

First of all, we would like to express our greatest concerns that, overall, the Twenty Thirty Sustainable Development Agenda falls short in addressing the needs of the LGBTIQ+ community owing to the absence of the SOGIESC rights languages within, and the binary language used throughout.

At the midpoint of achieving SDGs, we would like to reiterate that legal, social, and cultural discrimination and criminalisation continues to persist against our communities, these systemic barriers prevent us from accessing the basic necessities, and public services. Speaking to the theme of APFSD this year, accelerating the COVID-19 recovery, full access to resources and services for our communities to recover from the disease cannot become a reality when 398 trans people across the regions has lost their lives from transphobic murders, or sexual orientation, and gender identity of LGBTIQ people are still criminalised in at least 16 countries across the regions. The disproportionate impact of COVID to our communities also has the spike in the multiple and intersecting forms of systemic oppression.

In all of the SDG processes, the recognition of trans and queer movements across our region is required. However, despite lacking the data of our lived realities for the effective monitoring of SDGs implementation pertaining to our rights, we have learned from the People's Forum that across the regions, there is not enough effort from the governments to reach out to activists and organizations for our participation in VNR processes.

We also live in regions with the reality of the shrinking down of civic spaces, where people speak the truth to power, but end up in jail. There is a trend of legislation by governments aiming to control the movements of civil society organizations and activists. LGBTIQ+ CSOs in many countries have anticipated the impacts and continue to resist those legislative efforts.

It is also disheartening to see that the SDGs monitoring processes has become a stamp approving human rights violation and injustice as it can be interpreted to verify the solutions that encourage multi-stakeholderism, and prioritize only economic growth while worsening the marginalization of LGBTIQ+ people. We have also witnessed HERE the glorification of false, inequitable, and neo-liberal solutions to accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 which tends to result in widening disparities between privileged and underprivileged groups/and countries in the societies.

The promise of 'Leaving No One Behind' is clearly broken as the government's approach to participation of our community is tokenistic, and doesn't prioritize our needs.

Followings are our demand for addressing the issues,

1. Reaffirm the fundamental principles of **Leaving No One Behind and Reaching Furthest Behind** of SDGs, as well as Non-discrimination, Human Rights, Inclusion through Intersectional Feminist Lenses, and Affirmative Actions in the implementation of 2030 agenda.

2. Ensure **reference of SOGIESC rights** in 2030 agenda, and meaningful and substantive participation of LGBTIQ+ communities in the SDGs implementation to address systemic discrimination and violence towards our communities, as well as ensure the pandemic recovery for the people.
3. Institutionalise special measures to ensure the advancement of our rights across the regions leading up the exit of SDG framework
4. Lead the way to **repeal the punitive law**, policy, and practices criminalizing sexual orientation and gender identities of LGBTIQ+ people, as well as rights defender communities, and CSOs. Provide also greater legal and social protection to the communities for our safety and well-being.
5. Ensure enactment of Gender Recognition based on self-identification and substantive equality rights for the rights to bodily autonomy and social justice of our communities.
6. Our communities need to be included in the progress towards achieving UHC and ensure accessible and high quality public services that meet our specific needs.
7. Ensure **disaggregated data** on the lived realities of our communities generated by governments for the effective monitoring of SDG implementation while ensuring the data privacy as well as preventing misuse of the data and state surveillance
8. **Change the system, shift the power.** We need to reimagine the 2030 agenda with the voices of LGBTIQ+ communities and Development Justice Frameworks for just, equitable, and feminist solutions to global development.

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Thank you chair for the floor and good day everyone. My name is Nhuun Yodmuang, **Trangender Activist** from **Asia Pacific Transgender Network**, and a member of **LGBTIQ+ Constituency of APRCEM**.

First of all, we, LGBTIQ+ constituency, would like to express our greatest concerns that, **overall, the 2030 agenda and its SDGs falls short in addressing the demands of the LGBTIQ+ community** owing to the **absent languages** of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sexual Characteristic related rights (SOGIESC) within, and the binary language used throughout.

At the midpoint of achieving SDGs, we would like to reiterate that our regions are not going anywhere as legal, social, and cultural discrimination and criminalisation continues to persist against our communities, and these systemic barriers intrinsically prevent us from accessing the basic necessities, and public services.

Speaking to the theme of APFSD this year, accelerating the COVID-19 recovery, full access to resources and services for our communities to recover from the disease cannot become a reality when **almost four hundred** trans people across the regions have lost their lives from transphobic murders since 2008. **This is overwhelming given that we are 2 days away from the Global Celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility.** The disproportionate impact of COVID to our communities also has the spike in the multiple and intersecting forms of systemic oppression.

In all of the effective SDG monitoring processes, the recognition of trans and queer movements across our region is required. Despite the lack of the availability and effort to produce **LGBTIQ+ data, exclusion in VNR and harassment and criminalisation of CSOs** has become general practices in many countries.

It is also disheartening to see that the SDGs monitoring processes has become a **stamp approving** human rights violation and injustice. We have also witnessed HERE **the encouragement of multi-stakeholderism prioritizing corporates / and the glorification of false, tokenistic, inequitable, and neo-liberal solutions**, to address the COVID, economic and climate crisis, which has proven to result in **widening disparities** between privileged and underprivileged in the societies.

The promise of 'Leaving No One Behind' is clearly broken as the government's approach to participation of our community is **tokenistic**, and **deprioritizing our demands**.

We call to,

1. Reaffirm the fundamental principles of **Leaving No One Behind and ALSO Reaching Furthest Behind** of SDGs, as well as Non-discrimination, Human Rights, as well as Inclusion through Intersectional Feminist Lenses, and Affirmative Actions in the implementation of the agenda.
2. Ensure **reference of SOGIESC rights** in SDGs, and meaningful and substantive participation of LGBTIQ+ communities in the SDGs implementation

3. Lead the way to **abolish the punitive laws criminalising** sexual orientation and gender identities of LGBTIQ+ people, and **harrassing** rights defender communities, and CSOs. Provide also greater legal and social protection to the communities for our safety and well-being.
4. Ensure **LGBTIQ+ disaggregated data** generated for the effective monitoring of SDGs, though **ensuring the data privacy** as well as preventing **misuse of the data** and state surveillance
5. Change the system, shift the power. We need to reimagine the SDGs with the **voices of our queer communities and with Development Justice Frameworks** for just, equitable, and feminist solutions to global development.