



SESSION 3: REGIONAL ROAD MAP FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE FORM AND FUNCTION OF THE ASIA - PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING FOLLOW - UP AND REVIEW PROCESS

Youth, Children and Adolescent Constituency Statement

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First, thank you very much for open the space of voice for CSOs to express our interest and concern regarding of addressing the people, for instance the young people, children and adolescents who are vulnerable in Asia and Pacific region. I am representing young people to highlight the importance of disaggregated data and systematic analysis on quality education including life education, comprehensive sexuality education, peace education, bilingual education, vocational education; youth-friendly services, and resource access for young people. And based on the reliable data to launch the regional and national action and support the group of young people for sustainable development.

Young people and children should be considered as the center of sustainable development, nevertheless, they are quite easily left behind by underlying politics and social structure of inequality and marginalization. Young people are excluded from decision making and monitoring process in both nation and region levels. Few opportunities are provided to young people and children on voicing out, self-determination, and right protection. Unfortunately, lack of disaggregation data is indicating how young people and children living in different condition (for example young key affected population, young LGBTs, young disability people, young people out of schools, citizenship and ethnic minorities and indigenous people, and so on) are fully engaging into political, economic, and social lives in region and countries. It significantly barriers young people, children and civil society to push the evidence-based advocacy and action forward within SDGs agenda, and furthermore address the cross-cutting issues to include marginalize population meaningfully.

We therefore recommend SDGs and its implementation develop the tools and approaches to ensure young people and children outreaching especially marginalized ones on board. Empowering young people and children through capacity building, strengthening partnership with civil society organization including community-based organizations to fully include hard reach young people groups visible in multiple levels.

We call for this Forum to increase the inclusion of young people and children living in different conditions to achieve the social justice, human rights and sustainable development in the upcoming 15 years. Thank you.