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Governance Capacity Development Session Series

*Strengthening Public Governance & Accelerating Innovation
to Achieve the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development*

Session 1

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDG 16 as a Cross-Cutting Enabler of all SDGs

Draft Session Guidance Note

Friday, 02 April 2021
15:00 -16:30 Seoul GMT+9

I. Background and Context

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) presents a paradigm shift and radical new approach to transforming our world, focusing on the integrated pillars of sustainable development: economic, social, and environmental. It is universal, including issues such as inequality, access to justice and peace, and security, and aims at leaving "no one behind." Furthermore, the Principles for Effective Governance for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration in its resolution 2018/12 and endorsed in 2019 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), highlight the need for pragmatic ongoing improvements in national and local governance capabilities to achieve the 2030 Agenda and other international agreements[1]. They have been developed to help interested countries, on a voluntary basis, build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels to achieve the shared vision for the people and the planet embodied in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As basic principles, they are applicable to all public institutions, including the administration of executive and legislative organs, the security and justice sectors, independent constitutional bodies, and State corporations.

SDG 16 is key to achieving the transformative 2030 Agenda. Its overarching objectives are to

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[1] See Principles of effective governance for sustainable development. E/2018/44-E/C.16/2018/8

promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and to build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. SDG 16 has intrinsic value as an enabler and accelerator for all SDGs. While the Goal's targets touch on distinct issues, they are closely interlinked across the whole set of SDGs; there is an opportunity for increased recognition of its contribution to advancing other SDGs and the 2030 Agenda as a whole.

This session will introduce the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature of SDGs and the importance of whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to strengthening institutional coordination and policy coherence for SDG implementation. It will also discuss the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development, which help guide countries on building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions. The Principles are constructed to support countries in operationalizing the institutional aspects of SDG 16 through concrete strategies. This session will also highlight the SDG 16 interlinkages with other SDGs and way forward to meet the SDG 16 by 2030.

II. Structure & Agenda

Time (Seoul, GMT+9)	Session
15:00 – 15:10	**Opening Session**
15:00-15:02	**Opening by the Overall Moderator** • **Professor John Song,** Deputy Director, Global Research and Development Business Center (GRC), Seoul National University
15:02 – 15:06	**Opening Remarks** • **Mr. Bokyun Shim,** Head, United Nations Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA
15:06 – 15:10	**Opening Remarks** • **Professor Junseok Hwang,** Director, Global Research and Development Business Center (GRC), Seoul National University
15:10-16:25	**Presentations**
15:10 – 15:40	**The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** • **Mr. Bokyun Shim,** Head of UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA
15:40 – 16:10	**SDG 16 as a Cross-Cutting Enabler of all SDGs** • **Mr. Prabin Maharjan,** Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA
16:10 – 16:25	**Q&A**
16:25 -16:30	**Summary & Wrap-up by Moderator**

III. Guiding Questions

• What are the main features of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17

Goals?

- What are the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development?

- How can the Principles be transformed as good benchmarking for strengthening public institutions?

- Why is SDG 16 an accelerator for the entire 2030 Agenda?

- How to engage stakeholders and form partnerships on SDG 16 implementation and follow up?

- What are concrete examples of how SDG 16 contributes to other goals and targets, as well as the broad objectives of the 2030 Agenda?

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VII. Background Readings

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