HLPF Side Events for ADA and partners interest

ADA was well represented during High Level political Forum (9 to 18th July, New York) by the Regional Coordinator and ADA Senior Advisor apart from its members and partners from NFN Nepal, MSD Vietnam, LCOC Lao PDR, Sri Lanka where ADA supported the National SDGs meeting and CSO led parallel reporting. ADA also helped in formulation of the CSO statement from Singapore with fellow CSO colleagues. The statement and the parallel reports were submitted to the NGO major group and UN representative for submission to the UN DESA.. Apart from these, ADA (Co) organized two back to back side events on 13th July in UNDP office and Republic. Of Korea mission and the last one in the UN building (Sri Lanka Voluntary people's review)

ADA also participated in the formal VNR reporting and CSO's intervention on 16th July (Vietnam and Singapore) and 17th July (Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Lao PDR) and made live tweets of the event.

Organisers	Title	Dates/Timings/Venue	About the event
SDG 16 Data Initiative and UNITAR	**Monitoring peace, evaluating institutions, building capacity: A data-driven conversation on SDG 16 and its upcoming 2019 review**	**Date**: Monday, 9 July 2018 **Time**: 09:30 – 11:30 **Venue**: Conference Room 5, GA Building, UN Headquarters, New York **Light Breakfast**: 09:00 – 09:30, by the stairs behind right side of Vienna Café	Three years into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and with the first cycle of reviews coming to a close in 2019, it is imperative to review not only progress towards the Goals and Targets, but also the availability of data beyond official indicators, the development of monitoring and evaluation capacities of National Statistical Commissions as well as international and civil society organizations and the use of both official and unofficial sources of data to integrate the analysis so as to capture key dimensions of SDG16, both as a goal in itself and as an enabler for the 2030 Agenda as a whole. An important element of this conversation is the capacity building and institutional development aspects of SDG 16 monitoring efforts. Given the theme of the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) as "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies", the SDG 16 Data Initiative, a consortium of 14 different organizations tracking global commitments on peace, justice and strong institutions, and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) seek to engage with other organizations and alliances working on SDG 16 data, as well as national experts, and civil society, to obtain a more holistic view of where we stand in relation to the 2019 review of SDG 16, and to identify and coordinate effective approaches to address gaps over the next year. The event reflected on the availability and measurement of indicators on SDG 16 to

			gather lessons learned and recommendations for guiding the tracking of implementation in the next cycle, including capacity building implications and national voluntary reviews.
			Welcome and Moderator:
			Mr. Marco Suazo, Head of Office United Nations Institute for Training and Research, NYO
			Panel Discussion:
			Ms. Ursala Knudsen-Latta, Research and Policy Officer Saferworld
			Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, PhD, Permanent Observer to the UN International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)
			Mr. Anselmo Lee, Senior Advisor Asia Development Alliance (ADA)
			Anselmo Lee, (Senior Advisor Asia Development Alliance) speaks on #SDG16 as the main concern in Asia and globally, especially in the context of continued shrinking space in relation to #HumanRights and #Democracy, #ShrinkingDemocraticGovernance , govts reluctance to engage the #CSOsand a need to make #Goal16 as the enabler and accelerator of all goals and a need to review this every year just like #Goal17. #MonitorSDG16
Transparency International and its partners	'Data and Indicators to Measure Progress and CSO Contribution''	10th July in Conference Room 9 at the UNHQ from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.	Corruption poses a serious threat to imposing SDGs. The session highlighted the experiences of six countries (Tis partners) in capturing corruption risk and examining measurement data. The panel focussed on civil society organizations as critical partners in producing data and achieving SDGs . the session included a special emphasis on evidence based advocacy and why it is important , particularly for small island

			nations and countries where civil society space is shrinking. Data and Indicators to measure progress &CSO contribution - the issues of anti corruption & governance are part of #SDG16, but governments are hardly reporting on (anti)- corruption and do not provide holistic views on anti corruption targets . Lack of disaggregated data, absence on ways to curb corruption only creates doubts on reliability of the govt data and as a result the CSOs are all prepared to shadow reports on goal 16 and develop more robust indicators to monitor goal16.
A4SD	Workshop on Monitoring Sustainable Development, Claiming rights: Strategies & tools for civil society	10 July / 09:00-12:00 / UN Church Center	This interactive workshop provided a space for members of civil society (and others) to: Share their strategies and experiences in achieving and monitoring the 2030 Agenda, and engaging in the VNR process Learn about promising tools and approaches for engaging in SDG monitoring and review at the national and international levels, including in the face of restrictions on civil society space Share lessons and strategies for enhancing the links between the SDGs and human rights, for example through civil society 'shadow reports', engaging with human rights mechanisms, or the use of online tools.
APRCEM	Unlocking the Means of Implementation: Civil Society Perspectives on SDG 17	*HLPF Side Event – Wednesday, July 11, 18:30-20:00 – UNHQ CR4*	The combine MoI and FfD agendas should tackle the removal of many of the structural barriers to the socio-economic transformation and advance systemic reforms of global economic frameworks to realign them with the imperatives of human rights, gender justice, people-centeredness and sustainable development. Despite the high-level political promises of the 2030 Agenda, the world is off track to reach the SDGs, the cost being paid by all those people and communities that continue to be marginalized in the face of a world economy that is increasingly focused of its new frontiers of digitalization and dematerialization. The latest economic cyclical upturn, not generalized and mostly centred within the Global North, has been accompanied by an increase in hunger and the worsening in the profile of vulnerabilities, heightened carbon emissions, and the persistence of structural levels of inequalities between and within countries. Our economy

			fails when it downturns and fails us again when it moves forward. 10 years into the last financial crisis, some of the root determinants remain unaddressed and, combined with increasing levels of financialization, continue to fuel a slow-motion – not for that less damaging – new financial crisis and the re-emergence of debt sustainability challenges, which seriously constrain the fiscal and policy space to advance the development agenda. The combined evolution of commodity prices and exchange rates have been exacerbating existing conditions of commodity dependence and exposed the short-sightedness of export-led strategies and premature financial liberalization. On this background, the side event will aim to address the current mismatch between the scope and urgency posed by world's current multiple challenges and the far-too timid level of ambition in terms of public policies and investment. It will explore a set of key proposals which could unlock the means of implementation for the SDGs and put the international community back on track to purse the ambition of sustainable development.
Together 2030	SDGs implementation at national level: is civil society being left behind? Together 2030 3rd edition perceptions survey	Wednesday 11 July 2018 1-2:45pm, Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza CR 10th floor	Parliament plays an influential role in ensuring the effective implementation of global commitments through their work on legislation and budgets. For civil society, it can provide a valuable ally for supporting the realisation of the 2030 Agenda but how and when can civil society best engage? What strategies and tools have proven successful and what are the challenges? *Engaging parliaments on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs: representation, accountability and implementation – a handbook for civil society* explores these questions provide CSOs with guidance on how to strategically navigate the myriad of opportunities, approaches and challenges. http://www.together2030.org/2018/07/18/together-2030-partners-launch-new-civil-society-handbook-on-engaging-parliaments-in-support-of-the-sdgs/

TAP	SC Meeting	12th July, 4 PM	TAP's plan for 2018 post HLPF and until first half of 2019 , responsibilities of Regional focal points, next TAP meeting
GCAP	FACES OF INEQUALITY CAMPAIGN

Global Launch and Reception | 12 July 2018, 18:00 - 20:00

Church Center of the UN, 2nd Floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York | GCAP launched the inequality campaign having representation from Disabilities, rural women, women and girls in informal settlements, Dalits and Older people to share experiences on inequality |
| NGO MG | Annual Meeting | 12 July (1-3 PM)
13 july (12-3 PM) | NGO Major group annual meeting |
| ADA-IFP-TAP-TI | "CSOs Participation in the VNR Process and SDG Follow-up Mechanisms" | Friday 13 July 2018, 3-5 PM, Room 2300, DC1 building | How can we together strengthen the VNR in the region.
We hope to go deeper and look into the real challenges, limitation and there is a need to come up with the more innovative strategy. SDG 16 is about governance, peace and justice, where peace is the missing link.
However, when we look at the VNR report,
There are variations too.
The CSO is the one of the key actors, but in reality once it comes to MoI , it more theoretical than practical.

Agenda 2030 cannot be achieved without CSO, and hence goal 17 needs to be taken seriously. |
| ADA-KOICA and partners | "Role of ODA for SDGs and Sustaining Peace" | 4pm to 6pm at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea

18:30 – 20:00 on 13 July (Fri.) 2018 | Peace is one of the core values and principles in SDGs and it need to be translated into strategies and program on the ground. ODA is one of the important means of implementation and
it need to be maximized for transformative impact. The Panel aims at developing nexus approach by
linking ODA to peacebuilding and sustaining peace as a way to preventing violent conflicts which is
a necessary precondition for full achievement |

		335 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017	of the SDGs, and proposals for the KOICA's future role and strategies.
TAP Network	Supporting National-level Accountability: A Consultation on the "SDG Accountability Handbook"	Friday, July 13, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (EDT) New York, NY	SDG accountability handbook. On govt. promises to implement the SDGs and national level CSOs to hold govt accountability both through formal and informal approaches. Approached and idea which countries are expected to adapt. Accountability is about responsibility, answerability and enforceability.
A4SD Weekend events	Weekend Workshop at the High Level Political Forum - featuring Mary Robinson and many colleagues from the UN Major Groups and other Stakeholders	14-15 July- UN Church Center, NYC (0900-1500)	This was the annual meeting of A4SD at the HLPF, which provides a space for civil society colleagues to come together and explore key issues ranging from national reviews, to financing of the agenda and how to improve the HLPF. 14 July: *Mary Robinson, provided the keynote speech to kick off this important CSO weekend workshop organised by Action for Sustainable Development in partnership with IFP, GCAP and others. Mary Robinson called for the UN to appoint Global Guardians for Future Generations to ensure long-term intergenerational climate justice, you can find out more in this briefing.* https://www.mrfcj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Global-Guardians-A-Voice-for-Future-Generations-Position-Paper-2018.pdf Joint Session with Major Groups and other Stakeholders to include sessions on: cross-cutting issues for implementation; VNR spotlight reports; and improving the HLPF process 15 July: A4SD Forum to include: summary and review of achievements over past 2 years; development of working groups as part of new Strategic Plan; joint planning for upcoming milestones.

IFP and partners		<u>Evening Saturday 14th July</u> –	Working dinner for all IFP members present at HLPF in New York at Pescatore Restaurant at 955 2nd Avenue New York, NY 10022. ADA participated in the working dinner and shared the activities from the last oe year and proposed activities for 2018 and 2019 including GALA and national level meetings. ADA also invited national partners from Vietnam (Linh from MSD) and Lao PDR (Thongdom) to let them know about IFP plans and activities at the regional level with regional coalitions like ADA in Asia. Both these partners also shared ADA intervention in these two countries on VNR and CSOs follow up mechanism and the role of ADA.
IFP	Side Event on **Inclusive VNR Process** with the Governments of Switzerland and Lebanon; IFP, CCIC and others (*see further information on this side event below*) Side event on Implementing the SDGs in Latin America – the challenges facing civil society" hosted by IFP, Mesa de Articulacion and others*:* hosted by IFP	<u>Monday 16 July</u> 11:00-13:00 at UN Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza	SDG and HLPF reform is important 15 minutes in HLPF would not bear any result (unlike UPR) We need to come up with a clear strategy on mainstreaming , not to compete) We need to go with the like-minded group (engaging with parliamentarians) Voluntary government report: until there is an active stakeholders engagement of all repotting, monitoring and implementation. Which cannot have in 15 minutes presentation, govt in their reports aren't reporting on the challenge like collecting data, if one need the specific requirement from the UN, or the donor, there is a need to be more openness to speak the issues There is a need to Nationalize the localize the agenda, including through multistakeholder partnership There were also discussion that HLPF does not provide the requisite forum for accountability and political empowering for transformation VNR should be about inclusive transformation not bout mainstreaming. SDGS into a fragmented system and reporting to cover up

			Generationg an inclusive VNR process to chage the society…how to engage the people more inclusively https://docs.google.com/document/d/11kVG -yAHL08udLdnO5vMYsFR- UZSAUOky76K0Hl31Ng/edit
Pathfinder and Partners	The Path to the HLPF 2019: from Ambition to Results for SDG's 16.	16th July, RoK Mission	There is no peace without justice!! Discussion on linking peace with goal 16 and national processes.
Sri Lanka SDG Network with partners ADA, A4SD and others		17th July, UN Building	Sri Lankan civil society presented the VPR (voluntary people's review) to challenge the VNR. The report is attached.
Meeting with UN ESCAP	ADA as part of APRCEM group	18th July	

HLPF Meeting Notes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_zC7jkV1hX6m_j7jxMg7MRUsrj2ikFWwjSR5hV_FYow/edit

HLPF 2018: Statements/Interventions made by the NGO Major Group
 NGO Statements