

SDG Action Week 2021

Name of the Organization:	NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN)
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1. Introduction to NFN and Nepal SDGs Forum

NFN is an umbrella organization of over 6,500 NGOs working in various fields of social welfare and development in all 77 districts of Nepal. Established in 1991 for the promotion and protection of social justice, human rights and pro-poor development, NFN has evolved as a national organization working for the entire NGO movement in Nepal. It is actively working to organize and mobilize civil society for peace, democracy and justice in Nepal. NFN has a special consultative status of UN ECOSOC. NFN bridges civil society or CSOs with government agencies, UN Agencies, Development Partners (DPs), and INGOs in Nepal.

NFN leads the civil society engagement, contribution and advocacy for the inclusive, equitable and sustainable development in Nepal. Currently, NFN has been leading the civil society and CSOs in Nepal for policy, institutions, accountability, monitoring and capacity building for the achievement of SDGs. By leading Nepal SDGs Forum, NFN has been building awareness, mobilizing civil society, localizing SDGs, and contributing to building accountability.

Nepal SDGs Forum was established in 2016 as a common platform for SDGs. Nepal SDGs Forum is recognized by High-Level SDG Steering Committee, Thematic Committees as well as Nepal Government's institutional mechanisms set up for implementation of SDGs. This Forum comprises of organizations which have taken their specific responsibilities as Conveners, Co-Conveners, and Major Groups. In addition to the designated Conveners and Co-conveners for each goal, Nepal SDGs Forum has formed the civil society Major Groups as well as or thematic groups. As an open forum, Nepal SDGs Forum welcomes everyone interested in SDGs to join this forum. INGOs working in Nepal are part of this forum as advisors.

Nepal SDGs Forum aims to accelerate, localize and contribute to achieving SDGs while guided by the principles of 'leaving no one behind', shared and sustained prosperity, and increased role and participation of civil society. It works in close coordination with National Planning Commission (NPC) and other state and non-state actors.

NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) facilitates in the functioning of Nepal SDGs Forum at central and province levels. Its secretariat is located at NFN at Buddhanagar, Kathmandu. NFN's Province Committees coordinate and facilitate Province Level Nepal SDGs Forum in all the provinces.

For more information, visit: www.nepalsdgforum.org

2. Context

Civil society organizations (CSOs) in Nepal have remained active with their multiple roles for the acceleration, accountability and achievement of the SDGs. Coming together under Nepal SDGs Forum, they have continued dialogues, learning sharing and advocacy actions each year on various occasions including the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) for SDGs, Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), and

SDG Anniversary. In earlier years, weeklong campaign and activities have been organized to mark the SDG anniversary on 25 September.

One of the upcoming activities is 6th SDG Anniversary celebration. An initial plan is to organize weeklong actions in coordination and collaboration with Nepal SDG Forum members or CSOs, UN agencies and development partners, private sector, cooperatives, media and other relevant stakeholders. NFN is seeking strategic partnership to make the SDG Action Week 2021 successful and effective. This partnership would be mutually beneficial for both Nepal SDGs Forum and UN Agencies in Nepal since UN Agencies have always valued civil society voices and partnership with UN Agencies will add value and effectiveness for Nepal SDGs Forum.

In the short term, SDG Action Week 2021 will be observed collaboratively. But in the longer term, NFN is seeking support for operations and capacity enhancement of Nepal SDGs Forum. The latter is significant in the longer term because coverage, advocacy and influence capacity of Nepal SDGs Forum is crucial for ensuring civil society partnership, accountability, transparency and leaving no one behind. Building synergy and coordinated action would indeed be possible through strong Nepal SDGs Forum.

Preparatory Meeting of Nepal SDGs Forum

A brief meeting note of the preparatory meeting held on 19 August has been attached separately. Similar meetings will be organized at the broader level next time.

3. Objectives:

The main objective of this engagement is to collaborate for the SDG Action Week 2021 celebration for awareness, action and accountability for SDGs.

4. Strategic Approach for Implementation

Following approaches will be applied for implementation of the proposed actions:

- i. Bring all the stakeholders together including the government, UN agencies, CSOs, media, private sector and cooperatives;
- ii. Focus on learning, sharing and garner commitments for recovery and acceleration post-Covid;

5. Proposed Activities:

Following activities will be carried out in order to achieve the stipulated objectives:

1. Undertake study and documentation on Covid-19 and challenges to leaving no one behind;
2. Goal and thematically focused review, analyses and recommendations,
3. Organize sharing and discussion events on various goals and themes of SDGs and at various levels; such as
 1. Greater Recovery and vaccine for all
 2. Peace, human rights, democracy and
 3. Gender equality and social inclusion,
 4. Zero carbon economy and green jobs,
 5. Inequality and injustice,
 6. Climate change, nature loss and digester
 7. Social security, protection
 8. Local ownership of SDGs and localization
 9. Education
 10. Civic space

11. Digital rights
12. Youth participation
13. WASH
14. Rights of marginalized groups
15. Post VNR review and VLR
16. Review of indicators, data gaps
17. LDGs graduation and SDGS
18. Citizen Generated Data
19. Rights of marginalized

4. Organize National Assembly on SDGs,

5. Media mobilization

4.1. Sponsor/organize a television talk show on SDGs

4.2. Social media mobilization

4.3. Prepare and design visibility, awareness and advocacy materials;

5. Organize coordination and planning meetings
6. Coordination, documentation and reporting

Nepal SDGs Forum and NFN plan to organize events at the province, district and local levels but that depends on the availability of resources. Awareness, localization and building accountability at the subnational level needs localized actions and advocacy.

In order to reach and engage broader audience, English-Nepali language interpretations and sign language will also be included as necessary and on availability of resources.

Tentative Action Calendar

Global Goals Week in Nepal will be observed in Nepal from 17-28 September 2021. Activities are outlined as below:

17 September: Opening Ceremony (Hybrid)

18 September: Events to be planned

19 September: Events to be planned (SDGs 16 Plus Forum-NFN)

20 September: Events to be planned

21 September: Meeting on SDG 6 (TBD) coordinated by NFN

22 September: Events to be planned

23 September: Meeting on the SDGs and children (TBD) coordinated by NFN

25 September: National Summit on SDGs ((Hybrid))

26 September: Events to be planned

27 September: Events to be planned

28 September: Conclusion ceremony and declaration ((Hybrid)

Other possible activities:

Coordination and Partnership

Attempts will be made to make the SDG Action Week a common event of a broad range of stakeholders that include CSOs/NGOs, CSO networks and alliances, Nepal Government, UN agencies in Nepal, NAVIN, MUAN, FNCCI, National Cooperative Federation, AIN, and INGOs in Nepal.