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Thailand & the Sustainable Development Goals: Learning and Boosting Implementation Together



Session 1

27 May 2021

14.00-17.00



Session 2

2 June 2021

14.00-17.00

Bangkok Time ICT (Indochina time)
UCT/GMT +7 hours



The UN Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent an urgent call to action in a global partnership to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that everyone enjoys peace and prosperity. This Conference will discuss the status of SDGs in Thailand and demonstrate how, by working together, we can take steps to enhance implementation.

This Conference aims at (i) raising awareness of Thai stakeholders about the SDGs, especially concerning follow-up and review mechanisms; (ii) reviewing the state of Thailand's SDG implementation; (iii) identifying Thailand's priority SDG goals, current data gaps, and potential approaches for strengthening follow-up and review, including proxy indicators and data sources; (iv) identifying priority research areas; and (v) capturing lessons learned from Thailand that can be shared regionally and globally.

The National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), United Nations (UN Thailand), and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in collaboration with the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) of Thailand, Mahidol University and the Digital Belt and Road (DBAR), are organizing this virtual Conference on 27 May 2021 (Session 1, 2-5 pm) and 2 June 2021 (Session 2, 2-5 pm). The language of the Conference is English. Details of virtual (Zoom platform) access will be provided in due course.



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PROGRAM

Day 1: 27 May 2021 | 14:00-17:00 | Bangkok Time (CT (Indochina time)
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1.1 Introduction to the Conference (5 minutes per speaker)

Dr. Wiparat De-ong

Executive Director
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Prof. Huadong Guo

CAS Academician, Chair of DBAR, Member of the UN
10-Member Group to support the TFM for SDGs (2018-2021)

Ms. Gita Sabharwal

UN Resident Coordinator for Thailand

Mr. Nadvathna Krishnamra

Director General, International Organizations Department
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Dr. Thuttat Keeratipongpaiboon

Director, International Strategy and Coordination Division
National Economic and Social Development Council
(NESDC), Thailand

Moderator:

Dr. Monthip Sriratana

Director, Digital Belt and Road International Center of
Excellence (DBAR-ICoE Bangkok), NRCT

1.2 Major findings from the 2021 Asia-Pacific progress report (30 minutes)

Ms. Gemma Van Halderen

Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP

1.3 SDGs Roadmap from Private Sector, Academia, and Civil Society Organization (20 minutes per speaker)

Ms. Thanyaporn Krichitayawuth

Executive Director, Global Compact Network Thailand (GCNT)

Ms. Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk

Director, Sustainable Development Foundation, Thailand

Prof. Mario Tabucanon

Adjunct Professor, United Nations University Institute for
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Emeritus Professor, Asian Institute of Technology

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Moderator:

Mr. Robert Dobias

Former Head, Climate Change Coordination
Asian Development Bank

1.4 Discussion identifying Thailand's priority SDG Goals and challenges (30 minutes)

Ms. Gemma Van Halderen

Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP
(Open to all speakers and participants)

1.5 Closing of Session 1 and Outline of Session 2 (5 minutes)

Dr. Monthip Sriratana

Director, Digital Belt and Road International Center of
Excellence (DBAR-ICoE Bangkok), NRCT



PROGRAM

Day 2: 2 June 2021 | 14:00-17:00 | Bangkok Time /CT (Indochina time)
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2.1 Opening of Session 2 and recap of Session 1 (5 minutes)

Dr. Monthip Sriratanana
Director, Digital Belt and Road International Center of Excellence (DBAR-ICoE Bangkok), NRCT

2.2 Identifying opportunities and capturing lessons (15 minutes per speaker)

Ms. Hataichanok Puckcharern
National Statistics Office, Thailand

Mr. Arman Bidarbakht Nia
Senior Statistician, Statistical Data Management Unit
Statistics Division, UNESCAP

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Prof. Gensuo Jia
START Regional Center for East Asia.
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Thailand

Dr. Wenchao Xue
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Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

Moderator:
Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP

2.3 Discussion on identifying priority data sources and proxies for SDG Targets and Indicators (30 minutes)

Moderator:
Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP

2.4 Main Conference conclusions and lessons from Thailand which can be shared regionally and globally (15 minutes)

Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP

(UNESCAP to present a summary of conclusions and lessons learned captured over the course of the two sessions of the workshop)

2.5 Closing (20 minutes)

Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
Director of Statistics Division, UNESCAP

Dr. Thuttai Keeratipongpaiboon
Director, International Strategy and Coordination Division
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