



Dear ADA members and friends,

It is a great pleasure to introduce the first issue of ADA Information Digest which provide a summary of information circulated among ADA members and friends on ADA activities and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-related activities.

Through this initiative, ADA Secretariat wishes to facilitate efficient information flow among ADA members for better communication. You can find the information soon at the new ADA website (work in progress). This Digest is to be issued on a monthly basis.

Feel free to send the Secretariat any information useful that you want to share among ADA members.

Any feedback and comments on this initiative is more than welcome !

In solidarity,

ADA Secretariat

ADA activities

4th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia G·A·L·A ACADEMY

CSO Engagement on the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
– Mainstreaming human rights and democracy in implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia
10-17 August 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

The 4th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia Academy (GALAA) will be held on 10-17 August in Bangkok. This training program has been jointly organized by Forum Asia, ADA and ADN since 2013 to strengthen the international advocacy capacity of mid- and high-level staff in CSOs and thereby facilitate second-tier leadership for strategic “glocal (global and local)” actions on key human rights, development and democracy issues as well as related regional and international

processes. Click [here](#) for more information including online application. The deadline is on 30 April.



ADA organized the **Workshop on National Action Plans on SDGs – indicators and Voluntary National Review** on 30 March, in Bangkok. This meeting was held back-to-back with the Asia Pacific CSO Forum for Sustainable Development. In this workshop, the state of national implementation of SDGs and CSOs engagement in Nepal, India, Cambodia, Philippines, Mongolia, South Korea was shared. Details will be updated on the ADA website.

Several ADA members attended the **Asia Pacific CSO Forum for Sustainable Development** organized by Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) in Bangkok from 31 March - 2 April, 2016 under the theme "Asserting People's Priorities to Achieve Development Justice". This was a back-to-back meeting with UNESCAP's Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) aiming to inform and build capacity of civil society organisations on sustainable development at the global and regional levels, modalities for engaging in these processes and provide a space for dialogue on the content and substance of the APFSD. All the relevant documents will be uploaded [here](#) including the [outcome document](#) for CSO Forum and [here](#) for UNESCAP Forum.



Mr. Anselmo Lee, ADA Co-convenor, gave a presentation at the Asia Pacific CSO Forum for Sustainable Development on 31 March with the subject "Setting the Tone : Reality Check- Victories gained and Challenges faced by AP CSOs". His presentation contains CSO engagement in SDGs process in terms of achievement, challenges and lessons learnt. Download the presentation [here](#). He also spoke at the Panel Discussion on the Multi-stake holder Engagement on 5 April

during the APFSD.

The **Civil G7 Dialogue** was held by Japan Civil Society Platform on 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit during 22-23 March, in Kyoto. This dialogue was to organize and prioritize advocacy points before the dialogue with G7 Sherpas and influence and change the G7 countries pledges and policies into what actually and effectively solve the global issues. 11 members of ADA participated in the dialogue. The Japan Civil Society Platform is preparing for the next steps ahead of the [G7 Summit](#) (26-27 May). Please visit for more information: <http://cso-g7-ise-shima-summit2016.blogspot.jp/> (in Japanese)



[HLPF] 2016 HLPF: Applications for side events

The application guidelines for side events at the 2016 HLPF, to be held from 11-20 July in New York, are now available at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>

Kindly note that the deadline for submission is before 1 June 2016.

[HLPF] e-discussion on the 2016 ECOSOC theme

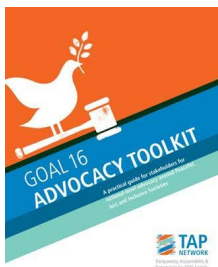
Various comments on SDGs scope and implications, follow-up and review, national implementation are stocked on <https://www.unteamworks.org/ECOSOC-2016>. Feel free to visit and see recommendations from all around the world.

Resources & Articles

[TAP Network] HLPF Follow-up and Review Position Paper

TAP Network is preparing a position paper on HLPF Follow-up and Review. You can find the final draft of the [TAP Network HLPF follow-up and review position paper here](#).

[TAP Network] Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit



This toolkit by TAP Network is meant to provide guidance, tips and tools for CSOs to undertake work and advocacy around Goal 16 at the national level. It will also be a tool to help raise awareness around Goal 16, particularly for civil society organizations that work around similar and related issues to Goal 16. Click [here](#) to view the toolkit.



[Position Paper] Implementation of the Global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in and by Germany

German civil society organisations adopted a joint position regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in and by Germany. The paper reflects positions on the SDGs as represented in German civil society. Please visit this [link](#) to read the position paper and feel free to share.



[Stakeholder Forum] SEEING THE WHOLE: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in an Integrated and Coherent Way

Stakeholder Forum, Bioregional and Newcastle University has published this report on how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be implemented in a universal and integrated way. This research piece narrows its focus on SDG 12, Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), and its related policies within the EU context. Click [here](#) to view the report.

[TWN] SDG indicators challenged by many UN member states

This article from TWN well summarize the concerns raised by UN Member States on SDGS indicators. You can get the gist of the UN Statistical Commission on 8-11 March by reading this.

Click [here](#) to view the article.

[OECD] DAC News March



Find updates on the 2016 DAC High Level Meeting, the Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership and other information. Modernizing the ODA measure was discussed at the February 2016 High Level Meeting. [Read more](#)

For Your Action!

[UNNGLS] Register for Mid-Term Review of Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs - 27-29 May in Antalya, Turkey - See more at: <http://www.unngls.org/index.php/ldc-mid-term-review/registration#sthash.oku10dwL.dpuf>

[STI] Call for Innovations for the SDGs

The first annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs ([STI Forum](#)) will be held at the United Nations in New York, on June 6 and 7, 2016. You can access to innovations submitted to the platform on <http://stisolutions4sdgs.globalinnovationexchange.org>. They are accepting contributions until 30 April 2016.



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