

CSO- SDG Stakeholder Partnership

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2030 Agenda & CSOs as Stakeholders

- ▶ The 2030 Agenda Document makes a very strong statement on CSOs role and partnership in SDGs alongside the public and private sectors.
- ▶ There are at least twelve direct references to CSOs. This is significant as CSOs are recognised as partners in the SDG agenda.

SDGs provide space for stakeholder partnerships and engagements

- ▶ SDG 17.16 calls for multi stakeholder partnerships to mobilize knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources.
- ▶ SDG 17.17 states “Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnership.”

SDGS & THE MALAYSIAN ALLIANCE

- ▶ The Malaysian CSO-SDG Alliance is an informal grouping of civil society organisations (CSO) committed to the effective implementation of the SDGs in Malaysia.
- ▶ They came together to form this loose alliance for networking, joint cooperation, action and liaison with government.

SDGS & THE MALAYSIAN ALLIANCE MAPPING EXERCISE

- ▶ The Alliance is undertaking a mapping exercise of CSOs using a simple organisational profile form and an SDG involvement form.
- ▶ We have received feedback from four umbrella CSOs and 25 individual CSOs and Institutions have thus far participated in the mapping exercise and Alliance discussions

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- ▶ The first is development & service based CSOs
- ▶ The second are human rights based CSOs
- ▶ The third are environment based CSOs
- ▶ The fourth are think tanks organisation
- ▶ The fifth are social enterprises (social entrepreneurship & community/solidarity economy)

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Linking CSO SERVICES to SDGs

- ▶ The first is awareness raising work by CSOs
- ▶ The second, service provision and projects
- ▶ The third is community development
- ▶ The fourth is capacity building & training
- ▶ The fifth is financial/income generating /loans /grants

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Linking CSO SERVICES to SDGs

- ▶ The sixth is data collection, research & monitoring
- ▶ The seventh is policy advocacy
- ▶ Mapping an ongoing process using our categories & service types to monitor via action research the implementation of SDGs on the ground

CSOS & THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- ▶ CSOs participated at the National SDG Symposium (Feb 29, 2016) & SDG Roadmap Conference (Nov 15 & 16, 2016) at Putrajaya organised by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and UN Malaysia.
- ▶ Alliance invited to be a member of the National SDG Steering Committee chaired by the EPU DG & to the 5 cluster- working groups

Conclusion

- ▶ Enlarging the mapping to capture all CSO contributions & potential
- ▶ Strengthen networking & partnership with public & private sector
- ▶ Build the capability of CSOs
- ▶ Undertake impact assessments
- ▶ Document these as an action research project

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