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Dear ADA members and friends,

We are happy to share the second issue of ADA Information Digest which aims to provide a summary of information circulated among ADA members and friends on ADA activities and Sustainable Development Goals.

Please 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

ADA participated in the CIVICUS International Civil Society Week in Bogota, Colombia. Various sessions on SDGs were provided addressing a wide range of issues related to SDGs.

- During the session on "Including statkeholders in the implementation and review of Agenda2030", Mr. Matthias Klettermayer from Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA shared up-to-date information on HLPF and how the Major Group and other Stakeholders could engage in the process. click here for his presentation.
- Another informative presentation was provided by Ms. Elizabeth Arciniegas from the National

advanced approach and progresses on SDGs implementation in her [presentation](#).

- Other impressive works that the 900+ participants have done will be shared in a separate report by CIVICUS later. In the mean time, you can visit http://civicus.org/ICSW/index.php/en/ to see what happened in ICSW2016.
- One day after the CIVICUS World Assembly, the new global civil society network, Action for Sustainable Development(A4SD) had its founding meeting and adopted the Mission Statement on 29 April. ADA members including 4 Steering Committee members also contributed to this meeting by leading A4SD's Working Groups as well as sharing their views on the principles and governance structure.

The **4th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia Academy (GALAA)** will be held on 10-17 August in Bangkok. So far 41 candidates were initially short-listed for the first round of the selection process. During the period of the GALA Academy 4, there are two events to be held in Bangkok in regards to the implementation of SDGs.

1. **Regional Consultation on the Establishment of "Asia Civil Society Partnership for Sustainable Development" (APSD) (Bangkok, 14 August, 2016)**: The regional consultation aims to provide a space for sharing the information about global processes such as A4SD and discussing effective responses and strategies among Asian CSOs that have engaged in the post-2015 development agenda and now SDGs.

2. **Asian Civil Society Forum (ACSF) on SDGs 16 (Bangkok, 15-16 August, 2016)**: The Asian Forum is expected to assess the outcome of the HLPF 2016 in July 2016, especially the voluntary national review of Asian countries in terms of developing follow-up action including effective national action planning for the SDGs.

The open invitations for these events will be sent soon!

ADA has been elected as member of Steering Committee of TAP Network to serve from 2016 to 2017. We hope that this could accelerate our work on integrated approach on development, democracy and human rights. You can see ADA profile uploaded on the TAP Network's hompage here: http://tapnetwork2030.org/about/tap-network-steering-committee-2016-2017/

Several ADA members attended **the Regional Dialogue "Starting Strong: The First 1000 days of the SDGs", 17-18 May in Colombo**. Two reports from ODI have been shared during the dialogue and circulated to ADA members. See more: [Concept note,](#) [Programme,](#) [ODI Peojecting Progress SDGs in Asia Pacific(May 2016),](#) [ODI Starting Strong 1000 Days of SDGs (Aprii 2016)](#)

DPI/NGO Conference **"Making 4.7 happen glocally"** was jointly organized by KCOC(Korea), Korea Human Rights Foundation, ADA, ADN, Bridge47, GCG2030, ASPBAE in cooperation with Good Neighbors and UN SDGs Action Campaign on 31 May, in Gyeongju(Korea). The participants shared their views on the importance and the meaning of the target 4.7, challenges and further plans for strengthening CSOs networks. The minutes will be uploaded on the ADA website!

SDGs - Follow up and Review (HLPF)

The President of General Assembly has released the Final Draft HLPF follow-up and review resolution on 26 May. This "Final" draft will be revised more after going through negotiations between the co-facilitators and the member states.

Please refer to the list of relevant documents that have been circulated on the zero/final draft Follow up and Review resolution and let us know if you would like to share your position paper or any other resources relating to SDGs Follow-up and Review.

[UN Resolution]
Draft UN resolution - final draft (26 May)
The PGA letter to Member States (26 May)
Draft UN resolution - zero draft (6 May)
Governments Exchange Views on 2030 Follow-up "Zero Draft"

[Civil Society Reactions]
- Reactions on the final draft
TAP Network Response to Final Draft of HLPF follow-up and review resolution
- Reactions on the zero draft
TAP Network Response to the Resolution on HLPF Follow-up and Review
Anmesty International OPEN LETTER TO CO-FACILITATORS
Together 2030 Reaction to the Zero Draft Resolution on the Follow up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
Women Major Group reaction to HLPF ZD May 11.docx

HLPF Schedules and deadlines
May 2 Application for multi-stakeholder partnerships exchange on 18 July
May 11 Application for funding support for HLPF participation
May 16 Submission of a summary report (1-2 page)
May 20 SDGs Learning, Training and Practice 2016
June 1 Submission of a proposal for side-event during the HLPF

July 11-20 HLPF (July 18 – Partnerships Exchange Day)

July 18-20 HLPF - Ministerial Days

July 21-22 The Fifth Biennial High-level Meeting of the UN Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)

Sept UN General Assembly

For Your Action!

During the ADA Annual Consultation in January, ADA recognized A4SD("So Now What"at that time) and Together2030 as our global partners. We would like to share information on these coalitions to encourage ADA member to engage in global-level advocacy process.

- A4SD is a global civil society platform to engage with the sustainable development agenda jointly initiated by by GCAP, IFP, CIVICUS and CAN. The finalized Mission Statement and the Governance Structure were shared among ADA members. Anselmo is leading the Working Group on Policy&Advocacy for the mapping exercise of V22 countries. http://action4sd.org

- Together2030 is a civil society initiative that promotes national implementation and track progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Established in December 2015, the Initiative mobilizes more than 360 organizations in more than 80 countries, 70% of those based in developing countries. We aim to generate knowledge and project voices from different civil society and stakeholders around the world on the challenges and opportunities for the2030 Agenda. www.together2030.org

- The Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network is a broad network of CSOs that works to ensure open, inclusive, accountable and effective governance as the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with civil society's full participation in the design, implementation of SDGs policies. We encouraged ADA members to join this network if they are interested in implementation of SDG 16. http://tapnetwork2030.org

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News and Events

During the International Civil Society Week 2016, Mr. Amitabh Behar from India and Ms. Xu Bin from China were elected as the board member of the CIVICUS. We also have new faces for the Steering Committee of CIVICUS AGNA including Ms. Roselle Rassay from CODE-NGO(Philippines) and Mr. Harsh Jaitli from VANI(India).