manpower
- Goods
- Capital
- Data etc.

### 2) Poor governance

### 3) Inadequate finance



## How to effectively implement SDGs?

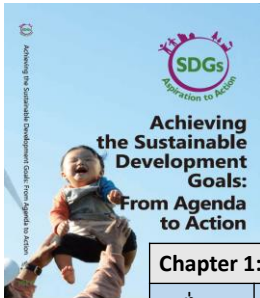
**Key words:**

- **Integrated, inclusive approach**
- **Governance**  
**(multi-level, multi-stakeholder approach)**

## SDGs Book (Launched at ISAP 2015)

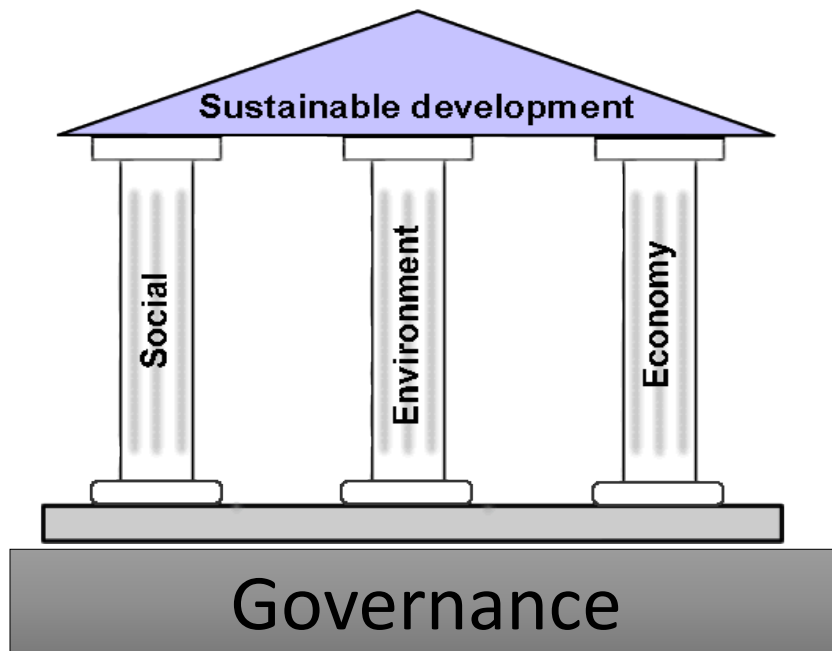


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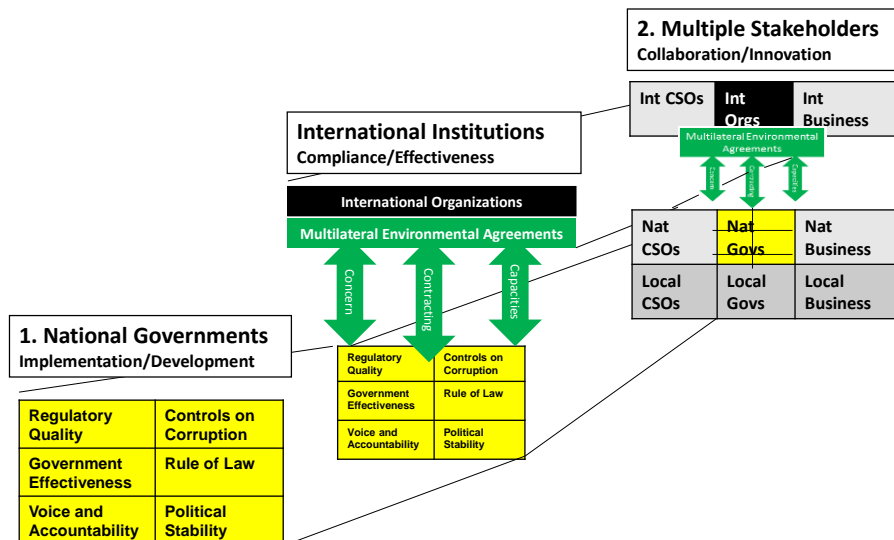


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## Chapter 1: Two Views on Governance



## Chapter 9: Conclusions and Future Research

SDG readiness: more integrated and inclusive governance

1. Integration: synergies/conflicts across goals/indicators

2. Inclusion: meaningful and efficient engagement





ISAP 2015 Session on *SDG National Readiness*: also underlines **bottom-up implementation**



- To make SDGs relevant, countries need to envision where they want to be in the future and take specific development challenges into account.
- Facilitation with and across multiple and diverse stakeholders from private sector, civil society, governments and youth will be critical to translating the SDGs to national contexts.
- Implementation support to policy makers, as well as capacity building for statistics and data, will be critical.

## How to support SDGs implementation?

- Capacity building to collect/use data
- Know-how on policy development
- Technology transfer
- International financial support
- Engagement of private sector



# Mobilizing key stakeholders

- Consider each situation
- Set **tailored and concrete targets**
- Seek steady implementation
- **Provide good opportunities for business to expand markets and improve employment situation**  
(poverty and education etc.)



## Case Study: Analysis of National Sustainable Development Studies (NSDS)

- To improve government effectiveness and strengthen implementation, **4 elements of implementation cycle is key (leadership and vision, institutional coordination, stakeholder engagement, and progress review) .**
- **Stakeholder engagement and progress review** are especially important.

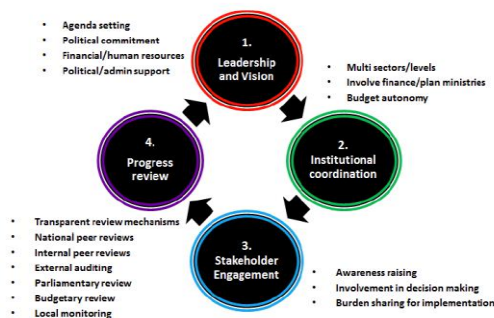


Figure 1 Policy Cycle Framework

### 3. Introduction of IGES activities related to SDGs

#### About IGES

- Established in 1998 under an initiative of the Japanese government and with the support of Kanagawa Prefecture
- Act as *Agent of Change* who conducts practical research and makes effective policy proposals
- Aiming at realizing sustainable development in Asia, the Pacific, and beyond



## SDSN Japan



- Officially launched in July 2015 during ISAP
- Takes a comprehensive approach to various problems addressed by SDGs
- SDSN Japan, through the network of other countries' SDSNs, will create an innovative platform for active discussion



## Other SDGs-related Networks

- Independent Research Forum 2015



- Asia-Europe Foundation's Capacity Building Workshop (November, 2015 @ Cambodia)

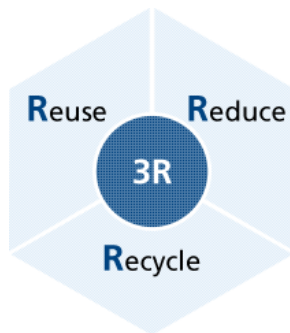


- Partnership with business:
  - Serve as a secretariat for Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (J-CLP)
  - Join UN Global Compact/ Global Compact Network Japan



## Specific activities (1): Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

- Promote a concept of 3R (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle)
  - Policy inputs to Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific
  - Provide policy recommendations and capacity building tools/kits
- Lifestyle based on philosophy of “Mottainai” or “我唯足知”



## Specific Activities (2): Cities

### IGES collective efforts to support cities and city managers

- Support cities to shift towards **more low-carbon, resilient, and resource-efficient**
- *UNESCAP Kitakyushu Initiative* started in 2009 led by IGES Kitakyushu Urban Centre
- Continued activities with support from the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (*Clean Asia Initiative*) and ASEAN to promote environmentally-sustainable cities in East Asia



## Future Actions

- Further strengthen cooperation with many stakeholders in SDGs implementation
- International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) (July, 2016)
  - Title: *Mobilising Knowledge for Sustainability: Actions towards 2030 (tentative)*
  - Main theme: *SDGs and Climate Change*



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