VNRS AND HORIZONTAL POLICY COHERENCE

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1. Why Horizontal Policy Coherence?

- The 2030 Agenda states that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are integrated and indivisible, and should balance the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
- To achieve this balance, the Agenda includes SDG Target 17.14 to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development (PCSD) as an essential means of implementation for all the Goals.
- Policy coherence is now more important than ever considering the ongoing multiple global crises that the world faces.
- Identification of synergies and trade-offs, and recognizing interdependencies and interactions in the 2030 Agenda, are key first steps to ensure that public policies are coherent with one another and will achieve their intended results.
2. VNR stakeholder engagement

- The Cambodia VNR 2023 is an inclusive and participatory process, enabling a wide range of stakeholders to contribute to the analysis and review of national progress towards the SDGs.
- It also emphasizes the need for enhanced policy coherence and integration, a critical factor for achieving sustainable development.
- Stakeholders include the government (MOP, LMs/LAs), the CSOs and CSO representatives, academia and the private sector representative.
3.1. Strengthen institutional arrangements

- Establish mechanisms that promote coordination and collaboration among government line ministries and line agencies involved in different policy areas.

→ through inter-ministerial committees or task forces, ensuring regular communication and exchange of information.
3.2. Adopt a strategic long-term vision

- Create a national plan that outlines overarching policy objectives and targets across different sectors.

→ Such a plan should encompass social, economic, & environmental dimensions to ensure a comprehensive and integrated approach.
3.4. Conduct policy assessments

- Conduct systematic assessments of existing policies and programs to identify gaps, overlaps, and potential conflicts.

→ This can be done through policy impact assessments that gauge the effectiveness and coherence of policies in achieving national goals.
3.5. Strengthen data collection and analysis

- Establish robust data collection systems, ensuring availability of high-quality data that cuts across different policy areas.

→ Data should be analyzed and evaluated from a holistic perspective, enabling policymakers to identify linkages and make informed decisions.
3.6. Foster multi-stakeholder partnerships

- Engage relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, businesses, and academia groups, in the development and implementation of policies.

→ Their expertise and perspectives can help identify synergies, address discrepancies, and promote inclusive policymaking.
3.7. Enhance policy integration

- Embed the principles of policy coherence into national planning processes, guiding the alignment of policies and programs across sectors.

→ This involves ensuring that sector-specific policies contribute to broader sustainable development objectives and do not undermine each other.
3.8. Share best practices and lessons learned

- Facilitate knowledge sharing and exchange of experiences between countries undergoing voluntary national reviews.

→ This allows countries to learn from successful policies implemented elsewhere, inspiring innovative approaches and promoting horizontal policy coherence.
3.9. Strengthen global cooperation

- Collaborate with international organizations, regional bodies, and development partners to exchange experiences, access technical expertise, and secure financial resources.

→ Engaging in global cooperation can help align national policies with international frameworks and objectives.
3.10. Monitor progress & review implementation

- Establish monitoring and evaluation systems to track the implementation and impact of policies and programs.

→ Regular reviews can identify bottlenecks, assess the effectiveness of interventions, and inform course corrections to enhance horizontal policy coherence.
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