

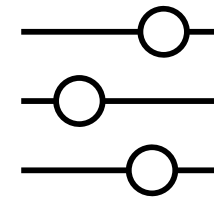
Domain 6: Consultation and coordination across government levels

SDG Indicator 17.14.1: Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development

Introduction (1/3)

Definition

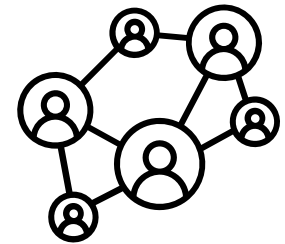
The country has mechanisms in place for aligning priorities, policies and plans across the various levels of government



Introduction (2/3)

Implementation

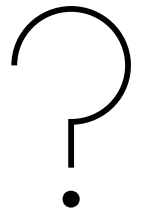
- Can be stimulated through the **organization of peer-learning sessions and the sharing of good practices**, for example:
 - City networks, twinning exercises, study visits, webinars and direct collaboration on different topics
- Another way is to **ensure links between the voluntary national reviews and the increasing number of subnational reviews** (voluntary local reviews)



Introduction (3/3)

Why is the consultation and coordination across government levels important?

- The aim of this mechanism is to ensure that policies, plans, and programmes at all levels of government (national and sub-national) are **aligned and mutually supportive**
- In the absence of such alignment:
 - Key aspects of national strategies or plans may not be adequately implemented at the sub-national or local levels
 - The reality and priorities at a lower governmental level may not be taken into account



Country example

Indonesia



- Presidential Decree No. 59 of 2017 formally requires the integration of the SDGs and the national medium-term development plan into medium-term regional and local plans
 - Also calls for the preparation of a road map for implementation of the SDGs and other action plans, annual reports and biannual monitoring systems at the subnational level
- To ensure that the subnational levels bought into the process, the national government developed a series of communication strategies, technical guidelines and a set of metadata indicators

Computing the value

Any of following mechanisms

(worth 5 points each, 10 points total – two mechanisms are enough for 10 points)

6.1 Mechanisms to systematically collect the inputs of sub-national government entities

6.2 Arrangements for regular formal exchange between central government and subnational levels

6.3 Mechanisms to ensure enhance substantive coherence (templates & checklists)

6.4 Planning cycle timeframes that facilitate alignment

6.1 Mechanisms to systematically collect the inputs of sub-national government entities

Country example: Belgium



- The Inter-Ministerial Conference for Sustainable Development is a multilevel panel that comprises federal, regional and community ministers responsible for sustainable development
 - Used as a central coordination mechanism for policy coherence for sustainable development at all levels
- In addition, all sustainable development actions undertaken at the local level are recorded by the Advisory Council for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development and openly displayed online

Does your country have mechanisms to systematically collect inputs of sub-national government entities?

6.2 Arrangements for regular formal exchange between central government and subnational levels

Country example: Burkina Faso



- National Economic and Social Development Plan entails the implementations and monitoring system of the SDGs and envisions cooperation between the national and local levels
- Under the National Steering Committee for the Plan, 13 regional committees have been created
 - Ensure regular dialogue at the regional level
 - Ensure the timely and concrete follow-up of the regional and local development plans and annual assessments
 - Enable engagement at the subnational level for vertical and horizontal policy coherence

Does your country have arrangements for regular formal exchange between central government and subnational levels?

6.3 Mechanisms to ensure enhanced substantive coherence (templates & checklists)

Country example: Norway



- Association of Local and Regional Authorities is a national members' association for municipalities, counties, and public enterprises under municipal or county ownership
- Enables consultative meetings between the local and central authorities at both the political and the administrative levels, which aim to provide a forum for discussing:
 - The framework for distribution of revenues;
 - The financial situation of the local authorities; and
 - Efficiency measures

Does your country have mechanisms to ensure enhanced substantive coherence?

6.4 Planning cycle timeframes that facilitate alignment

Country example: Colombia



- The National Development Plan uses a territorial approach
- Regional pacts for productivity and equity define development visions and strategic projects prioritized by the regions themselves to boost their economies and take advantage of their capabilities
 - Each regional pact has an accompanying road map for coordination of the approach to investment in the territory and of the efforts of the respective levels of government
 - All of the indicators and targets in the regional pacts are linked with one or more of the SDG targets; this enables alignment of national and subnational plans

Does your country have planning cycle timeframes that facilitate alignment between national and sub-national plans?

Thank you



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