



## “Unlock Localisation in Asia and the Pacific- strategies, challenges and promising practices”

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### Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

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### Organizer(s)

World Vision International – South Asia Pacific (WVI-SAP)

### Co-organizer(s)

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

### Registration

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### Background

Localisation is the process of empowering local and national actors in humanitarian action who are closest to the communities. It is also key to achieving the SDGs, especially SDG17 on partnerships. Adapting SDGs into local context and local realities requires a deeper understanding of the localisation agenda. To achieve this goal, a diverse array of local actors must be engaged as critical stakeholders, such as local governments, local and international NGOs, CSOs, OPDs, women-led organisations, children's and youth groups, faith-based organisations, etc.

This side event will present the findings and recommendations from research on localisation in the Asia Pacific region. It will also draw on the experiences and perspectives of various stakeholders who have been advocating and championing localisation. The side event will showcase promising practices, innovations and challenges of localisation in different contexts, and facilitate a dialogue and collective action among participants based on the principle of being 'as local as possible and as international as necessary.'

## Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. What are the various localisation understandings and approaches used or tested across the Asia Pacific region?
2. What are the perceived localisation promising practices, including success factors?
3. What are the challenges/obstacles and/or enablers to localisation and how can they be best addressed and/or amplified?
4. What external or internal factors, including capacities, practices or policies, aid recipient governments and donor's approaches progress or hinder localisation and how can they be best addressed?

The main elements of this side event will be voices from government representatives from Pacific Islands country- Fiji; humanitarian response (Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh) as well as from major donors; and regional bodies like ASEAN.

## Programme

Time	Speakers	Topic
11:40-11:45 5 minutes	Countdown video before official start	
11:45-11:55 10 minutes	<b>Cherian Thomas</b> , WVI-SAP Regional Leader  <b>Riyanti Djalante</b> , Assistant Director for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, ASEAN Secretariat (TBC)	Opening Message
11:55-11:57 2 minutes	Video on Localisation in the Pacific	
11:57- 12:40 43 minutes	Moderator: <b>Sarah Bearup</b> , COO, WVI SAP  Panel Members:  Donors: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia (name of rep to be confirmed)	Panel discussion will cover topics that will respond to the 4 guide questions as indicated above

	<p><b>Ms. Asma Saleem</b> Deputy Regional Representative Asia Pacific International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)</p> <p><b>Government Representative:</b> Fiji National Disaster Management Office (representative's name to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>Civil Society:</b> Bangladesh (TBC) PIANGO, Pacific Network</p>	
12:40-12:55 15 minutes	Moderator	Use of SLIDO
12:55-13:00 5 minutes	Ms. Keya Saha-Chaudhury Regional Representative for ICVA in Asia and the Pacific	Reflection Message and Closing

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