CSO- SDG Stakeholder Partnership

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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 lose 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.
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)
SDGS & THE MALAYSIAN ALLIANCE
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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- 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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