

AGENDA for 2 days training on

“SDG mainstreaming and beyond: revisit approaches to SDG mainstreaming to promote acceleration and leverage system thinking”

DAY 1

Morning: SDG mainstreaming: approaches to SDG mainstreaming

Learning Objectives:

- Define the value of the SDGs as a monitoring tool
- Discuss the use of SDG performance information to direct national sustainable development efforts
- Reflect on how the SDGs are mainstreamed in Seychelles and what could be improved

Icebreaker: participants are asked about their understanding of SDGs, the value of SDGs for the participants and the way the SDGs are currently being used and integrated into the national development and the sector strategies.

Approaches to SDG mainstreaming

- SDG and the national policy cycle and national strategic frameworks
- SDG planning and budgeting/ integrated national financing strategy
- SDGs and M&E/ identification of indicators
- SDG coordination and (levels of) stakeholder engagement/ stakeholder mapping and institutional arrangements

Coffee break

Breakout session on SDG mainstreaming in Mauritius/ Seychelles

Feedback breakout session and discussion/ Q&A

Lunch

Afternoon: SDG mainstreaming: principles, indicators and use of monitoring

Learning Objectives:

- Define key SDG principles and implications for monitoring
- Discuss the SDG indicators under the purview of your Ministry and how they relate to your country's circumstances and policy objectives

Starting questions

Discussion/ Quiz SDGs (collective)

SDGs as a monitoring tool

Global SDG metadata

SDG indicator challenges

SDGs and official statistics

SDGs and reporting

Breakout session on analysis of SDG indicators, applied to own context

Reporting of the results of the review and discussion in plenary how SDG monitoring and reporting is currently coordinated, what are the challenges and how can those be improved?

Practice session on indicators

Coffee break

SDG Acceleration: high level policies based on interactions: going beyond mainstreaming of SDGs and why?

Learning objectives:

- Discuss the limitations of traditional mainstreaming of the SDGs in existing policy processes and frameworks
- Explain the usefulness of system-based approaches to identify high-leverage policies with highest impact across goals

Starting questions

Why is SDG mainstreaming not enough?

From mainstreaming to policies and the value of system thinking to understand the complexity of the interactions, the importance of understanding policy coherence (synergies and trade-offs between policies): reference to system map of Mauritius/ Seychelles

Some introduction to system thinking (slides from Anupam on system thinking) to explain the difference between change and transformation in the implementation of a national development strategy/ SDGs

Learning objective: This session will provide you with the ability to discover and distinguish intended and unintended change that results from a National Strategy

Power of system thinking in government

Explain the difference between intended and unintended change that results from a national strategy

Starting questions

Explain balancing and reinforcing feedback loops

Breakout session to understand the above concepts in relation with the Seychelles or Mauritius national development strategy (current one under development or the previous one)

Coffee break

System thinking as a theory of change

Learning objective: This session will provide you with the ability to begin recognizing the systems that drive change in the country and a means to discover some counterintuitive outcomes in the systems you identify

Starting questions

System thinking and systems definition and relevance in the context of the implementation of the national development strategy/ SDGs

Systems as a result of our designs

Importance of system thinking and what they accomplish

Breakout session

DAY 2

Recap of day 1 and Q&A to reflect on the learning of Day 1

System thinking and transformation: identification of leverage points in systems and define high impact policies

Learning Objective: This session will provide you with the ability to identify places to intervene in systems to accomplish outcomes desired in the country

Starting questions to the participants

Intervening to serve the purpose and address symptoms fail

Systems and leverage points to impact

Systems and short and long term consequences of policy changes

Leverage point identification

Places to intervene in a system

Coffee break

Breakout session to discuss transformation when using system thinking in the context of the national development strategy

Feedback of the breakout session in plenary and discussion

Lunch

Afternoon: SDG Acceleration: integrated approaches and collaboration

Learning objective:

- Define key requirements for integrated planning and policy-making
- Discuss how to improve collaborations within Government and with other stakeholders

Starting questions on collaboration between ministries

System map and collaboration across government: why and examples across countries

System maps and stakeholder engagement

Breakout session

Feedback in plenary on breakout session

Governance fit for policy coherence

Q&A and recap of lessons learned/ discussion about next steps

Evaluation questionnaire