

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thailand & the Sustainable Development Goals: The Role of International Agencies

23 Sep 2021 | 13:00-17:00 hrs

Bangkok Time ICT (Indochina time)
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Background Previous Conferences

Earlier this year, the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) provided support through Mahidol University to the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) to hold a series of virtual national conferences on enhancing coordination and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Thailand. This conference will be the third in this three-part series.

Previous Conferences

The first two national conferences were held for three hours each on 27 May and 2 June 2021 under the title “Thailand and the Sustainable Development Goals: Learning and Boosting Implementation Together”. They were attended by 250 participants from 35 countries spanning the public, private, academic, research and nongovernmental sectors. NRCT, the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UN Thailand) and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in collaboration with NESDC, Mahidol University, the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and the Digital Belt and Road (DBAR) program collaborated in designing and delivering the conferences.

The conferences' five aims included:

1. Raise awareness of Thai stakeholders about the 2030 Agenda and its Goals, especially concerning follow-up and review mechanisms.
2. Review the state of Thailand's implementation of the Goals.
3. Identify Thailand's priority Goals, current data gaps and potential approaches for strengthening follow-up and review, including proxy indicators and data sources.
4. Identify priority research areas.
5. Capture lessons learned from Thailand that can be shared regionally and globally.

Based on participant feedback as well as feedback from NESDC, the conferences successfully met their objectives. A summary of the conference proceedings can be found on the NESDC website. Videos of the conferences are located here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWuepdDVahM> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRSHI6hz36U>.



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Third Conference

To be held virtually on 23 September 2021, 13:00 to 17:00 hrs, the third conference will offer an opportunity to learn about the approaches and programs supported by international agencies in support of Thailand's implementation of the SDGs. Representatives from a broad spectrum of international agencies with offices in Thailand will describe how their programs contribute to the achievement of the SDGs in Thailand and, in cases where these programs may have a wider reach, regionally. They will also offer thoughts on lessons learned.

Participants will hear experiences from international development institutions, environmental groups, development NGOs and others. These presentations will provide NESDC with a fuller understanding of the various roles being played by the international community in contributing to the achievement of SDGs here in Thailand and key lessons they've learned in their work here, as well as raise awareness among Thai and regional participants more generally.



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PROGRAM

Thursday, 23rd September 2021 | 13:00-17:00 hrs |

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13:00-13:20 I. Introductory and Opening Remark

Dr. Wiparat De-ong
Executive Director
National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)

Ms. Gita Sabharwal
The United Nations Resident
Coordinator Office (UN Thailand)

Mr. Nadhavathna Krishnamra
Director General, International
Organizations Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Thailand (TBC)

Dr. Thuttai Keeratipongpaiboon
Director, International Strategy
and Coordination Division
National Economic and Social
Development Council
(NESDC), Thailand

Moderator:

Dr. Monthip Sriratana

Director, Digital Belt and Road International Center of Excellence
(DBAR-ICoE Bangkok), NRCT

13:20-14:00 II. Innovative Big Data Approach to SDGs

Ms. Irina Bernal
Statistics Division, UNESCAP

Dr. Qiu Yubao
Research Professor, CBAS/AIR-
CAS, Chair to DBAR WG for HiMAC,
Digital Belt and Road Program
(DBAR)

Moderator:

Mr. Arman Bidarbakht Nia

Statistics Division, UNESCAP

14:00-14:50 III. Restoring a Green Planet in Time of Red Alert

Ms. Kuntum Melati
Research Associate, Stockholm
Environment Institute (SEI Asia)

Dr. Dindo Campilan
Regional Director for Asia
& Hub Director for Oceania,
International Union for
Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Ms. Wei Chin (Shom) Teoh
Programme Manager for
Sustainable Cities, Institute for
Global Environmental Strategies
(IGES Bangkok)

Moderator:

Mr Mushtaq Memon

UNEP Regional Coordinator Resource Efficiency, UN
Environment Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (TBC)

14:50-16:00 IV. Localization of the Global Goals in the Post COVID Era

Mr. Renaud Meyer
Resident Representative, UNDP

Mr. Promboon Panitchpakdi
Executive Director, Raks Thai
Foundation (CARE International)

Mr. Thomas Parks
The Asia Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation
(TBC)

Moderator:

Prof. Mario Tabucanon

Adjunct Professor, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced
Study of Sustainability

16:00-16:30 V. SDG Aligned Financing:

Asian Development Bank (TBC)

Ms. Birgit Hansl
Country Manager for Thailand,
The World Bank

Moderator:

Mr. Robert Dobias

Former Head, Climate Change Coordination, Asian Development Bank

16:30-16:50 VI. Discussion

Moderator:

Mr. Robert Dobias

Former Head, Climate Change Coordination, Asian Development Bank

16:50-17:00 VII. Conclusion and Take-Home Message

Mr. Rikke Munk Hansen
Acting Director, Statistics
Division, UNESCAP

Dr. Monthip Sriratana
Director, DBAR ICoE-Bangkok,
NRCT